

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE INDIANA

MAY 2, 2016

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilperson Doug Marshall.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Nick Sloan from Community Church.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: Given by Councilperson Brad Polk to Mr. Tom Jarvis. Councilperson Polk states for the past 33 years he has lived his dream. Jarvis has served as a Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal and Principal in the Muncie Community Schools. He is a Muncie Northside graduate and has spent countless hours giving to the Muncie Community Schools and to the City of Muncie as well. This year marks his last year in a career as a Muncie Community School employee. He started his career in August of 1978 at Forrest Park and later at Longfellow Elementary School as a teacher and coach. Jarvis left for a brief period and then returned as a teacher at Northside High School in 1989 and in 1993 became Assistant Principal at Garfield Elementary and then moved on to become Principal at Southview Elementary in 1997. Jarvis was later the Principal at Riley Alternative School in 2000. In 2002, Jarvis came to Central High School as Athletic Director for ten years where he spent the next ten years and then became Principal in the fall of 2011. During this time Central went from an F school to an A school. Getting full accreditation and being cited for six best practices by Advanced ED. Jarvis implemented and headed the eight step process and lead a successful merger of the two high schools in Muncie. Jarvis stated that none of this would have happened without the Teachers, Staff and Students of Muncie Central High School. Jarvis does not take credit but gives credit for success to the people he leads, which makes him a great leader. Mr. Jarvis as spent countless hours working hard for his faculty and staff to make it a great place to work. He has been known to work several 80 hour weeks and usually averages 70 to 80 hours per week working for the students of Muncie Central. Jarvis chose Education because a lot of teachers had a great impact on his life as a teenager. They helped him realize that relationship with students can make a difference in their life and into the future. Polk, as a Muncie Central Alumni and having a son graduate from Muncie Central last year and a daughter currently at Central, appreciate the nurturing and leadership that Mr. Jarvis has provided to Muncie Central and the residents of Muncie. Jarvis in an article in the Muncie Journal as giving his students advice in saying he wants to encourage the students at Muncie Central to reach for their dreams, work hard every day and enjoy every minute of it. Jarvis advises the students not to leave anything to regret in which they would have done things differently. Jarvis advises to make good choices, decisions and make them proud every day. They are excited but also sad to see Mr. Jarvis leave but he will have time to enjoy time with his wife and family and relax. They will miss seeing him at different activities at school. Councilperson Brad Polk makes

presentation to Mr. Tom Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis thanks everyone for the award. He states he does what he does because he loves it. It has been a humbling experience and thanks his wife for 40 years of marriage this December. Jarvis thanks his wife for her support. He wouldn't be able to do what he does without the students, staff and the citizens of Muncie.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Powell to approve minutes from April 4, 2016 at presented. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Nora Powell states that Mayor Tyler asks her to read a proclamation this evening. Councilperson Powell invites Mr. Finnegan up to accept Proclamation. The Proclamation reads as follows: Whereas the freedom and security the citizens of United States enjoy today are a direct result of bloodshed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of their great nation. Whereas, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Air Forces and family members that support them have reserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it their unique community. WHEREAS, May has been nationally proclaimed as honor and remember" for all their fallen military of all generations and all causes of death and service branches. Honorable Mayor Dennis Tyler do hereby proclaim May 1st through 31st, 2016 as Honor and Remember month of remembrance in the City of Muncie. Mayor Tyler urges all citizens in joining him in showing their gratitude by the appropriate display of flags, ribbons and participation and display of the American Flag and the Honor and Remembrance Flag.

