

REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, August 26, 2024

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on August 26, 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 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Ecker offered prayer, and Mayor Listenberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Listenberger presided over 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 Jeff Houin and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Gorski were also present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Council members Culp and Starr moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on August 12, 2024, as presented. The motion carried.

Starr stated that she was very happy to have attended the groundbreaking for the Career Center. She expressed that it was going to be a big deal and was very happy for Plymouth and the school systems of Marshall County to have the facility. She commented, aside from the Career Center, that she had one concern she wished to address, which was the area underneath the US 30 Overpass. She said that it was very dirty and asked if they could get someone to clean it.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2024-2228, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Plymouth Concerning Use of Golf Carts on Streets and Alleys, on third reading.

Council members Morrow and Culp moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2024-2228, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Plymouth Concerning Use of Golf Carts on Streets and Alleys, on third reading.

Council members Morrow and Culp moved and seconded to amend the registration fee from \$60 to \$30. The motion carried with Longanecker opposed.

The motion for the amended ordinance passed by roll call vote.

Councilmembers in Favor: Culp, Ecker, Krathwohl, Milner, Morrow, Starr

Councilmembers Opposed: Longanecker

Ordinance No. 2024-2229, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees, Fire, and Police Personnel of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, for the Year 2025, remained tabled.

Ecker stated he would recommend it stay tabled as they were still looking into it.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2024-2230, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries for the Year 2025, for the Elected Officials of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, on first reading.

Longanecker shared that he received an email, bringing to his attention concerns about the seating area with the partitions and lighting outside the Brass Rail, and said that Building

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Commissioner Manuwal was looking into it. He explained that there were other businesses that were starting to string lights across the sidewalks that were not meeting code or electrical standards. He suggested that they may need to consider creating an ordinance as folks were having to walk out into traffic to walk around the partitions to get back to the sidewalk. He stated that it was a neat idea, but they needed to investigate it before it got carried away. He added that the other area where he saw it was at the Ivy Terra Plant Café, where they had chairs and tables that they put out that completely blocked the sidewalk, causing one to have to walk around.

Mayor Listenberger commented that they would be having a meeting with the owner of Brass Rail once they return to town.

Longanecker stated they needed to figure out whether it would be an ordinance or something else that governed it.

Houin replied that there was currently an ordinance that controlled sidewalk disruptions and said they could examine it to see if something needed to be updated. He explained that he needed to get clarification as it was regarding SR 17, and there was some opinion that they did not have jurisdiction, but he did not believe that was correct. He noted that he could research it as part of the discussion.

Longanecker stated it was a concern because some of the lights were held up with bungee straps that were affixed to the traffic signal, which was state property. He said they were also strung to the trees and light poles, and the light poles were only rated for a certain wind shear. He explained that when one puts additional loads, such as banners and strung lights, on the poles, it only adds additional tension, which causes a safety concern by stressing the anchor bolts.

Eric Walsh of Baker Tilly was present to give a thorough rundown of the 2024 Capital Affordability Plan. He remarked that it would be about an hour and a half report that he would be running through, and he wanted to preface it as Draft #1. He explained that the purpose of the report was to submit Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) for the next 3-5 years and said they worked with the fiscal officer, their team, and the department heads. He stated that they looked at each plan and the financial health of each primary fund and gave a plan to see if they could afford all the improvements. He added that they were not discussing utilities. He then gave a presentation of the 2024 Capital Affordability Plan.

Houin updated the board on ONE Marshall County and said they met August 21, 2024, and were continuing their support over the various READI 2.0 projects across the county. He stated there were seven or eight that would hopefully be submitting applications, and ONE Marshall County had issued a resolution in support of them. He shared that the committees of ONE Marshall County were

officially launching with some who had already started and were becoming more official, and said they were getting more into the weeds of doing the work within those committees.

Houin updated the board on the Comprehensive Plan Committees. He said that the subcommittees were continuing their work, with some of them waiting on him, as he had been busy with READI 2.0. He shared the biggest news with the Comprehensive Plan which was the Empowerment Subcommittee, which held a meeting on August 24, 2024. He said that they were developing goals and strategies and working to make progress on them.

Mayor Listenberger extended an invitation to anyone who would like to attend one of the Empowerment Subcommittee meetings. He expressed that he would like to see a councilmember or two there because they were currently meeting on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. He added that he would personally be sitting in on them.

Milner commented she would be there.

Houin added that the next meeting would be on September 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Resource Center and added that they were normally set for the fourth Saturday of each month.

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

- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of August 12, 2024
- August 26, 2024, Check Register
- July 2024 Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports
- 2024 Capital Affordability Plan – Baker Tilly
- August 13, 2024, Technical Review Committee Minutes
- July 9, 2024, Board of Aviation Commissioners Minutes
- July 16, 2024, Redevelopment Commission 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 Listenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED


Robert Listenberger, Mayor