

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on April 14, 2014. 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 6:32 p.m.

President Pro Tempore Delp led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered prayer.

President Pro Tempore Delp presided for Council Members Culp, Ecker and Smith. Clerk-Treasurer Hutchings, City Engineer Gaul and City Attorney Surrisi were also present. Mayor Senter and Councilman Grobe were absent.

Councilmen Culp and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on March 31, 2014 and to dispense with reading them since they have been reviewed and found to be correct. The motion carried.

The following legal notice was advertised in the Pilot Newspaper on April 4, 2014:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, that a public hearing will be conducted by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth on a request for tax abatement on personal property improvements by AMI Industries, Inc., dba Aggressive Manufacturing Innovations, located at the 2400 Walter Glaub Drive, Plymouth, IN. A statement of benefits is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN. The real estate has been designated within an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to IC 6-1-1-12.1-1 on March 31, 2014. A description of the affected area is available and can be inspected in the County Assessor's Office. Said hearing will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., (Garro Street entrance), Plymouth, IN at the Common Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Persons appearing at such public hearing shall have the right to be heard on the proposed project. Disabled persons needing special accommodations, please contact the ADA Coordinator at 574-936-2948. Dated this 2nd day of April, 2014.  
Toni L. Hutchings  
Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Plymouth, Indiana  
April 4 2014 PN 6944 hspaslp

Councilmen Smith and Ecker moved and seconded to open the public hearing for the AMI Industries, Inc. Tax Abatement. The motion carried.

Derek Spier reviewed the following letter with the council:

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation  
2864 Miller Drive  
Plymouth, IN 46563

March 26, 2014

City of Plymouth Common Council  
Mike Delp, President Pro Tempore  
124 N. Michigan St.  
P.O. Box 492  
Plymouth, IN 46563

RE: AMI Industries, Inc  
2400 Walter Glaub Drive  
Personal Property Tax Abatement Request

Councilman Delp:

On behalf of AMI Industries, Inc. (d/b/a/ Aggressive Manufacturing Innovations), the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) is submitting the attached personal property tax abatement application for your consideration at the March 31st Council meeting.

AMI Industries, which is a manufacturer of Metal tubular assemblies ad systems providing components for the automotive, heavy truck, agriculture, and construction industries, recently rented on a long term lease from a related company the vacant building located at 2400 Walter Glaub Drive. This will be AMI's second facility in Plymouth.

In May 2013, they acquired the former Whitley Product's facility on Stanley Drive after it fell into a receivership. Since the acquisition, AMI has rehired approximately 20 management and production positions, and expects future employment growth as they recapture prior contracts. The Stanley Drive facility manufactures components for the agriculture and heavy construction industries. Their new facility on Walter Glaub Drive will produce components for the automotive industry. Currently, they have two large contractors for which production will begin in late summer and will result in the hiring of approximately 50 employees in 2014.

Per the company's growth plans, AMI plans to purchase approximately \$3.75 million in new manufacturing equipment for the Walter Glaub Drive facility through 2016. This investment is expected to result in 200 new employees with an average annual salary of \$27,040 (\$13/hour).

For this level of investment in new production equipment, we are respectfully requesting a 5 year personal property abatement.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or concerns prior to the Council meeting, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (574) 935-8499.

Sincerely,  
Derek J. Spier, AICP  
Economic Development Specialist

Councilman Ecker asked if these would be fully benefited positions.

Les Thornton, Vice President of Finance, replied that the company offers what is considered to be a very rich health insurance program as well as a 401K program.

There being no further questions or comments, Councilmen Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Councilman Delp. He said that the Redevelopment Commission is undergoing a project in conjunction with Marshall County for construction of a conduit from the south side of South Bend down to and around Plymouth for the Metronet Fiber Optic Project. Surrisi explained that Councilman Delp's company, Michiana Contracting was the low bidder for that project and it is anticipated that the Redevelopment Commission will accept that bid at their meeting tomorrow or sometime thereafter.

Councilman Delp announced that he would not be voting on any of these matters.

Councilmen Culp and Smith moved and seconded to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Councilman Delp.

Councilman Ecker questioned City Attorney Surrisi, stating that he understood that this paperwork had to be approved any time a member of the council or their business wins a contract. He said that in years past, it was done once a year.

