

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, MARCH 11, 2019

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on March 11, 2019. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana. Mayor Senter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Senter presided for Councilmembers Cook, Culp, Ecker, Houin, Longanecker and Milner. City Attorney Surrisi and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Collins were also present. Councilman Walters was absent.

Council Members Culp and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular Common Council meeting on February 25, 2019, as presented. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented the annual renewal for the New Avenues Employee Assistance Program. He requested the council's approval of this agreement. The contract is from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 and costs \$2.65/employee/month. The City covers the costs in full.

Council Members Ecker and Milner moved and seconded to approve the annual renewal agreement with New Avenues. The motion carried.

Surrisi provided an update on the Stellar Communities. The steering committee thought it would be worthwhile to explore moving forward with applying for this grant again. Last year, all the communities in Marshall County contributed to helping fund the project. The City of Plymouth payment did not get processed in 2018. Surrisi asked the council's approval of payment for \$10,000, which will cover last year's contribution and additional funding to help support the project this year.

Council Members Culp and Milner moved and seconded to approve the payment request as presented. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Ordinance No. 2019-2146, An Ordinance Regarding the Permitting of Wireless Facilities and Wireless Support Structures within the Public Right-of-Way, on first reading.

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Council Member Cook made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on passing the ordinance on second and third reading. Surrisi said that it is likely that there will be changes to the ordinance that is in front of the council, so he would prefer to wait until the next meeting to present on second and third readings.

Cook withdrew his motion.

Mayor Senter presented the Application for the Exemption from the Licensing Requirements of Ordinance No. 1309 from the Plymouth Kiwanis. They will raise funds at the corner of Michigan and Jefferson Streets on June 21st and 22nd (with rain dates of June 28th and 29th) for their annual “Peanut Days”. They will be soliciting donations from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Council Members Houin and Milner moved and seconded to approve the exemption as presented. The motion carried.

Mayor Senter offered the privilege of the floor. There were no comments.

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

- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of February 25, 2019
- Minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting of February 5, 2019
- Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of November 7, 2018
- Minutes of the Technical Review Committee meeting of February 19, 2019
- Minutes of the Technical Review Committee meeting of March 5, 2019
- Minutes of the Park Board meeting of January 7, 2019
- Clerk-Treasurer’s Financial Reports, February 28, 2019
- Clerk-Treasurer’s Cash Reconciliation, February 28, 2019

The motion carried.

Mayor Senter discussed the proposed housing project on Water Street that went before the Board of Zoning Appeals at their last meeting on March 5th. Senter said the project was well-

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received, but the location was not, so they are looking at building the housing development at another location.

City Attorney Surrisi said they are looking at locations on the west side of the downtown area. There are currently no city-owned properties in that area. If they could find a parcel that would work for this project then it would likely involve some outlay of cash to either Habitat for Humanity to pay for the purchase of the land or the city would acquire the land directly in order to donate it for the project. They are looking for the council's feedback on financial support for the project.

Councilman Houin said he has discussed this project with people in the community. Most are in agreement that this type of housing development is needed in our community. Houin supports exploring other options regarding the property location even if it means a larger expense to the city.

Surrisi noted that there is no formal request tonight, just the understanding that it is likely that a request will come before the council in the future to contribute funding for this project.

Councilman Ecker said he is also in support of the project. He feels that if the city does make a cash contribution to the project, then he wants the council to look at how they will replenish those funds from where ever they are taken.

Councilman Cook said he is glad to hear the site on Water Street is not being considered. He feels that if something cannot be found in the downtown area, a potential location to consider is the lot on Broadway Street where the apartments are going to be torn down.

Surrisi said they will continue to pursue a different location for this housing project.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Members Ecker and Milner moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Abigail Collins
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

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Mark Senter
Mayor