Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on July 27, 2026. 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 6:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Robert 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 Zoom and streamed live at https://www.youtube.com/@CityofPlymouth.

Council members Culp and Starr moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on July 13, 2026, with the correction to Shiloh Carothers Milner's attendance. The motion carried.

Houin stated that because the Heartland Art Center was receiving funds through a READI grant, it had to follow certain requirements set by the State. He stated that one of those requirements was that all bids from the project had to be opened at a public meeting and that you did not have to take any action on them.

Anna Kietzman of Heartland Art Center and Brent Martin of SRKM Architecture read aloud the following bids:

BID TABULATION
HEARTLAND ART CENTER PHASE ONE
JULY 27, 2026

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Alt4
Zielkowski Constr.	$1,398,500.00	$0.00	$8,050.00	$15,750.00	$68,850.00
Brown & Brown GC	$935,500.00	$133,800.00	$15,100.00	$9,400.00	$37,400.00

Heartland wished to take the bids under advisement.

Council Members listed the following:

- Longanecker: Believed we needed to revisit golf carts. One got on the walking path and got into the river. The golf carts continue to be on the walking paths. Wasn't sure if there was a way to police it better or to just do away with it. Kids going up and down Baker Street on gas-powered dirt bikes. He wasn't sure if it was better to triple fines or not, but there had been no fines written to date. Some golf carts pulled over on streets, but Police can't get onto the trails. Conversation continued for a while regarding this, but all agreed to revisit the discussion on these.

- Longanecker: Thanked Sellers and Manuwal for getting the sidewalk repaired.
- Starr: Had someone reach out who was thankful for the crosswalk at Gibson Street and Lincoln Highway. Hoped to see it continue down towards Dollar General.

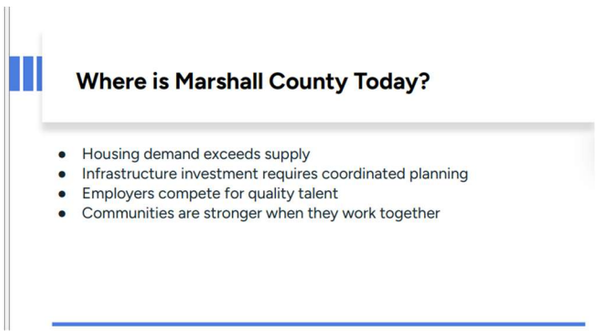
Clerk-Treasurer Gorski stated that the city had received 3 donations: 1 in the amount of $500.00 from JCL Property Maintenance to be used for the Mayor's Summer of Music. 1 in the amount of $200.00 from Art & Lisa Jacobs to be used for the Tractor Show. 1 in the amount of $260,000 from the Estate of James Mikalas for the ambulance service; this was a partial payout of the estate for which the Ambulance Service received ¼ of the estate. Mr. Mikalas does have an outstanding ambulance bill, for which I am seeking permission to use part of this donation to pay the outstanding bill. She asked whether they wished to accept the donations subject to the restricted terms, conditions, and purpose attached to the donations. She stated the donations would be receipted into the respective funds.

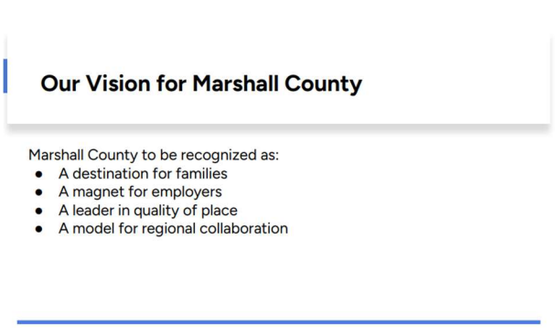
Council members Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to approve the donations and request as presented. The motion carried.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2026-2263, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officials and Employees, Fire and Police Personnel of the City of Plymouth, Indiana for the Year 2027 on first reading.

Gary Neidig and Taylor Wilson, Community Coordinator, of ONE Marshall County presented an update and funding request for ONE Marshall County as seen below:









How Collaboration Creates Results

Communities + Business + Education + Healthcare + Philanthropy → One Marshall County → Planning + Funding + Execution + Measurable Results

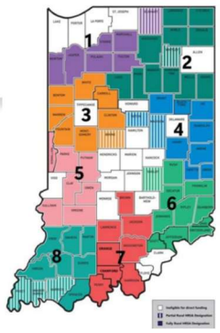
Early Wins

- ✔ Marshall County Community Development Corporation (CDC) Formed
- ✔ Marshall County Municipal Utility Assessment RFQ Developed
- ✔ Arts and Culture Project Proposals Developed
- ✔ IN Rural Health Transformation Program Regional (GROW) Grant Application Submitted
- ✔ Completed 1 Year of Career Center Programming
- ✔ 1 Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Cohort Completed
- ✔ Communications and Community Coordinator Hired

Spotlight: Rural Health
GROW Regional Grants Support

Overview:

- Major state-led rural health investment
- **Region 1: $26 million for next two years**
  - $9-$12.6M per year for Region 1
  - Counties included Newton, Jasper, Pulaski, Starke, Fulton, Marshall, and rural portions of Elkhart
- One cohesive application per Region
- Regions were required to concur on shared priorities, fund allocation, outcomes



Spotlight: Rural Health
GROW Regional Grants Support

Direct Support from One Marshall County and Marshall County Community Foundation

- Facilitated weekly workgroup meetings to assess needs and determine regional priorities:
- Drafted required documents for grant process

Milestones:

- Letter of intent submitted on **May 22**
- Grant application submitted on **July 1**
- Award anticipated in August with funding beginning in **September 2026**

Leveraging Outside Investment

Regional collaboration positions Marshall County to compete for major state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities.

