

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE INDIANA

JUNE 22, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilperson Nora Powell

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Review of Compliance of Tax Abatements

City Council Attorney Joseph P. Hunter states this is the first step, which would ultimately be a three-step process. After reviewing the CF-1's that were filed this year he has two to present to the Council's attention. Hunter has given the council a handout on what the breakdown of where they are on their statement of benefits form where they are now and He has also given the council a copy of whatever motions need to be made one way or another.

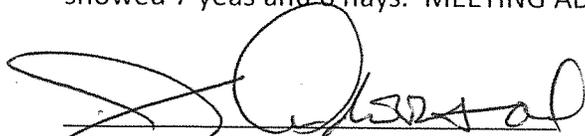
Hunter states Reliance Machine on their statement of benefits at the time they received their abatement had 67 employees and committed to add 15 jobs, which is a total of 82. They are down significantly than what they were last year. Hunter tried to contact them but couldn't get ahold of anyone to make sure this isn't some type of mistake. They are down 36 from what they were last year. Last year they were 89 employees. Marshall asks if this company has been in before. Hunter states they were called in about two or three years ago. Gregory asks if this is their 4th year on their abatement. Hunter states yes and the last year is next year. Marshall asks Hunter to clarify the address of the company. Hunter states it's down on south Walnut Street. A motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Powell that Reliance Machine is not in substantial compliance with the representations made on the Statement of Benefits. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. MOTION CARRIED.

Hunter states Allied have been called in two years in a roll and they are exactly the same place they were last year. Gregory states they are auto related. It was stated yes. Gregory asks if this is their 5th year. Hunter states they have one more year left. Hunter states they were called in last year and they have the same number. The year before they were down more employees. Hunter states he is just keeping track on his review from last year and the one this year there has been no change. They put a foot note at the bottom of their CF-1 that says there hasn't been any change for the same reasons as last year. Hunter leaves it up to council whether to bring in Allied. Marshall states the representative from Allied pulled no punches and pretty much said there is a recession and there is nothing he can do. Hunter states the review in his statement is they work with European and Asian markets and it is affected with the markets over there. Hunter states he has one more year left. Anderson states speaking in general what they could do if they are trying all they can. Hunter states it's the council's discretion. They could rescind the abatement or do nothing at all. Dishman states the purpose of tax abatement is job creation. They should start looking at some of the things they reward to these companies that don't follow through. Marshall asks how long the abatement is. Hunter states 2016 is the last year for the abatement. A motion was made by Polk and seconded by Gregory that Allied is not in substantial compliance with the representations made on the Statement of Benefits. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 0 nays. MOTION CARRIED.

Hunter states he will set it up and have both companies come in and explain where they are at to the council.

Hunter states next year the Residential Real Estate Abatement ordinance expires and if the council wants him to draft another ordinance to extend it. Hunter states it expires at the end of 2016. Quirk states she would like to see it keep going but it would have to have some changes made at the state level. Gregory asks Hunter how many tax abatements are still outstanding. She understands they are either at their goal or within a few employees. Hunter states Real Estate Abatements were Tomken Plastics, Rector Real Estate, DAC, which is the shell building, Chavez Real Estate on Granville, Padgett Brothers LLC., which are Small Engine Warehouse and Townsend. Personal property abatements they have Allied, All Steel Carports, Reliance Machine, Tomken Plastics, Delaware Dynamics, Phillips Pattern and Keihin. There were 13 filed last year but two companies didn't file their statement of benefits which are Townsend and the Muncie Music Center.

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


Mary Jo Barton, President- VICE
Of the Muncie Common Council


Phyllis Reagon, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council