

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE INDIANA

JULY 6, 2015

REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilperson Julius J. Anderson.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Harvester Pryor from the Paramount Community Gospel Church.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: The Citizenship Award is presented by Councilperson Julius J. Anderson. Councilperson Anderson states an Animal Control Officer showed some heroic policy. On the evening of Wednesday, June 24th the City of Muncie Olivia Garringer received a call regarding two dogs running on a busy street. She found the dogs running on the bridge. After a small chase both dogs leaped off the bridge 40 feet into the water. Olivia didn't hesitate and jumped in and saved both dogs. Olivia is now employed and continues to go above and beyond her duties. Even during the past harsh winter, it was not uncommon for her to stay at the shelter at night to make the animals were safe from the cold frigid temperatures. Olivia has been employed since 2012. Councilperson Anderson presents Olivia with a plaque to Olivia. Animal Control Director Phil Peckinpaugh states they have been able to accomplish a while lot in the past 3 ½ years at the shelter. Without employees like Olivia who make him look good, he is the one that everyone reads a lot about in the newspaper but honestly it's the employees doing the everyday work, chasing dogs and finding homes for the dogs. It's nice to see Olivia take this award not only as a representative of herself but a representative of all the staff you don't hear about very much. This award is very well deserved.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Alison Quirk	X	
Nora Powell	X	
Jerry D. Dishman	X	
Mary Jo Barton	X	
Julius J. Anderson	X	
Doug Marshall	X	
Linda Gregory	X	
Mark Conatser		X
Brad Polk		X

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Marshall and seconded by Powell to approve minutes from June 1, 2015. A roll call vote showed 6 yeas and 1 abstain (Barton) MINUTES APPROVED.

NEW ORDINANCES:

ORD. 13-15 AN ORDINANCE FOR CONVERSION OF CERTAIN STREETS TO TWO-WAY TRAVEL IN MUNCIE, INDIANA.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Introduce. Barton states this ordinance and the next two should go to the Land and Traffic. Phil Tevis flatland resources states these are just for introduction and there are some due diligence they have to do as a community beforehand. They have to do the traffic committee but have to desire to get these introduced. Tevis states there is a possibility there may be a traffic study required but that is dependent upon the committee. Quirk states even though they haven't had the public hearing yet they have had some public comment. Tevis states that is correct. Gregory asks on Charles, Adams and Washington, which of the four way stops are new ones. Tevis states on Charles, Proud, Mound and Gharkey are adding four-ways. Liberty is a conversion from a light to a four-way stop. Monroe is also. Vine is a three-way and it's a conversion. Tevis states on Adams it will be Mound, Gharkey and Council. Council may already be a four-way. Liberty is a light that is being converted to a four-way. Franklin is also a light being converted to four-way. Walnut is currently two and is being converted to a four-way. Mulberry there is currently a light with no change and also Jefferson. Monroe, Vine, Pershing and Hackley are four-way or three ways. If you look on the map anything labeled with a red dot is a stop and if you want to know if it is two three or four-way it shows with the crosses. The map will show you where the stops are being introduced.