Surrisi explained that this first form, the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement, is a general form and can be filled out as a general conflict form, if you think that you may have some business with the city; it can be filled out specific to one transaction. He said that it deals separately under state law; there are some criminal violations that can be found if certain disclosure aren't made. Separate from that, these next documents are in reference to the nepotism policy that came into effect a couple of years ago as a result of state law. Those regulations are more specifically on contracts with relatives of council members or the mayor. Surrisi said that the law sets out when it is permissible for the city to contract with a relative of the mayor or councilmember; you just have to go through these additional public disclosure steps each and every time.

The motion to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement concerning Mike Delp carried with Councilman Delp abstaining.

Surrisi asked for the council's Condition Acceptance of Plymouth Redevelopment Commission's I.C. 36-1-21-5(b)(2) and (3) Certified Statement Regarding Council Member's Relative's Contract with the Redevelopment Commission. He said that this document notes that there were five different companies that bid for conduit project for which the redevelopment commission advertised properly and which bids were opened at a special meeting on April 7th. He said that when considering the base bid and the four

alternates in total Michiana was the low bidder; the reason this is referred to as a conditional acceptance is because it is anticipated that this document will be approved by the redevelopment commission at their meeting tomorrow.

Councilmen Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to do a Condition Acceptance of Plymouth Redevelopment Commission's I.C. 36-1-21-5(b)(2) and (3). The motion carried, with Councilman Delp abstaining.

Surrisi presented a Conditional Acceptance of Mike Delp's Elected Official Disclosure of a Relative's Contract with the City of Plymouth Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-21-5.

Councilmen Culp and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the Conditional Acceptance of Mike Delp's Elected Official Disclosure of a Relative's Contract with the City of Plymouth Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-21-5. The motion carried, with Councilman Delp abstaining.

Surrisi presented an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Marshall County and The City of Plymouth For Metronet Services. He explained that the agreement sets up a joint board that will be the governing authority over the Metronet Conduit Project.

Councilmen Smith and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the agreement as presented. The motion carried.

AYES: Delp, Culp, Ecker and Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Grobe

Clerk-Treasurer Hutchings reminded the members that they will meet in Special Session on Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Surrisi announced that the county commissioners are having a meeting in the morning to consider the bids for the conduit project. He said that Michiana Contracting is the low bidder for the county's portion of the project also. He anticipates they will consider this intergovernmental agreement at their regular meeting on April 21st.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2014-601, A Resolution of the City of Plymouth Confirming a Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Real Estate to be Within an "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq. (AMI Industries, Inc.).

Councilmen Smith and Culp moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2014-601, A Resolution of the City of Plymouth Confirming a Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Real Estate to be Within an "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq. (AMI Industries, Inc.). It passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Delp, Culp, Ecker and Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Grobe

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2014-602, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations from the General Fund Storm Sewer Department to the Wastewater Department Stormwater Depreciation Fund.

Councilmen Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2014-602, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations from the General Fund Storm Sewer Department to the Wastewater Department Stormwater Depreciation Fund. Motion carried.

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Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2014-603, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations in the Park/Non-Reverting Capital Improvement Fund to the Plymouth Greenways Trail Project Fund.

Councilmen Culp and Smith moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2014-603, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations in the Park/Non-Reverting Capital Improvement Fund to the Plymouth Greenways Trail Project Fund.

Audience Member Wilson Gerrard asked how much money this involves.

Surrisi said that the city's commitment is \$111,376; the federal government is paying \$445,504.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-603 passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Delp, Culp, Ecker and Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Grobe

Delp offered the privilege of the floor to members in the audience.

Ernie Rowe questioned the use of the property on the northwest corner of Western Avenue and Pilgrim Lane as a salvage yard.

Mr. Rowe was told that the Plan Commission would be the governing body over that issue.

Councilmen Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to accept the following communications: minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of March 31, 2014; minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of April 7, 2014; minutes of the Redevelopment Commission meeting of March 18, 2014; minutes of the Redevelopment Commission meeting of April 7, 2014; and the Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports for March, 2014. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmen Smith and Culp moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried; the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

S/Toni L. Hutchings, IAMC/CMC/CPFA  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

S/Mike Delp, President Pro Tempore