

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, January 22, 2024

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on January 22, 2024. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana and was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Councilman Ecker offered prayer and Mayor Listenberger introduced a special guest, Zandar See, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He explains See an 8th grade student at Lincoln Junior High School who is a member of the Lincoln Legends Show Choir, a member of the Speech Team, a member of the Student Council, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and he is a fan of all things Star Wars.

Mayor Listenberger presided for Council Members Duane Culp, Don Ecker Jr, Kayla Krathwohl, Randy Longanecker, Shiloh Carothers Milner, Dave Morrow and Linda Starr. City Attorney Houin and Clerk-Treasurer Gorski were present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Council Members Ecker and Krathwohl moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on January 8, 2024 as presented. The motion carried.

Milner states they had a nice time down at the AIM Conference. She comments that she blew a tire on the way back so that was good fun but we all made it home. She states they held great workshops down there and now we are more enlightened.

Starr states initially you are very bombarded by all these people and all this information, but it really shows her how much she still has to learn. She states she does not have to know it all but she now has connections to get the answers that she needs and that is very helpful.

Mayor Listenberger adds that AIM is unbelievably good for that and appreciates everyone who attended the conference.

He states today we announced our new Chief of Police and we started this process early in December with open applications. He explains we had nine applicants and beginning in January we started with an interview process where we had a committee of individuals that interviewed all the candidates separate from him and then he interviewed them. He states Officer John Weir will take office on February 1st, 2024 and he is looking forward to working with you.

Morrow states he served on the committee and he wants the public to know that the caliber of officers that came forward was just outstanding. He states they all interviewed well and had the safety and best interest of Plymouth at heart. He expresses that he came out of that process feeling really good about our department.

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Mayor Listenberger states he would echo that. He states at this point in time and in our history for the City of Plymouth's police force that we really have some fine officers. He adds that he is hearing that from all over the public and he also went through the process of phone calls with everyone who he didn't interview. He believes the process worked well and appreciates everyone who worked with him. He asks Police Chief Bacon if this is his last meeting.

Bacon responds by stating this is his last meeting.

Mayor Listenberger states he would like to properly thank him for 11 years as Police Chief. He asks how many years total.

Bacon responds by stating 32 years and 10 months working for the department.

Ecker wished to thank Bacon as over the years he has allowed him to ride with a couple officers to get a feel of what is going on. He also wished to thank him for always taking his phone calls and allowing him to come sit down with him. He states he appreciates him and all of the officers as well as they have always been cordial.

Houin states for Stellar Communities he has no new information.

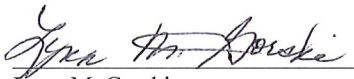
Houin states for the Comprehensive Plan Update that the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee is still scheduled to hold our first meeting on January 25th, so by your next meeting, he will have an update.

Council Members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to accept the following communications:

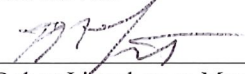
- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of January 8, 2024
- January 22, 2024 Check Register
- December 4, 2023 Park Board Minutes
- December 5, 2023 Plan Commission Minutes
- December 5, 2023 Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes
- December 12, 2023 Board of Aviation Commissioners Minutes

The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Members Longanecker and Milner moved and seconded to adjourn, Mayor Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED


Robert Listenberger, Mayor