One Marshall County recognizes that investing in Plymouth benefits the county overall, while investing in our broader community benefits each city and town.

Return on Investment

Every local dollar helps:

- Attract grants
- Coordinate projects
- Support workforce initiatives
- Advance housing
- Grow entrepreneurship

2027 Strategic Priorities

- Housing and Infrastructure
- Quality of Life and Quality of Place
- Business Growth and Workforce Development
- Community Ecosystem and Regional Partnerships

Investment Opportunity

- Requested Partnership of **$40,000** investment in FY 2027
- Request to draw down **$40,000** investment allocated in FY 2026
- Supporting collaborative projects, grant leverage, communications, and implementation.

Closing Vision

- Strong communities are built through shared leadership and sustained investment.
- Together, we can build the Marshall County our children and grandchildren deserve.

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Keegan Campbell, Ameri-can Engineering
Matthew Celmer, Marian University, Plymouth Leadership Marshall County
Kevin Danti, Town of Culver
Roger Ecker, Town of La Paz
Keith Fraine, Town of Bremen
Eric Holsopple, St. Joseph Health System
Jeff Houin, Advisory, Legal Counsel
Justine Johnson, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ
Stan Klotz, Marshall County Commissioners
Robert Listenberger, City of Plymouth
Amanda Morris-Feldman, First Federal Savings Bank
Lisa Mullaney, Town of Argos
Gary Neidig, ITAMCO
Jason Nine, Southwire
Marty Oosterbaan, Culver Redevelopment Commission
Shawn Peterson, Community Redevelopment Partners
Jeremy Riffle, Triton School Corporation
Andy Seddelmeyer, Culver Academies
Lisa Slomka, Advisory, Regional Representative-Michiana Area Council of Governments
Chelsea Smith, First Source Bank
Nicholas Witwer, Marshall County Plan Director
Angela Workman, Advisory, Regional Representative-South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership
Linda Yoder, Marshall County Community Foundation/ United Way of Marshall County

Longanecker stated that if we are going to invest $40,000, he would like to see what the other communities were committing to.

Neidig stated they had presented to Bremen so far, and he was not yet sure of the exact amount they would be budgeting, but he believed it was anywhere from $5,000-$10,000. He agreed with Longanecker that Plymouth should not be standing alone on this.

Mayor Listenberger asked if the $40,000 was appropriated.

Gorski agreed and stated that we would just need an invoice to pay it.

Morrow stated that the spotlight on rural health intrigued him, and he saw that as one of Plymouth and Marshall County's biggest challenges as we lose all our services. He stated that he knew Eric Holsopple was on your Board of Directors, but we must get buy-in from Mishawaka. He stated that a lot of the concerns have fallen on deaf ears and asked if there was any strategy that we could bring some of those services back to Plymouth.

Neidig replied that he met with people from Beacon Health, St. Joe, and many of the county commissioners and council members individually. He explained that with each one of them that he talked to, they expressed the same concerns, and he was not willing to throw his hands up and say there's nothing we can do about this. He believed that we had to be creative. He explained there are going to be some opportunities if we bring another outside organization in, and some are probably going to be looking for some kind of incentive to try to bring some of their people. He stated he dealt with Dr. Schumacher, and he had some plans regarding scholarships for physicians just coming out of school, to bring them in and pay for some of their education if they sign up for two to five years. He believed all ideas had merit, and the main thing was that we did not want to become a healthcare desert. He stated that with our rural health spotlight, the federal government pushed out initiatives through the Big Beautiful Bill, and in our case, they're trying to promote more guidance counselors. He stated they would help people to try to walk the path of finding healthcare, while other initiatives were pushing things like transportation because, as people age, they don't always know how to get to their physicians. He stated he would love to have more of a task force, but he couldn't demand that because we don't have the leverage we used to have when Marshall County owned its own hospital.

Morrow asked where this money was coming into the county and asked who the trustee was.

Neidig replied it was a tiered system with the State of Indiana Department of Health having the call on it. He stated there was an advisory or oversight committee for our region who are responsible for watching over it, and then there's a coalition group that meets every week who submitted the application that was going to go to vendors that had signed up. He explained it as having contracts with the State. He believed that St. Joseph Hospital in Marshall County was going to be getting some of the money, and they were responsible for having subrecipients under them. He explained that we were pushing Marshall County Foundation as the dispersing organization because they had the infrastructure, but the state didn't want to do it through the community foundation. Instead, they wished to push it through the large healthcare providers, and they, in turn, are providing it for the next tier. He stated he did not prefer that, as he did not want the money to go through them. He explained that it could change as it was year by year, up to five years, so the money had been allocated, but the people that receive it could change course over those years.

There were no updates for the Comprehensive Plan.

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

- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of July 13, 2026
- June 27, 2026 Check Register
- June 2026 Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports
- July 14, 2026 Technical Review Committee Minutes
- May 20, 2026 Urban Forest and Flower Committee Minutes
- May 12, 2026 Board of Aviation Commissioners Minutes
- June 9, 2026 Board of Aviation Commissioners Minutes
- June 16, 2026 Redevelopment Commission 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 7:24 p.m.

/s/ Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

/s/ Robert Listenberger
Mayor

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