

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – JUNE 6, 2017 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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, Batchelor, Luzadder and Brunner.

Absent: None.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 16, 2017 were presented. On a motion by Homer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson and Luzadder. Nay: None. Abstain: Batchelor and Brunner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Lynn Johnson reported that the Compliance Committee met tonight at 5:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall. The committee members present were herself, Chair Henderson and Councilman Dave Homer. Others present were President Jim Brunner, Deborah Cain, the Chronicle-Tribune, Don Batchelor and Henry Smith and the substance of their meeting was to review the abatements for 10 different filers. They just received these filings because they were originally sent to, seven of the 10 were sent to the county and then had to be diverted back to them. So, they reviewed whether these abatements were to take place or whether they were not. They approved for moving on to the state all 10 and they accepted them, however, they have three different entities that they're going to recommend they be receiving letters from us. In addition to their meeting that they discussed abatements, they also discussed the review of a new possibility for a TIF Ordinance, to write maybe a possible code for TIF Districts and how they will do our TIF financing in the future. They are going to review different TIF options and check to see what options they think might fit best suit our city and everyone is getting a copy of that tonight to meet again June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to go over those options. And they adjourned at 6:50 pm, Johnson said.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2017 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 4-2017 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 with him tonight, again, Jim Laguire of General Cable and George Condes. As they discussed last time, this is a matter of housekeeping as they complete the vacation of the alley that's adjacent to the former Marshall's Tavern. He will gladly answer any questions they may have and this is a public hearing. Being no questions from the Council of Mr. Eckerle, Council President Jim Brunner said this is a public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience would care to address or talk on this issue at this time. There was no response from the audience. Motion was made by Councilman Alan Miller to suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 4-2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Don Batchelor and the motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None. Motion was then made by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Batchelor to approve General Ordinance No. 4-2017 and the motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2017

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 6-2017 by title only. A Resolution transferring dormant funds to the General Fund. Julie Flores, City Controller, told the Council this fund is dormant right now. This was a COPS Grant fund. Where it was reimbursable, they paid the policemen, submitted the paperwork, they would give us back a portion of that. These are funds that never got transferred back to the General Fund. They actually gave us too much money back. Well she doesn't want to say too much money. They gave us a portion of health insurance, a portion of the PERF and a portion of the dental insurance, all those little things and these funds have been sitting there for a number of years, even before Lynda (Faw, Deputy Controller) got here so they've been dormant for quite some time. So, State Board of Accounts,

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while they were here auditing, suggested that we move these funds to the General Fund so that is what she is asking to be done tonight, Flores said. Councilman Dave Homer asked, that is the \$54,150 amount that's on here and Flores told him, she believes so, yes. Council President Jim Brunner asked, how far back does this go? Flores answered, Lynda said it was before she got here and Lynda's been here 10 years, she believes, about that length of time. Being no further questions from the Council, motion was made by Batchelor to approve Resolution No. 6-2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brad Luzadder and the motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Miller, Homer, Smith, Cain, Henderson, Johnson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Brunner. Nay: None.

Council President Jim Brunner told the Council, at this time, the Mayor of the City of Marion, Mr. Alumbaugh, has asked to address the Council. Mayor Jess Alumbaugh told the Council, they do have a first draft, rough draft, of the Umbaugh long term financial plan for the City of Marion moving forward that they want to share with each of the Council members here this evening. Again, remember, this is a rough draft, a first draft, it's a work in progress. They will likely tweak some things but they want them to be a part of that process. They are the fiduciary body. Out of respect for their positions, they wanted to make sure they were the first ones to receive this. They just got this this afternoon. They haven't even had a chance to really go over it. They dealt with Paige from Umbaugh for a while today, got her thoughts on it and she's asked us to read it (inaudible) so they'll take these and begin to digest the information. They hope that they'll do that. If they have questions before the next Council meeting, they can get with himself and Julie (Flores, City Controller). They'd be glad to discuss anything they want to talk about with it. But this is a road map towards our future, they feel like, to get us healthier and ready for the future of Marion moving forward. He would ask that, at some time, Umbaugh will be here. Might be in two weeks but at some time, especially when the final draft is done, they will be here to talk more intimately with them about how we arrived at this final solution. They're going to have input in that as Council members. So, again, this is just for them tonight. They will share it with the members of the media. They were just handed that, they have three members of the media here. They will also have that. A chance for everybody to start to figure out where we want to go and how we're going to get there and he asks that they not discuss it tonight because they just received this and he used to notice in the past that sometimes they got things the same day of their meetings and were expected to talk about it. He wants them to have time to do their investigation, read it and then form your questions and thoughts and then we can discuss it later. And again, if they have questions before the next Council meeting, they'd be glad to do that. Get a hold of them, they can have discussions, and also, if they want it on the agenda as a topic, they're willing to work with them on that too. But this is, again, the first and rough draft that they are going to begin working on, alongside of them, the City Council. Any questions of him, Alumbaugh asked. There were no questions from the Council. Alumbaugh told the Council, we appreciate your patience on this and hope they'll do their due diligence, help them figure out how we can best move Marion forward financially towards a brighter future. Thank you for your time, Alumbaugh said.

Councilman Alan Miller said, he guessed during Committee Reports, they probably should have mentioned that the Development Committee is meeting on Thursday night this week at 5:00 pm to hear a tax abatement request from JG Bowers for new equipment that will create an additional 15 jobs in the community. So, that is 5:00 pm, Thursday, Development Committee here at City Hall.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Homer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Batchelor, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:17 p.m.