State Director of a non-profit organization Don Finnegan states Honor and Remember is a national organization that has a specific flag symbol launched eight years ago this coming Memorial Day honoring those who died directly through their service or due to their service. This allows them as American Citizens to see the symbol and know what it represents. They have a personalized version that is presented. Two thousand have been presented with 85 here in Indiana. They have been presented to a Gold Star Family who lost a loved one through military service. Finnegan displays the flag and what each color means. Finnegan thanks President Dishman to allow them to present the flag. He states they have a military run from May 13th to the 15th. On Saturday the 14th they run 140 physical miles from Ft. Wayne to Indianapolis honoring 232 heroes from the war on terror and the last mile for Viet Nam. All of

the miles run will be at an 8.5 minute pace and a 90 second stop to read the name of a hero. There are seven counties including Delaware County are on this stop. They 83rd stop will be at City Hall and the family they are honoring is Jacob Sexton. There are nineteen runners that will participate over three days.

President Dishman asks that Resolution 15-16 be brought up first due to a presentation being given.

Res. 15-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, RECOGNIZING AND ADOPTING THE ONE MUNCIE ONE VISION STRATEGIC YOUTH ACTION PLAN.

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

Urban Planning student from Ball State University Bryant Niehoff states the students with him from Muncie Central High School have come up with a plan One Muncie, One Vision. Senior, Jenny states the purpose is to push economic growth in Muncie, Indiana. They came up with a lot of ideals in the beginning but had to narrow it down. The initiatives are the bike share, school to work, counseling and mental health and trail based development and business and health. Muncie was once known as the Economic Powerhouse of heavy manufacturing, which is a major factory booming town and that is why everyone came here in the first place. Then the factories started to leave which led the city in a state of despair. The community was struggling to rediscover itself. Now the community is shifting to a post-industrial driven by technology and creativity. To achieve this goal, Muncie must capitalize on the unique skills and capabilities offered by young members of the community. The One Muncie One Vision is an effort to keep young people in the community through place making and community economic development initiatives. In September 2015 they started to identify the problem in Muncie. In October they started to brainstorm their great ideals. They had a lot of ideals and they had to start small. In December they narrowed it down to 14 initiatives but had to get to the final six they have. In January they started to draft and revise the One Community One Vision Plan. Around this time today they plan to have the adoption of their action plan.

Senior at Muncie Central, Harvey Rodriguez states the population is expected to decline by .4% between the years 2015 and 2020. They want to see Muncie grow and expand. They want to see families move here and enjoy their home. Muncie has almost a 50 to 50 split between family and non-family households. They are also experiencing a rapid increase of vacant and abandoned homes, which went against the email one again they do not want to see. Muncie generally has a higher income statistic than the state. One of their first initiatives is the Muncie Bike Share system. It would be for families and just about anyone. A bike system coincides with efforts to promote model transportation options in Muncie. Improve connections between Ball State and the City of Muncie to achieve a bicycle community friendly community. This will also promote tourism and increase activity built upon the community identity and create development opportunities. This would complement the City of Muncie as a whole. Ms. Barrett states this is trying to get younger kids into their career path and then don't know what they want to do. The Career Center is in Muncie and it is a great asset but they also want to get to the younger kids. This will help businesses as well depending on what it is and what they are actually into Muncie.

Senior at Muncie Central, Hannah Williams states one of the initiatives they have is to get more and better mental health services in Muncie because they offer a more welcoming and strong community for those who need it. It still needs to be improved. Some have to travel outside and it would make it a more attractive place to live. Indianapolis has a canal like Muncie has now. This is trying to get small businesses, boutiques or coffee shops put in around the trail and sit down for a few minutes and talk or have something to drink. It will help businesses to come to Muncie. Student from Central, Brianna Antrim states the trails and greenway are potential quality of life and their generation ride on the greenway and they want to connect Muncie and Anderson together. A lot of people use the greenway and they have about 25,000 users each year. They will expand to Anderson so it would come from downtown Muncie to the Muncie Mall. There will be a 20 mile bike trail. Senior from Central Lena Swoff states downtown is a great place for out of town and in town citizens to have businesses to go to. There are a lot of downtown opportunities. There are shops downtown but there are a lot of spots that are empty. They would like to push for housing, residential as well as business in downtown. Polk thanks the students, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Niehoff and he is impressed because he has seen a lot of action plans and strategic plans for communities and this rates right up there with them. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

ORD. 10-16 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MUNCIE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE FROM THE R-5 RESIDENCE ZONE TO THE BC COMMUNITY BUSINESS ZONE ON PREMISES LOCATED AT 603 E. ADAMS STREET, MUNCIE, INDIANA.