Gregory asks, "What is the intent for making all these streets four-way stops?" Gregory asks, "Why would anyone want to come downtown?" Tevis states traffic engineering is designed to move cars at a certain speed and their streets and community is designed to move travel and cars. To move them are Jackson, Main, Mulberry and High are the main thoroughfares. When you find a way to change how you move cars through neighborhoods they become neighborhoods and not car roads. The purpose of this is to build neighborhoods and not move cars. It is still moving cars but it is to make the neighborhood be a pedestrian friendly environment. Barton states personally it's much better because you just stop and go and you don't have to wait. Tevis states he knows it's a big inconvenience but this was four-way flashing stops during construction. If you think about that in a neighborhood it makes the neighborhood safer. Gregory states it also increases gas usage. Tevis states that is not exactly the truth. Attorney Joseph Hunter states they will have to do some amendments to this ordinance. The regulation of one-way streets and where stop signs are located are regulated by traffic schedules. They will have to essentially amend those traffic signals and change this ordinance from what the current existing and being changed. A vote by acclamation showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 14-15 AN ORDINANCE FOR CONVERSION OF PORTIONS OF WALNUT STREET TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN MUNCIE, INDIANA.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Anderson to Introduce. A vote by acclamation showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 15-15 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING PARKING STANDARDS FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN THE CB CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Introduce. From Flatland Resources Phil Tevis states this ordinance has to go to the Planning Commission so this is strictly for introduction. It will then come back to the council with a recommendation in September. Gregory asks what the outlines in the Central Business District are. Tevis states it is defined as Wysor, Madison and Liberty railroad tracks. Tevis states the railroad tracks are the South, Wysor is the North, Madison is the East and Liberty is the West. Gregory asks about Canopic Apartments where they have on-street parking. Tevis states it goes in the favor of those places. The ordinance currently states you have to provide two parking spaces per unit and there have been exceptions made and it has been cleaned up to where there is one parking space per unit. Gregory asks if this will grandfather anything. Tevis states yes and that will come up in the discussion with the zoning side. Gregory asks Attorney Joe Hunter if they can pass ordinances that disallow grandfathering. Hunter states no. Hunter states you can but it would be subject to challenge. A vote by acclamation showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 14-15 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CREATION OF A MULTI-COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A MOUNDS LAKE RESERVOIR.

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

Spokesperson for the League of Women Voters Bea Sousa 1809 Duane Road thanks the council for proposing this resolution and asks the council to pass it unanimously sending a solid message of opposition along with 10 out of 10 members of the Delaware County Council and the Board of Commissioners. This was never designed for the benefit of our county. They will be at the shallow muddy end where all the dredging in the world will not create a lovely body of water. Over the past months it has been increasingly clear that three major issues are the hard science of what happens when a free flowing river subject to huge amounts of agricultural run off is dammed over less than ideal gravel and cave riddled limestone in the middle of a city. How Mounds dam will be paid for with no water customer in sight especially after the recent announcement by citizens' energy that it is filling a quarry near Fishers for 1/20th of what it would conservatively cost to build the Mounds Lake dam. The formation of a commission with power to issue bonds but no direct citizen oversight not to mention the large number of Delaware County citizens who will not be represented by anyone on this commission. When it became obvious that the Delaware County elected officials had done their homework and were going to vote no on the original agreement the agreement was changed by the Anderson CED allowing the commission to move forward without county participation.

The League of Women Voters encourages active citizen participation in Government. In addition to supporting this resolution they would like to issue a call to action to all citizens of Muncie. Everyone knows people in Daleville, Chesterfield and Yorktown. We all need to reach out to them and ask them to contact their local officials to vote no because they cannot stop it at this point. Ask those officials if they have studied the science of this ideal. Ask them who will

be the \$1.5 billion dollars in bonds with no water customer in sight. Each of them can do something now or ten years or more years from now they could be fighting this in court or testifying before the agencies that must approve the construction permits and they can't count on them to listen. Sousa thanks the council for listening. Marshall asks how much legal bearing do they have on this or is this just an admission statement. Hunter states basically yes. Question called. A roll call vote show showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

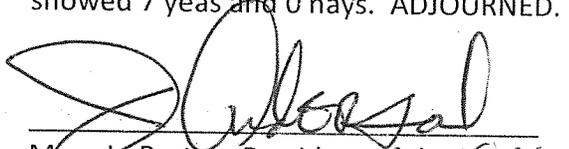
RES. 15-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AN EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND CORRESPONDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

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

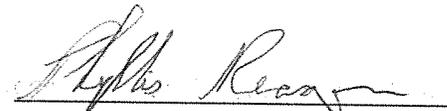
Attorney Joseph Hunter states this resolution was not submitted to him until after filing deadline so the rules regarding the filing deadline to consider this. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Suspend the Rules to consider. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas. MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt.

Attorney Joseph Hunter states this is a grant application that he was asked to do the application which is done every year. Question called. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTION.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adjourn. A vote by acclamation showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.



Mary Jo Barton, President of the VICE
Muncie Common Council



Phyllis Reagon, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council