

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, June 24, 2024

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on June 24, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on June 10, 2024, as presented. The motion carried.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of the Common Council at their regular meeting place of the Council Chambers of the City Building, 2nd Floor, 124 N Michigan Street (Garro Street entrance), Plymouth, Indiana immediately following the Board of Works meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 24, 2024, will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year.

Fund Name:	General - Fire
Major Budget Classification:	Capital Outlays-Equipment
Amount:	\$ 607,837.00
Fund Name:	Cumulative Capital Development
Major Budget Classification:	Capital Outlays-Equipment
Amount:	\$ 200,000.00
Fund Name:	City Monetary Gift Fund
Major Budget Classification:	Supplies
Amount:	\$ 4,706.00
Fund Name:	City Monetary Gift Fund
Major Budget Classification:	Other Services & Charges
Amount:	\$ 1,250.00

Fund Name:	American Rescue Plan Act
Major Budget Classification:	Other Services & Charges
Amount:	\$ 867,469.00
Fund Name:	American Rescue Plan Act
Major Budget Classification:	Capital Outlays-Equipment
Amount:	\$ 381,391.00
Fund Name:	TIF Principal & Interest (2012)
Major Budget Classification:	Other Services & Charges
Amount:	\$ 137,000.00
Fund Name:	Gibson & LaPorte Reconstruction
Major Budget Classification:	Other Services & Charges
Amount:	\$ 1,321,195.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. Handicapped citizens seeking special accommodations for the meeting, please call the ADA Coordinator, 874-656-2349.

Lynn Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer
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Public Hearing – Additional Appropriations Resolution

Council members Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to open the public hearing.

The motion carried

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski explained there were several additional appropriations to be approved. They were listed as follows.

- General – Fire in the amount of \$607,837.00 for the new fire truck, along with equipment for the fire truck.
- Cumulative Capital Development in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the new fire truck.
- City Monetary Gift Fund in the amount of \$4,706.00 for supplies from donated monies.
- City Monetary Gift Fund in the amount of \$1,250.00 to pay performers for the Mayor's Summer of Music.
- American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$867,469.00 for monies planned for ARPA projects.
- American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$381,391.00 for the new ambulance and fire truck.
- TIF Principal & Interest (2012) in the amount of \$137,000 to pay bonds.

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- Gibson & LaPorte Reconstruction in the amount of \$1,321,195.00 to pay for the paving project.

Council members Starr and Milner moved and seconded to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

Longanecker shared that he was driving through District Four yesterday up and down all the streets and it was nice to see the sidewalks. He stated he spoke to a few people, and they were excited to see the sidewalks go in on Pennsylvania Avenue and Liberty Street and it was looking really nice. He stated he would like to touch on a topic from the last meeting, which was that the fiber was still in his yard and he did not plan on not mentioning it until it was resolved. He stated he had seen a golf cart driving down the trails again behind Riverside Intermediate School and added that he had sent a photo to Culp as he was on the committee. He stated while he was also driving through the park, he saw a utility task vehicle (UTV) flying over the sled hill with kids in the back and adults in the front.

Morrow discussed the golf cart ordinance committee, and mentioned that they met and reviewed some models of some other cities and towns that he planned to compile and provide to the City Attorney before it was brought to the board. There was a discussion about UTV's and the ordinance in regard to sidewalks, but the focus of the golf cart ordinance committee at that time was golf carts.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2024-2225, An Ordinance to Annex Approximately 8 Acres of Real Estate Located Immediately Adjacent to the Corporate Boundary of the City of Plymouth, Indiana on second reading.

Houin stated the ordinance was presented on first reading at the last council meeting. He stated now that it was up for second reading, the petitioner had requested them to table the ordinance. He stated without the rezoning, the original plan for that property could not move forward. He explained there may be other options for development, but they did not know yet, so they were asking for it to be tabled until they could reevaluate what may be done with the property.

Council members Longanecker and Ecker moved and seconded to table Ordinance No. 2024-2225, An Ordinance to Annex Approximately 8 Acres of Real Estate Located Immediately Adjacent to the Corporate Boundary of the City of Plymouth, Indiana on second reading. The motion carried.

Houin introduced the new National Opioid Settlement Notice for Kroger Company. He explained it was yet another settlement from the multiple nationwide lawsuits that had been filed against various manufacturers and distributors of opioids. He stated he was hoping, as he had received it a few weeks ago, that he would have more details, but he had not yet received the

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agreement that they would be considering. He stated that other than what was in the notice, he was informing them that a settlement had been reached, and more information would be coming. He anticipated by their next meeting that there would be a more detailed agreement for them to consider. He expected this to be similar to the previous settlements in which there would be an amount of money calculated by the State for the city and there might or might not be restrictions on it. He believed it mentioned that it would be paid out in partial payments over the following 11 years.

Ecker asked if they had to have a decision to them by August 12, 2024.

Houin agreed and restated that at that time there was nothing to consider.

Gorski stated originally, they would have had three donations to consider, but that day they had received a fourth donation to consider from First Federal Savings Bank for the Downtown Tractor Show in the amount of \$100. She stated there were three other donations in the amounts of \$1,000 each from Kankakee Valley Broadcasting, Discover Plymouth, and Plymouth Kings Buffet for the Mayor's Summer of Music. She asked if they wished to accept those donations with the restricted terms, conditions, and purposes attached to the donation. She stated they would be receipted into the City Monetary Gift Fund.

Council members Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to approve the donations as presented. The motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski introduced Resolution No. 2024-1109, Additional Appropriations Resolution.

Gorski added that at their next meeting there would be another three additional appropriations.

