

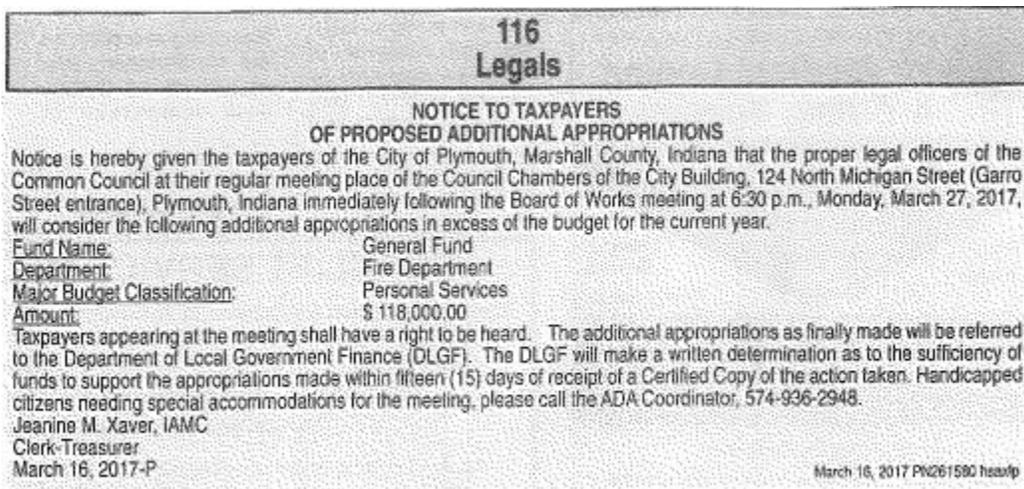
Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on March 27, 2017. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

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

Mayor Senter presided for Councilmembers Cook, Culp, Ecker, Fonseca, Houin and Walters. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present. Councilmember Grobe was absent.

Councilmembers Culp and Walters moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on March 13, 2017 and executive session of the Common Council on March 13, 2017 as presented. The motion carried.

The following legal notice was advertised in the Pilot Newspaper on March 16, 2017:



Council Members Houin and Culp moved and seconded to open the public hearing. The motion carried and the mayor declared the public hearing open.

City Attorney Surrisi explained that these additional appropriations are being asked to cover the anticipated increase in compensation for the Fire Department employees.

Council Member Culp asked what the timeline for approval will be. Xaver explained that this governing body must approve the appropriation first, then the state has fifteen days to respond to this request. She anticipates the state's response will be closer to 30 days. Surrisi said that the salary ordinance can be reviewed and amended in the meantime.

Houin asked if the \$118,000 was the anticipated cost for the entire calendar year or if this was prorated for the remainder of 2017. Xaver said this is for an entire year, so the total amount is not anticipated to be spent in 2017.

Mike Delp asked if this cost included additional staff or just the increase in salaries for current firefighters and paramedics. Ecker explained that this is just for the current staff. The committee's recommendation was to consider additional employees in 2018.

Mayor Senter opened the floor to all in attendance.

There being no comments or questions, Council Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

Councilman Cook provided an update on the old firehouse restoration project. He contact Chris Lee, a representative the Congresswoman Walorski. The only action they can take it to provide a letter of support should the city pursue a federal grant for the project.

City Attorney Surrisi noted that Jerry Chavez, of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, has shown interest in using the old firehouse as a meeting space for a newly-formed entrepreneurship program.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Ordinance No. 2017-2110, An Ordinance to Correct a Scrivener's Error in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth Concerning Determining Sanitary Sewer Volume, on first reading.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Ordinance No. 2017-2111, An Ordinance to Amend the Drug and Alcohol Policy and Testing Procedures of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, on first reading.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2017-728, Additional Appropriation Resolution.

Council Members Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-728, Additional Appropriation Resolution. It passed by roll call vote.

AYES:	Cook, Culp, Ecker, Fonseca, Houin, Walters
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Grobe

Airport Manager Dave Lattimer addressed the council. He requested their permission to move funds within the airport budget to cover the cost of a concrete replacement project in hangar A. The cost is approximately \$22,000.00.

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

Trisha Metz addressed the council on behalf of Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. She discussed the application for Exemption From the Licensing Requirements of Ordinance No. 1309 in order to solicit donations at the intersection of Jefferson and Michigan Streets. The request is for June 9th and 10th with rain dates on June 16th and 17th.

Council Members Houin and Fonseca moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented the city's contract renewal with New Avenues, a company that provides the Employee Assistance Plan to all full time employees and their families. The plan includes personal and financial counseling, as well as a full range of other programs to assist employees with work/home life balance. He explained that the cost is \$2.65 per employee per month and has already been figured into the budget. The contract period will be for April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

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Council Members Ecker and Houin moved and seconded to approve the contract renewal. The motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Xaver asked the council's permission to waive late fee penalties that would normally be assessed on April 5th. The machine that inserts water bills into envelopes for mailing misfed multiple bills, the total number is unknown. Xaver does not feel it is justifiable to penalize customers for something beyond their control. The estimated loss is \$3,200.00, based on the total penalties charged in March 2017.

Council Members Culp and Cook moved and seconded to approve the waiver of late fee penalties to be assessed on April 5, 2017. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter opened the privilege of the floor. No one accepted.

Members Houin and Ecker moved and seconded to accept the following communications:

Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of March 13, 2017;
Minutes of the Redevelopment Commission meeting of February 21, 2017;
Minutes of the Technical Review Committee of March 7, 2017;
Minutes of the Technical Review Committee meeting of March 21, 2017;
Minutes of the Board of Aviation Commissioners regular meeting of February 14, 2017;
Minutes of the Board of Aviation Commissioners executive session of February 14, 2017;
Minutes of the Urban Forest and Flower Committee meeting of March 15, 2017;
IDEM Letter Dated March 9, 2017;
Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports and Cash Reconciliation for February, 2017

The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Members Fonseca and Walters moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jeanine M. Xaver, IAMC
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Mark Senter, Mayor