

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Mayor Senter called the meeting to order. Senter presided for Board Members Shiloh Milner, Bill Walters, and Jeff Houin who were physically present. Board member Duane Culp was absent. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Gorski were also present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session meeting of January 10, 2022. The motion carried.

Building Commissioner Keith Hammonds reports that the Order to Take Action at 2550 N. Michigan Street has not been demolished even though Mr. Patel came before this board in November 8th saying that he would. He would like to ask the board to affirm the action to move forward with the demo of the house. He states that would be sending another letter to Mr. Patel deeming the other building a nuisance and asking him to tear it down.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to affirm those actions. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Holm gave an update on the application process for the Firefighter/EMT position. He states that on Friday he had received two applications for the Firefighter/EMT basic position and that he would be moving forward with that. He states that as of now they have received no information in regards to the Paramedic position that is available. He asked the board for an increase on time for the position so that he can find better ways to advertise the position and get it out to more people. He also asked the board for permission to begin the process for collecting bids for a new chief's vehicle. He states that the monies for that have been approved in the budget.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

Police Chief Bacon reports that there are two squad cars in this year's budget. He requests the boards approval to start the acquiring process for them.

Board Member Houin asked Bacon out of curiosity if he had looked into options of adding electric or hybrid vehicles to his current fleet of cars. Bacon states that he spoke to Chiefs in surrounding communities on whether or not they have got electric or hybrid vehicles and that Bremen had received their first one a couple years ago. He states that they have had

some problems with were potentially costly given that the problem comes down to the fact that the mechanics are not qualified to work on electric or hybrid vehicles so they would have to go to wherever they received them from for repairs. He states that as of now the mechanics at the Street Department currently work on their vehicles and handle repairs.

Board Members Milner and Walters moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

Bacon states that his request is in regards to the Department of Homeland Security and a grant for body cams. He requests the board's approval to apply for that grant. He states that they will be moving forward with the body cams since money was already budgeted for them last year. He states that this grant would be recouping the money that was already budgeted for the body cams if they are awarded the grant.

Board Members Walters and Houin moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi states that there is a request from leadership Marshall County from Megan Rogers and Faith Stull. He states that they will be introducing the Walk Your City proposal.

Ms. Stull states that Walk Your City tries to encourage the option of walking to your destination rather than driving. They do so by creating signs that display the distance of how far you are from one location by steps or minutes. She hopes that this would get people to walk more if they see how close their distance truly is and that their goal is to generate more foot traffic and draw more attention to local stores and businesses.

Mayor Senter asked them how many signs they were thinking about putting up. Ms. Stull states that around the 10-15 range would be the ballpark figure.

Houin asks if they were planning on using the official walkyourcity.org program to design and create their signs. Ms. Stull states that that is their intent right now.

Mayor Senter asked what their time frame for this project was. Ms. Stull states that she believes that the summer months would be the best time to lay out these signs.

Houin states that he is familiar with the Walk Your City program and that he is happy to hear that Leadership Marshall County is willing to take this on.

Board Members Houin and Milner moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

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Mrs. Johnson presented her proposal to hang banners downtown with the help of Bowen Printing. She quotes this as Hometown Heroes, so Plymouth Graduates, Retired Military, Active Service, or Deceased Veterans. She believes that we need to do more to honor our veterans and she explains that the Daughters of the American Revolution will pick up part of this tab. She states that as for individuals, they will have to pay for them personally. She is requesting the timeframe of May, June, and July. Street Superintendent Marquardt states that the current banners that go up around town for events like Fall, Christmas, and Blueberry are old and that it would be nice to see some new banners around town.

Councilmen Houin asked what will happen to these banners once they are no longer in use. Mrs. Johnson states that respectively, they will go back to their original owners. Houin stated that potentially they could be recycled and used again at different points of the year.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to approve the request. The motion carried.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to allow for the payroll for January 31, 2022 and the claims for January 24, 2022, as entered in Claim Register #2022-2. The motion carried.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to accept the following


communications:


- January 24, 2022 Docket
- December 2021 Water Department Activity Report
- December 2021 Wastewater Department Activity Report

The motion carried

There being no further business, Board Members Milner and Walters moved and seconded to adjourn, Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED:


Kym M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer


Mark Senter
Mayor