

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, AUGUST 27, 2018

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on August 27, 2018. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Plymouth Fire Department, 111 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Senter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Ecker offered prayer.

Mayor Senter presided for Council Members Cook, Culp, Ecker, Houin, Longanecker, Milner and Walters. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present.

Council Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular Common Council meeting on August 13, 2018. The motion carried.

Council Members Culp and Cook moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last Special Session of August 20, 2018. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Ordinance No. 2018-2139, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees, Fire and Police Personnel of the City of Plymouth, Indiana for the Year 2019, on second reading.

Council Members Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2018-2139, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees, Fire and Police Personnel of the City of Plymouth, Indiana for the Year 2019, on second reading. Council Member Cook asked to amend the Ordinance and strike out "Laborer" and add "Assistant Manager" at \$20.00/hour. Council Member Houin asked to amend Cook's motion of the Ordinance, changing the second line item to add "Assistant Manager" at a rate of pay of \$20.00/hour and the third line item for "Laborers" at a rate of pay of \$18.55/hour on second reading. Longanecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council Members Cook and Longanecker moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2018-2139 as amended on second reading. It passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Cook, Culp, Ecker, Houin, Longanecker, Milner, Walters  
NAYS: None

Council Members Cook and Culp moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2018-2139 as amended on third reading. It passed by roll call vote at 7:14 p.m..

AYES: Cook, Culp, Ecker, Houin, Longanecker, Milner, Walters

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NAYS:           None

Utility Superintendent Davidson followed up on the Holstein case. He asked if everyone received the e-mail he sent regarding the credit request for the Holstein's. Upon reviewing it with the Council, he explained that the Holstein's home at 217 Gilmore St. was impacted heavily by the flood last February. He said that the request deviates from the general policy that allows him to review water leaks and issue a credit based upon confirmation that the water didn't go down the drain, as it consequently gives the resident a chance of receiving a credit once a year. This particular resident had a credit last November because of a broken pipe and then had additional problems after the flooding. They were granted a credit of approximately \$34.00 last November. Everything was documented and it was legitimate. At the last meeting, they requested to make payments on their current balance of \$1,098.74 and also the possibility of being credited for waste water. Davidson stated that this is an exception due to the circumstances and is not something we want to do all the time. He said that the policy was written so that we wouldn't get dinged every time someone has a broken pipe three or four times per year. He informed the Council that they did investigate it and the home was essentially destroyed. The floor joists were removed and the plumbing destroyed. In this particular case, Davidson does believe it's warranted. He stated that our policy does say that we can go back and evaluate their last 12 months of usage and use their highest usage for their actual waste water credit. He said we do that because they have proven over those last 12 months period of time that they can use that volume of water. His proposal would be to give the resident a waste water credit of \$381.96; under the circumstances, he encouraged the board also to waive the late penalties of \$82.35 which will be a total credit of \$464.31, leaving the new balance at \$634.43. Working with the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, it was calculated that they would be paying the first eleven months of \$53.00 per month in addition to their normal bill once their water is turned back on. The last month they will be paying \$51.43. He requested the Councils approval.

Council Members Ecker and Walters moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

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Davidson thanked the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and stated that they have been a big assistance with this matter.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver presented a report showing the year-end cash balance beginning 2012 income and expenses and also the subsequent years' ending cash balances through 2019, including the proposed budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver also informed the Council that she changed the budget that she had presented to them at the work session because the building commissioner asked for two new tires in his budget for next year.

Council Members Ecker and Walters moved and seconded to accept the following communications as presented:

- Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports and Cash Reconciliation Statement for July, 2018
- Minutes of the Urban Forest and Flower Committee meeting of August 15, 2018
- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of August 13, 2018
- Minutes of the Board of Aviation Commissioners meeting of July 10, 2018
- Minutes of the Redevelopment Commission meeting of July 17, 2018
- Minutes of the Redevelopment Commission - Executive Session meeting of July 17, 2018
- Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of July 3, 2018
- Minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting of July 3, 2018
- City Hall Construction Progress Meeting Agenda and Handouts, dated August 8, 2018

The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss and all agenda items were complete, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

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Jeanine M. Xaver, IAMC / CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

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Mark Senter, Mayor