

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, AUGUST 22, 2016

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on August 22, 2016. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Senter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Delp offered prayer.

Mayor Senter presided for Council Members Cook, Culp, Delp, Ecker, Fonseca, Grobe and Houin. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present.

Council Members Delp and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Common Council on August 8, 2016, as presented. The motion carried.

Councilman Ecker stated that he has received positive comments following the fixing of the railroad crossing on Harrison Street and thanked the Street Department for all their hard work.

John W. Oliver, III and Billie Treber of the Marshall County Boys and Girls Club addressed the council. Oliver provided some background on the club and local facility. Operating at maximum capacity and maximum budget, not all the needs of the community are being met. Oliver stated that the vision is to demolish the current clubhouse and build a larger one. The request was for \$49,000 per year over the next five years.

Councilman Houin voiced his support for the organization and suggested giving funds for the cause in one lump sum from the Rainy Day Fund rather than extending it over five years since state law prohibits the members of the Common Council from entering into a contract that extends beyond their term. Houin suggested rather than the yearly stipend to the Marshall County Boys and Girls Club, that money be budgeted to refund the Rainy Day Fund.

Councilmen Cook and Houin moved and seconded to give \$500,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Marshall County Boys and Girls Club capital improvement project and reimburse the Rainy Day Fund \$50,000 per year from the city's budget over the next five years for a total reimbursement of \$250,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver stated that should the motion pass, there would have to be a legal notice advertised in the paper and the council would have to hold a public hearing. Following that, if the Council were to pass a resolution adopting the additional appropriations, the state also has to approve the additional appropriation.

Councilman Grobe said he supports the project but would like to research the budget and funding of the donation prior to committing this amount of money.

Councilmen Delp and Ecker agreed with Grobe, stating that they support the project and the organization but do not feel comfortable supporting the motion for this amount of money without discussing it and planning it out with the Clerk-Treasurer.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

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AYES: Cook, Culp, Fonseca and Houin

NAYS: Delp, Ecker and Grobe

Matt Hassell, Marshall County Sheriff, addressed the council. He discussed the need for the Marshall County Dispatch to staff additional dispatchers during peak hours in order to operate effectively and safely. The county currently dispatches for all entities within Marshall County with the exception of Bremen and German Township. He noted that the bulk of calls outside the sheriff's department are for the City of Plymouth. Hassell requested a total of \$127,987.00 from the City of Plymouth. This contribution plus that of the other entities in Marshall County will total \$174,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver voiced concern over the city taxpayers being asked to pay this expense. She noted that all county residents pay 32 cents per \$100 of net assessed valuation in property taxes. She explained that by the county charging the city the \$127, 987, the city tax payers are, in effect, being taxed twice for the same service. They are paying for it on the county level through the county tax rate and again on the city level because the county is charging the city for it, thereby increasing the tax rate required by the city to fund its budget.

Xaver asked if an agreement was going to be presented. There was not an agreement presented at this meeting.

Xaver also noted that inter-governmental agreements can trigger the state to take levy from one governmental entity to another, which would essentially cost the City of Plymouth double the amount that Marshall County is requesting. She said that she would prefer to see the county fund its shortfall with an appropriate local tax, which would be county-wide.

Members Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to accept the following communications:

Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of August 8, 2016;

Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of August 2 2016;

Minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting of August 2, 2016;

Minutes of the Technical Review Committee meeting of August 2, 2016;

Minutes of the Technical Review Committee meeting of August 16, 2016;

The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Members Delp and Houin moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

S/Jeanine M. Xaver

Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

S/Mark Senter, Mayor