

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on April 27, 2015. 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 Delp, Culp, Ecker, and Smith. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present. Councilman Grobe was absent.

Councilmen Delp and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the special session of the Common Council on March 12, 2015 and the last regular meeting of April 13, 2015, and to dispense with reading them since they have been reviewed and found to be correct. The motion carried.

Councilman Delp requested that the Council continue to pursue Mr. Iqbal regarding the Clark Station at 400 E. Jefferson Street and whether the business will be rented out. City Attorney Surrisi understands from communications with the Iqbal's that they plan to open the business themselves next month. Mayor Senter suggested the Council give them a deadline. Councilman Ecker stated that the Iqbal's need to make progress on their end or they should take further action. Mayor Senter questioned the status of the tax sale and Attorney Surrisi added that his understanding from Mrs. Iqbal was that the tax sale was being taken care of on their end and they had addressed it. From an ordinance standpoint, Building Commissioner Hammonds stated that the parking lots, which are currently unpaved in sections where the gas tanks used to be, must be paved within one year of taking ownership of the business. Attorney Surrisi added that he would contact the Iqbal's to inform them that a decision was made to ask them to attend the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on May 11, 2015 to give an update on where things stand.

Councilmen Ecker and Culp moved and seconded for the Iqbal's to attend the May 11, 2015 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. The motion carried.

Councilman Delp asked for an update from Street Superintendent Marquardt regarding the timeframe for the work on the building at Washington and Water Streets. Delp stated that if there is fear that bricks will fall, then immediate action needs to be taken to secure the area. He suggested that if the building repairs do not occur immediately, then they should consider putting up fencing as an alternative to the barrels, stakes, and caution tape. Superintendent Marquardt will contact the engineer this week and ask for an update on their progress with repairing the building.

Councilman Delp asked Police Chief Bacon to discuss the new employee for code enforcement. Chief Bacon said that Lisa Plantz is transitioning from dispatch to this new role. Councilman Delp wanted to know how to contact her in regards to concerns about a property. Chief Bacon said he can either stop by the police station or email information directly to him and he will pass along those concerns. There was discussion regarding a specific property on the southeast side of town and whether ordinances or codes were being broken. Chief Bacon believes that no laws are being broken at that residence, but he can follow-up with the owner to ensure that is the case.

Councilman Delp asked the council members to be aware of the signs in tree lawns and proactively ask people to move signs to behind sidewalks when they see that the ordinance is being broken.

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Mayor Senter addressed the Council regarding last week's joint meeting with the Marshall County Council and Marshall County Commissioners where they presented formulas for an optional wheel tax. Mayor Senter would like to send a letter of support in favor of one of the formulas. The tax would be applied when a citizen purchases a license plate, with an additional cost of \$25 - \$40 per license plate. Mayor Senter was assured at the meeting that the money will be used strictly for city and town streets and county roads only and would stay within the county and be proportionately distributed between the county and all the cities and towns within the county.

Councilmen Delp and Smith moved and seconded to send a letter of support to the Marshall County Council. The motion carried.

Councilmen Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to accept the following communications: Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of April 13, 2015; Minutes of Redevelopment Commission meeting of March 10, 2015; Minutes of Redevelopment Commission meeting of March 17, 2015; Minutes of Board of Aviation Commissioners meeting of March 10, 2015; Minutes of the Urban Forest and Flower Committee meeting of April 15, 2015; Minutes of the Downtown Revitalization meeting of April 1, 2015. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter offered the privilege of the floor to the audience. No one accepted.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver presented an Application for Exemption from Licensing Requirements of Ordinance No. 1309 by the Marshall County Sheriff Department and Plymouth Fire Department for a boot drive at the intersection of Michigan and Jefferson Streets on May 23, 2015. Donations will be forwarded to the Relay for Life.

Councilmen Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to approve the Application for Exemption from Licensing Requirements of Ordinance No. 1309 as presented. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried; the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

S/Jeanine M. Xaver  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

S/Mark Senter, Mayor