

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on January 13, 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 6:50 p.m.

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

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

Councilmen Delp and Culp moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on December 30, 2013 and to dispense with reading them since they have been reviewed and found to be correct. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Ordinance 2014-2072, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth Concerning Trees and Shrubs as Recommended by the Urban Forestry and Flower Committee, for second reading.

He explained that it creates a permitting requirement when people want to do work on trees in the tree lawn. There is no cost to the permit, but it has to be submitted for review by the city forester, Cameron Arnold. There is a penalty if there is damage done without having obtained a permit. He said that the committee is committing to complete a streets tree record for the city by July, 2015. The record will include mapping of all the different species of trees in the tree lawn throughout the city. By December, 2015 they intend to have a management and replacement plan for those trees.

Mr. Arnold sent a letter to all the tree-trimming companies that were listed in the phone book to make them aware of the new requirements. The Clerk-Treasurer's office has posted the proposed ordinance on the city's website.

Councilman Grobe asked that the term "arbor culturist" be changed to "forester" in item D on page three of the proposed ordinance.

There was further discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Councilmen Smith and Culp moved and seconded to pass Ordinance 2014-2072, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth Concerning Trees and Shrubs as Recommended by the Urban Forestry and Flower Committee, as amended, for second reading. It passed by roll call vote.

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

Mayor Senter asked the council their pleasure on third reading of Ordinance 2014-2072.

Councilmen Ecker and Delp moved and seconded to pass Ordinance 2014-2072, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth Concerning Trees and Shrubs as Recommended by the Urban Forestry and Flower Committee, as amended, for third reading.

Councilman Delp commented that sections 7 and 8 refer to the prohibition of directional boring and said that is a very common use for placement of pipes.

Ordinance 2014-2072, passed on third reading by roll call vote.

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

Councilmen Smith and Ecker moved and seconded to nominate Mike Delp as President Pro-Tempore. There being no further discussion, the mayor asked all those in favor of electing Councilman Delp as President Pro-Tempore to signify by saying aye. It carried.

As part of re-organizing the council, Clerk-Treasurer Hutchings noted that meetings have historically been held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. She suggested the following changes from that schedule for 2014: from Monday, March 24th to Monday, March 31st due to spring break being the week of March 24th; from Monday, May 26th to Tuesday, May 27th due to Memorial Day; and from Monday, December 22nd to Monday, December 29th for the last meeting of the year.

Councilmen Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to accept the proposed changed dates as presented. The motion carried.

City Attorney presented Ordinance No. 2014-2073, An Ordinance Adopting the Fee Schedule for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Plymouth, on first reading. He asked the councilmen to consider suspending the rules to pass the ordinance on all three readings to allow for publication. The rates were approved by the park board at their December meeting.

Councilmen Delp and Culp moved and seconded to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on second reading.

Councilmen Delp and Culp moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2014-2073, An Ordinance Adopting the Fee Schedule for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Plymouth, on second reading. It passed by roll call vote.

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

Councilmen Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2014-2073, An Ordinance Adopting the Fee Schedule for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Plymouth, on third reading. It passed by roll call vote.

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

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

Councilmen Ecker and Delp moved and seconded to accept the following communications: minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of December 30, 2013; minutes of the Board of Aviation Commissioners meeting of November 12, 2013; and the Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports for December, 2013. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmen Smith and Delp moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried; the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

APPROVED

S/Mark Senter, Mayor