

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, AUGUST 26, 2013

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on August 26, 2013. 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.

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 Ecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on August 12, 2013 and the minutes of the Budget Work Session of August 19, 2013 and to dispense with reading them since they have been reviewed and found to be correct. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter welcomed members of Boy Scout Troop #257 who are working on merit badges.

City Attorney Surrisi presented an Elected Official Disclosure of Relative's Contract with the City of Plymouth, Pursuant to IC 36-1-21-5, acknowledging Councilman Delp's relationship with Michiana Contracting for the work they will be doing at the cemetery department.

Councilmen Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to accept the Elected Official Disclosure of Relative's Contract with the City of Plymouth, Pursuant to IC 36-1-21-5, as presented. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter presented Ordinance No. 2013-2067, An Ordinance of the City of Plymouth to Amend Ordinance No. 2012-2045, the 2013 Salary Ordinance, Adding the School Resource Officer Position, on first reading.

Councilmen Smith and Ecker moved and seconded to suspend the rules to consider the ordinance on all three readings.

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

City Attorney Surrisi presented Ordinance No. 2013-2067, An Ordinance of the City of Plymouth to Amend Ordinance No. 2012-2045, the 2013 Salary Ordinance, Adding the School Resource Officer Position, on second reading.

Councilmen Smith and Grobe moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-2067, An Ordinance of the City of Plymouth to Amend Ordinance No. 2012-2045, the 2013 Salary Ordinance, Adding the School Resource Officer Position, on second reading. It passed by roll call vote.

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

Councilmen Delp and Smith moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-2067, An Ordinance of the City of Plymouth to Amend Ordinance No. 2012-2045, the 2013 Salary Ordinance, Adding the School Resource Officer Position, on third reading. It passed by roll call vote.

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

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2013-575, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in Support of the City's Application for the Stellar Communities Program.

Councilmen Delp and Culp moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2013-575, A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in Support of the City's Application for the Stellar Communities Program. It passed by roll call vote.

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

Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2013-576, A Resolution of the City of Plymouth Declaring Certain Real Estate to be Within and "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12-1 et seq. (Kessler Crane, Inc.).

Derek Spier, MCEDC, presented a site plan to the councilmen and a preliminary site plan for the old American Container property. He reviewed the following letter with the council:

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

August 21, 2013

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

RE: Kessler Crane, Inc.
Tax Abatement Request

Councilman Delp:

On behalf of Kessler Crane, Inc., the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation is submitting the attached real and personal property tax abatement application for your consideration at the August 26th Council meeting.

Kessler Crane, which is a manufacturer of cranes, motion control systems, and accessories for the film industry, has reached maximum capacity at their current facility (602 E. Jefferson). Substantial growth over the last few years has lead them to purchase the vacant industrial building located at 1901 Western Avenue. They plan to occupy the facility on Western as their new corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility. The new building is approximately 70,000 sq. ft., considerably larger than the 8,000 sq. ft. current facility.

In conjunction with acquiring a building, Kessler will be rehabilitating it by refurbishing existing offices, constructing new offices, and studios, as well as assembly and machine shop areas. The rehabilitation is estimated at \$768,000 and will include electrical, HVAC, and IT network infrastructure along with substantial exterior façade improvements. The project will include new equipment valued at approximate \$1,175,000. This equipment will include CNC mills and lathes, and air compressor, quality control devices, servers, switches, routers, and CAD/CAM engineering software. The project is expected to create an additional 40 jobs over the next 2 years with an average annual salary of \$34,190 and will retain the existing 50 jobs.

For this level of investment and number of new jobs, we are respectfully requesting a 6 year real property abatement and 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,

S/ Derek J. Spier, AICP
Economic Development Specialist

Mr. Spier introduced Eric Kessler to the council.

Councilmen Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2013-576R, A Resolution of the City of Plymouth Declaring Certain Real Estate to be Within and "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12-1 et seq. (Kessler Crane, Inc.). It passed by roll call vote.

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NAYS: None

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

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

minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of August 12, 2013; minutes of the Redevelopment Commission meeting of July 16, 2013; minutes of the Marshall County Council on Aging Board meeting of July 3, 2013; and the Clerk-Treasurer's Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation of July, 2013. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmen Ecker and Delp moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried; the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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

APPROVED

S/Mark Senter, Mayor