

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – MAY 16, 2017 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 16th day of May, 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, Cain, Henderson, Johnson and Luzadder.

Absent: Batchelor and Brunner.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 2, 2017 were presented. On a motion by Councilwoman Deb Cain, 2nd by Councilman Steve Henderson, the minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Lynn Johnson reported that the Compliance Committee, chaired by Mr. Steve Henderson, met tonight at 5:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Present were Mr. Dave Homer, Vice-President of the Council Brad Luzadder and Councilman Henry Smith and herself and they welcomed the Chronicle-Tribune. They had approximately two different packets of abatements to review, to prepare for signing and these particular businesses were grouped into two different groups because they had so many and they were running a very thorough examination of each abatement and each packet was approved with three yeas a piece. And they want to extend a very hearty thank you to Kathleen (Kiley, City Clerk) and Debbie (Goodman, Deputy Clerk) for printing and making sure they had enough information because it was really a big, big packet. She thinks they had like 89 or something. And so, she told Mr. Luzadder, she believes they are prepared to have these signed at a future date. She believes they have 45 days before these are signed but they have them approved. They also had a nice discussion about some things that they are looking to into the future in reference to our TIF agreements and TIF districts throughout the city and they're moving forward with all of their compliance information, Johnson stated.

Councilman Dave Homer said they will be having, just as a reminder, an Ordinance Committee meeting on May 23rd at 5:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Councilman Alan Miller told the Council, a week ago tonight, the Development Committee met with representatives of two local industries seeking tax abatement, the first of them being Ozark Materials, which is a new business to our community. It will be housed in the former Bell Fibre building out on South Nebraska. It is a company based in Alabama that manufactures paint for highway striping. They were requesting a nine-year abatement for their start up equipment and it was their (committee) recommendation that the Council approve that. The plant will begin with 15 to 20 new jobs. The second representative they met with was Bahr Brothers, Tim Street from Bahr Brothers, seeking a five-year abatement for a new piece of equipment primarily to create a healthier work environment for the 37 to 40 workers at the Bahr Brothers plant. They are seeking a five-year abatement on the new machinery and it is their recommendation to the Council that that be approved as well, Miller said.

Councilman Steve Henderson said, he just wanted to pass on from the Board of Works meeting, they are in the process of making bylaws. They did not have any bylaws in which to operate under so he has been assigned to their committee to help them and they're going to be looking at the City Council rules and what rules and regulations that they can pass on to them.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2017

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 1-2017 by title only. A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, approving amended statement of benefits of tax deduction for new manufacturing equipment, logistic distribution equipment and information technology equipment and improvements and confirming economic revitalization area for Ozark Materials, LLC at 3112 S. Boots Street, Marion, Indiana. Tim Eckerle, Executive Director of the Grant County Economic Growth Council, told the Council, again, Ozark Materials would like to thank them for their consideration last week and also for permission to have him stand in for Tomy Gamble. He does not have nearly

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the colorful southern drawl that the rest of that team does. They have in front of them the contact information for the three senior leaders of the company. They suggest that they call if they have any questions. He thinks they're probably most interested in, as they may recall Tomy shared that he had 70 interviews scheduled while at Work One last week. They've hired a plant manager, a local gentleman, who will start tomorrow and will complete the hiring of four individuals this week and then they will hire another four by the end of the month, do training of those and then continue the hiring process. Councilman Miller did an excellent job of recounting the project and he will gladly answer any questions they may have, Eckerle said. Miller said, all except he had it on the wrong street. It's on Boots Street, not Nebraska. Eckerle replied, well, the address is on Boots Street. Miller stated, he guessed the back of it..... It's between Boots and Nebraska. Council Vice-President Brad Luzadder said, as Mr. Eckerle pointed out, Tomy apologized for not being able to be here with them. They, as a committee last week, let him know that in no way do they ever feel like he wouldn't be taken care of. Mr. Eckerle stepped in and has done a very good job with continuing to help them move forward. Mr. Miller said he just wanted to make a comment. They learned something, at least he didn't know last week, meeting with them, that in the north, roads are striped with paint. In the south, they are actually striped with extruded plastic which lasts longer but they can't use that in the north because it gets nicked and torn off by snowplows. He'd never realized we had a geographic difference in road striping materials. Eckerle added, another fun fact is it's 24 gallons per mile per stripe. So that's a lot of paint that does that, Eckerle said. Being no questions or further comments from the Council, motion was made by Miller to approve Resolution No. 1-2017. Motion was seconded by Homer and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson and Luzadder. Nay: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2017

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 5-2017 by title only. A Resolution of the City Council of Marion, Indiana approving statement of benefits and confirming declaration of an economic revitalization area for Bahr Brothers Manufacturing, Inc. at 2545 Lincoln Boulevard, Marion, Indiana. Tim Eckerle, Executive Director of the Grant County Economic Growth Council, told the Council with him tonight is Tim Street, President of Bahr Brothers. They may recall, last year, Tim was in front of them as he sought to improve the quality of his workplace by introducing some technology to make the job a little more easier on the individual operator. He's doing another one tonight where he's adding a new piece of equipment called a shakeout. They would gladly answer any questions they may have. Again, Councilman Miller did a wonderful job recounting the project. Councilman Alan Miller told Mr. Street he would do a better job than he did in telling people what it does at the plant. Mr. Street told the Council, what it does, this particular piece of equipment will improve their air quality. By June of 2018, their standard has been cut by particulate matter as it related to silica sand in the air by 75%. That's what they do all of their molding with so it's a huge number for them to get to so they're starting now, doing testing. This will be a big part of it, getting them under that number. Councilman Steve Henderson said he would just like to thank Bahr Brothers for all the service they have done for the city and they appreciate them only doing the five year abatement on that which helps us out also for the future. Being no questions or other comments from the Council, motion was made by Councilman Dave Homer, 2nd by Councilman Henry Smith to pass Resolution No. 5-2017 and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson and Luzadder. Nay: None.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2017 1ST READING