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-1109, Additional Appropriations Resolution as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Councilman in Favor: Culp, Ecker, Krathwohl, Longanecker, Milner, Morrow, and Starr

Councilman Opposed: N/A

Houin shared that ONE Marshall County continued to focus on supporting READI 2.0 grant applications for communities within Marshall County. He stated in specific, Sean Peterson, who was the Vice President of the board who was leading the effort with a focus on housing initiatives. He said they were working with the United Way and the Community Foundation specifically on some unique housing projects and trying to develop those for submittal of READI 2.0 grant applications. He stated another initiative for READI 2.0 grant applications focused on the arts and culture grants, which was money donated by the Eli Lilly Foundation. He stated the Heartland Art Center's

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application had really become the flagship application for the South Bend Elkhart Regional Partnership for arts and culture. He stated they were receiving a lot of assistance from the Regional Development Authority (RDA), South Bend Elkhart Regional Partnership, and inFocus to really develop the application. He stated it was submitted to the RDA for their review and refinement, and said that it would eventually be submitted by their region to the State's EDA for consideration. He stated a lot of people were really excited about it, not just in Plymouth and Marshall County, but St. Joseph and Elkhart counties as well.

Morrow asked if it was for the renovation of their building.

Houin replied that it was part of it. He stated he had not seen the final application, but the discussion was centered around the renovation of the building, expansion of its programming, and bringing in other partners within the same building. He added the one thing that was unique about arts and culture grants through the READI program is that they do allow for programming, so it was much more of an expansive application than simply renovating the building.

Houin stated, regarding the Comprehensive Plan update, that the Advisory Committee would be meeting on Thursday of that week for the full committee. He invited everyone to go to the Downtown Block Party to get their Plymouth "YOU Belong" swag. He listed buttons, stickers, etc.

Gorski introduced Pat Moesta from Stryker and explained they were a company who supported the Fire Department. She stated that Moesta would be discussing part of the budget process in the next couple of weeks in order to maintain their equipment.

Assistant Chief Garcia stated they had various equipment on all of their ambulances and started listing their cots, monitors, devices that perform automatic CPR, and manual stair chairs. He explained that these things were starting to go out of date and wear down. He explained that Stryker had a program called Advanced Life Savor (ALS) 360 that could assist in purchasing these items over the next ten years.

Pat Moesta of Stryker stated that ALS 360 was actually created by an EMS Chief and the idea was that they had all this equipment they needed to purchase and needed the service plans to maintain the equipment, as it was usually a large investment if one were to buy it all in one cash purchase. He stated the plan allowed them to replace the current equipment that needed to be replaced, including some that was past expected service life. He stated those items would be replaced, and they would take the trade-in equipment and would start fresh. He stated over a ten-year period they would be able to pay for the equipment at a fixed asset cost every year. He said built into the plan from the years 3-5, they would have the opportunity to upgrade to whatever new technology they had at zero change to their annual payments. He stated if they launched a new cot or loading

system for that cot, new AED monitors, they would have the option to go back to them and upgrade that equipment by trading in their old equipment. He said some of the benefits to it were that they did not have to manage all the different gauges of their assets with the expected service lives because, for ten years, everything would be taken care of. He explained that it included everything service-wise, as they had technicians who could go out the next day to replace anything that happens to their equipment. He stated they would go out and repair it with no questions asked. He said it also covered all the battery costs associated with the equipment, which could be a sizeable amount over ten years. He said it was basically designed to make the whole process easier for managing and maintaining equipment to ensure everything they had was within its expected service life.

Ecker asked where he was located.

Moesta replied he was out of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He explained he covered South Bend and everything south to Fort Wayne.

Ecker asked if he was handling the replacement of all the equipment or if he was coordinating the service side of it.

Moesta replied they had two technicians who he worked closely with. He stated it was a team of three of them who ensured everything went smoothly. He added he was more the coordinating person and not the technical expert on repairs.

Morrow asked how long the company had been in business.

Moesta replied that Stryker started back in 1941.

Morrow asked how long the program had been in existence.

Moesta replied it had been around for 4-5 years now. He stated there were upwards of 120-150 communities or even private services that had adopted the program. He stated it was the New Orleans EMS Chief at the time who came up with the idea for the program.

Ecker asked how many communities there were in this area that were listed.

Moesta replied that he was still new to the position as he had started last year. He explained he had worked with the New Carlisle Fire Department, and they had adopted the program at the end of last year. He believed they had 6-10 in South Michigan who had adopted the program and said there were many others around the country.

Morrow asked if, traditionally, they purchased the product if it came with a service warranty that their company backed for maintaining. Moesta agreed. Morrow commented that it sounded like this was combining the mechanism that financed it and a service plan that does the upgrades and maintenance along the way.

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Moesta replied in agreement and explained that everything would be all included with the asset management plan.

Mayor Listenberger asked if it was not a Stryker product would they work on those as well.

Moesta replied that they could only service their products. He stated everything included in the program touches a patient in this community as there are some higher profile items included in the plan, but it would be exclusive to their equipment.

Holm stated everything aside from their manual stair chairs were Stryker.

Garica added there were also the CPR devices that were received a number of years ago through a grant that were nearing their life expectancy.

Mayor Listenberger asked if they were only hearing about the program.

Gorski replied that they were only hearing about it as it would be in the budget for the Fire Department.

Council members Ecker and Krathwohl moved and seconded to accept the following communications:


- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of June 10, 2024
- June 24, 2024, Check Register
- May 2024 Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports
- New National Opioid Settlement Notice – Kroger Co.
- June 11, 2024, Technical Review Committee Minutes
- May 21, 2024, Redevelopment Commission Minutes
- May 21, 2024, Redevelopment Commission Special Meeting Minutes

The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council members Longanecker and Morrow moved and seconded to adjourn. Mayor Listenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED


Robert Listenberger, Mayor