

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE, INDIANA 47305

OCTOBER 18, 2017

CONTINUED MEETING FROM OCTOBER 2, 2017: 5:30 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council President Doug Marshall.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Alison Quirk	X	
Nora Powell	X	
Brad Polk	X	
Julius Anderson	X	
Jerry Dishman	X	
Doug Marshall	X	
Lynn Peters	X	
Dan Ridenour	X	
Linda Gregory	X	

ORD. 42-17 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2018 (MUNCIE CIVIL CITY BUDGET).

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt.

Powell reads off the recommended amendments to this ordinance in which the Finance Committee came up with after the budget meetings with department heads. All raises are stricken from the budget. In addition to those raises and all the associated costs that go with those raises, they will also be making the following recommendations for reductions:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>New Total</u>
Controller	101-04-421011 Office Supplies	\$112	\$35,000
	101-04-435021 Natural Gas	\$480	\$720
Clerk	101-05-411146 Part-time	\$5,000	\$5,000
	101-05-411060 Overtime	\$200	\$800
	101-05-435021 Natural Gas	\$400	\$600
Court	101-08-435021 Natural Gas	\$240	\$360
Mayor's Office	101-01-439015 Promotion of Business	\$1	\$3,000
	101-01-435021 Natural Gas	\$542	\$814
Board of Works	101-19-439011 Refunds & Awards	\$20,000	\$5,000
	101-19-439071 Other Services & Charges	\$100	\$175,000
	101-19-439075 Interest	\$2,500	\$25,000
	101-19-439083 City Election Expenses	\$80,000	\$0
	101-19-435021 Natural Gas	\$4,800	\$7,200

Personnel	101-13-432011	Postage	\$100	\$500
	101-13-435021	Natural Gas	\$240	\$360
Building Commissioner	101-10-411046	Part-Time	\$15,816	\$34,184
	101-10-411099	Property Preservation Foreman	\$30,000	\$0
	101-10-422021	Gasoline	\$1,000	\$10,000
	101-10-434011	Other Insurance	\$1,019	\$20,380
	101-10-439196	Securing Properties	\$5,000	\$25,000
	101-10-444194	Mowing Equipment	\$2,500	\$10,000
	101-10-435021	Natural Gas	\$380	\$570
Civil Rights	101-19-439071	Other Services & Charges	\$1,000	\$0
	101-18-435021	Natural Gas	\$220	\$330
Muncie Fire Department	101-21-411124	Firefighters	\$927,500	\$1,258,432
	101-21-411160	Overtime	\$20,000	\$105,000
	101-21-413025	Health Insurance	\$56,181	\$2,781,692
	101-21-422021	Gas & Oil	\$10,000	\$80,000
	101-21-422111	Training	\$5,000	\$20,000
	101-21-422125	Laundry	\$1,000	\$7,000
	101-21-432011	Postage	\$1,500	\$500
	101-21-434011	Other Insurance	\$10,500	\$210,000
	101-21-439071	Other Services & Charges	\$5,000	\$10,000
	101-21-444026	Improvements	\$10,000	\$80,000
	101-21-444011	Furniture	\$5,000	\$10,000
	101-21-444060	Fire & Safety Equipment	\$100,000	\$20,000
	101-21-435021	Natural Gas	\$14,000	\$21,000
Muncie Police Department	101-20-422021	Gas & Oil	\$15,000	\$260,000
	101-20-435021	Natural Gas	\$10,000	\$15,000
Animal Control	101-15-422021	Gas & Oil	\$1,000	\$12,000
Parks Department	201-27-411058	Programs for Recreation	\$8	\$110,000
	201-27-422021	Gas & Oil	\$14	\$45,000
	201-27-422173	Other Supplies	\$5	\$12,000
	201-27-436011	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,005	\$141,000
	201-27-439071	Other Services & Charges	\$112	\$38,000
	201-27-444071	Capital Equipment	\$10,000	\$30,000
	201-27-435021	Natural Gas	\$8,000	\$12,000
Beech Grove Cemetery	215-31-421011	Office Supplies	\$100	\$700
	215-31-422021	Gas & Oil	\$1,500	\$15,000
	215-31-435021	Natural Gas	\$2,016	\$3,024
Prairie Creek Reservoir	203-29-422021	Gas & Oil	\$7	\$40,000
	203-29-436011	Rental Equipment	\$7	\$20,000
	203-29-439071	Other Services & Charges	\$112	\$15,000
	203-29-421011	Office Supplies	\$4	\$10,000
Street Department	220-35-435021	Natural Gas	\$4,800	\$7,200
Total Reductions:			\$2,228,458	

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Peters to Amend to reflect the recommendations from the Finance Committee.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Gregory to Adopt as Amended. Questions called.

