

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 7, 2017 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 2017 at the hour of 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

On the call of the roll the following members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Miller, Homer, Smith, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner.

Absent: Cain and Batchelor.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 24, 2017 were presented. On a motion by Councilman Steve Henderson, 2nd by Councilman Alan Miller, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Smith, Henderson, Johnson, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None. Abstain: Homer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Dave Homer said he's going to try to set a meeting. It looks like Tuesday, the next Council meeting night, on the 21st to talk about the Property Maintenance Ordinance and he'd like to schedule that meeting for 4:15 pm here at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Council President Jim Brunner said, so please note that we'll have that meeting beginning at 4:15 pm two weeks from tonight on the 21st upstairs.

Councilman Brad Luzadder told the Council in their packet, the first meeting, we did send out another copy of the rules for the Council. Make sure you have looked over that because we would like to update some of those names and some of the sentence structures and all of those things to keep us legal. Last he spoke with Mr. Stephenson, he was willing to help us in that direction. So, if there are comments with those, if you will go ahead and send them our way then we will get a meeting scheduled to look over it and see what kind of updating we can do.

Councilman Alan Miller said, they might add to their calendars the Mayor's State of the City Address which will be the 22nd at noon at Ivy Tech. Council President Brunner asked, and that's reservations needed, right? Miller replied, need reservations phoned in to the Chamber, yes. Two weeks from tomorrow, the State of the City Address.

Councilman Homer said, he'd like just to make an announcement for the benefit of the other Council people. He noticed Sandra is here. He asked her if it was okay to tell them about the meeting next Tuesday. Has she told everyone? Sandra Vest told Homer, she doesn't know if she has. She just got a new list today. Homer told her to come up and asked if she wanted to tell them about that meeting that's going to be held next Tuesday. She told the Council the Chronicle didn't get it quite right (inaudible) but it's not us. She's just helping the city have a President's meeting on the 14th at 6:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room for the Presidents of the Neighborhood Associations. Mayor Alumbaugh is going to try to be there to let us know what his plans are for the future since Larry Richardson is retired now. Council President Brunner said, that's next Tuesday..... Mr. Homer stated, next Tuesday the 14th at 6:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Brunner said, please get that in the notes and maybe make sure that we all get a reminder on that.

Councilman Henry Smith said there's something he wants the Council to think about and that is enhancement of property whereabouts, in the past, we have been giving an abatement to business and things like that. He would like them to consider having people to let's say enhance their house. Let's say, if they make an improvement to their house, that we can give them an abatement for something like that because taxes will go up and things of this sort. So, he would just like for them to think about it, put it in committee or just what it is and see if it's workable or feasible for us to do something like that. Council President Jim Brunner asked Mr. Stephenson, what committee would that fall under? Can he help him? Or anyone else? Council attorney Phil Stephenson said, off hand, he can't. He'd probably have to look at the list again. He doesn't even have the list with him tonight. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, we have the Rules (Committee), Code Enforcement, Development, Public Safety, Public Works, Finance and Budget. Stephenson said, he would think Development. Luzadder stated, so that would be under Councilman Batchelor's chair. Brunner asked, who else sits on that committee? Luzadder replied, Councilman Miller and himself. Brunner told Councilman Smith, well, we'll certainly pass that word along to Don and maybe we can get something going on that for him.

Before the meeting adjourned, Council President Jim Brunner said he just would like to say that he appreciates the Councilmen coming out this evening on a rough night but he thinks, what we went through in December, it's good if we all can make a meeting like this then if something would happen with the weather or what have you in later February, we've got a meeting in. So, thank you all for coming out this evening, Brunner stated.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Homer, 2nd by Smith, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:06 p.m.