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 1-2017 by title only. An Ordinance to vacate a public way in the City of Marion, Indiana for General Cable Industries, Inc. Tim Eckerle, Executive Director of the Grant County Economic Growth Council, told the Council he appreciates the opportunity to talk to the Council as they move forward with General Cable. Many of them may recall that that site has been long used in manufacturing. They recently acquired the former Marshall's Tavern and Clique Photography building. A number of years ago, he thinks in the early '70s, General Cable vacated the alleys and streets inside their property. There's an alleyway on the former Eric Marshall property that remained so what they're doing tonight is actually clean up the project by vacating that alley. It's never really been used other than an entry point for Eric, Eckerle said. Council Vice-President Brad Luzadder asked if there were any questions for Mr. Eckerle. Each member of the Council, he believes, has a draft of the alley in which is in question.

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It's really only been used, again, by Mr. Marshall. Councilman Alan Miller asked, what's it run, east-west? Eckerle said, it runs north-south. It runs along the railroad tracks. It's, in essence, the space between the building and the railroad tracks. Miller commented, it doesn't even look like an alley. Eckerle told Miller, no, it does not, nor does it perform a function of an alley. But it is an alley. Miller commented, he couldn't envision whether it was an alley. He guessed there isn't one. Councilman Henry Smith asked, is there a street between the building, let's say the northern part of the building on the east side of the street through that vacant lot where you usually turn to go in to the Street Department? Mr. Eckerle asked Smith, is he talking about what was adjacent to Eric Marshall's? Smith said, it's on the east side of Shunk Street? Eckerle stated, the Armory Alley. It is an alley. It's an alley. It does not look like an alley but it is an alley. It became very difficult when they were doing this project because of the number of vacated streets and alleyways in there so they start referring to this alley they are requesting for tonight as the Marshall Alley and that alley that he (Smith) was referring to is the Armory Alley. Smith replied, oh, okay. So that's part of this project? Mr. Eckerle answered, no, that's not part of this project. The request in front of them tonight deals solely with the alley referred to as the Marshall Alley. Council Vice-President Brad Luzadder asked the Council if anyone else had any questions for Mr. Eckerle or the representatives from General Cable. Being no response from the Council, Luzadder then said he would entertain a motion. Councilman Miller said he can't really think of a logical reason why they would want to send this on to 2nd reading and public hearing. He started to make a motion to suspend the rules but Council Attorney Phil Stephenson interrupted and told Miller they have to have a public hearing. They can't suspend those rules. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said they have to notify the utilities. Miller said, oh, they haven't been notified? Mrs. Kiley told him, no, not yet. Stephenson told the Council, statutorily, they cannot go ahead until after there has been a public hearing. Miller stated, oh, okay. He was going to ask the question whether everybody had been notified or not. Mr. Eckerle said, General Cable is in deep conversation with all the utilities. Motion was then made by Miller to pass General Ordinance No. 4-2017 on 1st reading and send it on to 2nd reading and public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Homer and carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson and Luzadder. Nay: None.

Councilman Dave Homer told the Council, one announcement for the benefit of the Council, SOS, Save our Stories, is having, May is the traditional National Historic Preservation Month all over the United States so their celebration for SOS is on May 25th at God's House Church from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and they're all invited. They'd appreciate so much if they could be in attendance. They will announce seven, the Spotlight our Seven which are seven buildings or structures that they think need immediate attention. They'll also be giving three awards for Excellence in Preservation so they're excited about that. Then he thinks most of them may have seen in the paper, if not, the Marion National Bank or Regions Bank Building was listed by the state under Indiana landmarks as one of the 10 most endangered structures in the State of Indiana for the year 2017. Where that may sound like a negative, actually he thinks they've done us somewhat of a favor. He thinks that's a benefit to us. He thinks we'll reap some benefits from not only that announcement but he remains very optimistic that, and he thinks the Mayor has been, he's not here now but he thinks they remain optimistic that we'll find somebody to either purchase that building, take it over and be able to do something with that and keep that as a cornerstone for the downtown. So, they're excited about that and they'll continue to work hard to make that happen. He just wanted to make that announcement, Homer said.

Council Vice-President Brad Luzadder stated, also, this week, starting on Thursday, CSA has asked that he announce that Willy Wonka will be happening. This Thursday, there are going to be 1,800 students from all across Grant County that are going to be able to come and see the program and that'll be on Thursday. It's open to the general public on Friday and Saturday, both of those performances are at 7:00 pm and then also on Sunday, the 21st, it will begin at 2:00 pm for a matinee and before those shows though, the Face Place group, the special needs choirs, will be singing candy songs and dancing in the lobby. That is free of charge and if they'd like to come and see them, that will begin at 6:30 pm prior to. Tickets are available through CSA or you can actually order them online. At the door, they are \$2.00 more but he guarantees them, he watched it the other night and it's simply an amazing program. Kids all the way from the age of five all the way up through high school, we have an amazing arts program happening in our downtown area.

So, you have that opportunity at the F. Ritchie Walton Auditorium this weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon, Luzadder said.

Before the meeting adjourned, Councilman Alan Miller asked if anybody had any conversation with Don Batchelor to know if his surgery went as expected. Mr. Luzadder told Miller, it is his understanding that it went well and he's in Ft. Wayne at this point in time.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Homer, 2nd by Smith, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:22 p.m.