Sherry Smith, 1717 E. Dudley Avenue, Muncie, questions if the council just reduced the amount of gasoline to be used for the Muncie City Police and Fire Departments. Powell informs her that yes, that recommendation was made to reduce those line items by a certain percentage. Smith asks why. Powell states when looking at the budget from last year and the budget as purposed this year, those were increases over last year. they did not actually exhaust those line items so those were places they felt comfortable to cut. Smith asks if it would be more intelligent to give the police and fire departments their gas since they are out on the streets patrolling. If their gas is cut then that would mean less patrols and less time in response. Powell understands and states that during the middle of the year if Chief Bell or Chief Winkle decided they needed more money for gas, they are more than welcome to come back in front of council to ask for some more money. That is the occasion of an additional appropriation ordinance. Smith states that during the hurricane, the gas prices have fluctuated adding thirty to forty cents per gallon. Powell understands and thinks Smith is making a very good point but what the Finance Committee did was look at the trend as far as what was purposed this year but actually spent last year and the year before and found areas where they could have leeway and made some responsible cuts. Smith does not see it as responsible because this city is in big trouble. We need our police and fire out there responding. There are things occurring on the south end of town that is ridiculous. According to Smith, the area gets zero police patrols. There are drug addicts and drug houses. She refers to her neighbors as idiots that deal drugs. Powell asks if she has called the police department. Smith informs her yes and that the entire neighborhood has called and get no response. President Marshall informs Smith to leave her information with the Clerk's office then they will make sure someone from the police department will contact her. Powell appreciates her input and welcomes Chief Bell and Chief Winkle to at any time come back to ask an additional appropriation. Quirk explains that one of the roles they are trying to accomplish this evening is they have to purpose a budget that will be approved by the state so trying to balance it today and as Powell mentioned, if they that they need additional resources for gas and oil throughout the year, they can make additional appropriations.

Kevin Nemyer, City Controller, points out that a cut does not mean they are going to be given less gas next year than they had this year. that just means it is cut to what is purposed for next year. In actuality they might have far more money for gas next year.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Polk to Adjourn the October 2, 2017 and October 18, 2017 meeting. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED

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SPECIAL MEETING: 6:15 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council President Doug Marshall.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Alison Quirk	X	
Nora Powell	X	
Brad Polk	X	
Julius Anderson	X	
Jerry Dishman	X	
Doug Marshall	X	
Lynn Peters	X	
Dan Ridenour	X	
Linda Gregory	X	

ORD. 46-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt.

Kevin Nemyer, City Controller, states that these salary ordinances do reflect a 3% raise but the Council has decided for that to be stricken. All the ordinances have to be approved and passed by November 1, 2017. What can occur is the passing of these salaries as is, so the council has had fulfilled their commitment. At the November regular meeting, an amended salary can be introduced that would reflect the correct rates.

Joe Hunter, City Council Attorney, states in the past there has been differences between the salary ordinances and the budget. The prevailing thought was that the budget controls because obviously that is the money that is appropriated there. He, himself, is more comfortable if they match with the salary ordinances. The question came up tonight because if the budget does not get passed, by statute, it will reverse to last year's budget. Hunters recollection is that is not in the salary ordinance statue so he suggests that the council pass these, as they are, tonight and amend them later. Salary ordinances in general within the last year have gotten amended almost monthly. It historically is not a problem if those get amended. That can be done in November, possibly December and passed in January. The money that is appropriated for those positions is going to be different than what is reflected in the salary ordinances but that is easily cured once the figures have been prepared. Hunter again suggest to pass them as they are and blanket amend them all by at least January of 2018.

Gregory states that three of the ordinances 50-17, 51-17 and 52-17 all state “fixes the maximum salary” and it seems to her that those would not need to be changed and they could be paid up to that amount.

Quirk agrees with Attorney Hunter in it being better when they are consistent. Hunter actually prefers it as well because even though they can do department transfers, because it has arisen in his mind in the past about whether or not that has happened. Certain individuals had been singled out and got what the maximum was because at one-time department transfers were done without the Council’s knowledge. It is his preference, in order to alleviate that question, that the salary ordinances match what is budgeted.

Powell comments that they actually had that same situation with the Council salary ordinance last year and they made the amendment to bring it back down to the level that was reflected in the budget because of that very reason. Also, to develop the appearance that they were not going to try to get a raise at a later time. She agrees also that the salary ordinances and budget should match so that there are no questions as to whether or not they will be moving money around.

Hunter states it is a security blanket to give the public the knowledge that what was appropriated for the position is the salary that it is going to be given to the employee. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 47-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 48-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY JUDGE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt. Polk points out a correction to the year of the first pay period, it should read January 5, 2018. This error is on ordinance 47-17 as well. Marshall indicates when they make the amendments to reflect the correct figures, they will address that as well. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 49-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt. Sherry Smith, 1717 E. Dudley Avenue, Muncie, asks for the impeachment or resignation of Mayor Tyler due to his incompetence. Marshall lets her know that has nothing to do with this ordinance that is being discussed. Smith understands but it still pertains to him getting paid. Marshall asks her that if she has anything pertaining to this ordinance about the mayor’s fixed salary, he will let her speak. If not, she will have to sit down. Smith states it does pertain to this ordinance. She thinks his salary should not be fixed, it should be lowered. Marshall states that is duly noted and thanks her for her comment. Gregory informs that by state statute, they cannot lower the salary of an elected official from one year to the next. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 50-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY APPOINTED OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, INCLUDED HEREIN FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt. Questions called.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 51-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE MUNCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Questions called.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

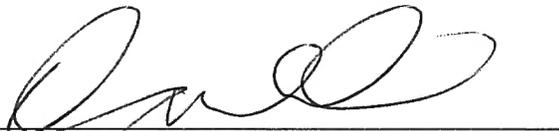
ORD. 52-17 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE MUNCIE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Questions called.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Polk and seconded by Powell to Adjourn the meeting from October 2, 2017 and October 18, 2017. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.



Doug Marshall, President of
The Muncie Common Council



Melissa Peckinpaugh, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council