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

Applicant Russell Irving 725 E. Jackson Street is present for questions. Quirk states what he is proposing for the neighborhood goes along with it. It is a little outside the downtown area but still in the parameter of the downtown area. Quirk states it would be good to see business come in. Irving states they are proposing to take an empty residential lot that is 1850's house that belonged to the first Doctor in Delaware County. In combining those two properties they are adding an orchard and struggling to create some type of food service business in the house that would utilize the orchard products. The Orchard isn't just a commercial venture but to commemorate the homesteading of Thomas Neely, who was one of Muncie's pioneers. Everything noted is Neely's diary has been taken from the archives and all of those plants will be utilized and planted in the garden and used in the restaurant and bakery coming up. They are right on the edge of the Historic District. Ridenour asks if there will be a place for people to park their bikes. Irving states they will. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 11-16 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MICROBREWERIES AND MICRODISTILLERIES.

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

Director of Delaware-Muncie Planning Commission Marta Moody states this amendment is intended to provide some clarification for some uses that would be considered permitted in central and variety business but not specifically listed. They are trying to have a specific listing

as well as a definition to make it clear the micro-operations are suitable for retail zones and also to highlight the fact they are promoting and encouraging those types of uses and it may be something the students in a few years would participate in. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 16-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 28-15 FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY APPOINTED OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, INCLUDED HERERIN FOR THE YEAR 2016.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Quirk to adopt. Controller Audrey Jones states they have an Inter-local agreement. The health insurance department does the entire City of Muncie work and the HR Department does all the HR for the City of Muncie and Sanitary District. They are trying to get these positions in line with each other. The HR department would still be lower than the Health Insurance Department. They have also received pilot money to offset these costs. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 12-16 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PARK FUND.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Controller Audrey Jones states last month she didn't have the exact information on what the additional appropriation was for. Jones met with the department heads and got some things clarified. Jones states the personal services is for the 3% raise the council approved. Jones states \$30,000 of the \$83,000 goes to park youth programs. There is \$5,000 for overtime and \$25,000 for part-time. The \$10,000 goes for utilities due to last year it was \$5,000 over budget and they are still running high in some of the utilities and they want to make sure they have enough to cover the utilities. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 13-16 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PRAIRIE CREEK FUND.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Controller Audrey Jones states this is for Prairie Creek. Jones forgot to put the secretary in the budget and she has always been there. Jones states there is \$10,000 for overtime and the 3% raises. Polk asks if part of the part-time money to put the piers in. Jones states that is correct and appreciate Polk for calling her. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 14-16 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE MVH FUND.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Peters to Adopt. Controller Audrey Jones states the personal services is the 3% raises and the capital outlay is for the payment for the five dump trucks as well as a bobcat. That is why they have the capital outlay for that and it has been approved through the board of works. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 15-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Gregory to Adopt. Controller Audrey Jones states Councilperson Gregory notices a mistake was made at the last meeting. Jones states she was actually looking at the electricity bill. Jones states she needs to amend this. It is \$40,000 out of building and maintenance, \$130,000 under other services and charges, \$50,000 under awards and indemnities because they don't have anything coming out of that this year, \$50,000 out of interest and expense and \$116,993 out of other insurance. Ridenour asks Jones to explain the \$130,000 because it is a lot. Jones states a lot of things that could come out of other services and charges. It may be lawsuits or if something that does happen to the building that is more than their building and maintenance repairs or any type of professional services, such as contractors or attorneys. They have always budget that much to give them some room if they needed some money in there. Ridenour asks if the total budget for other services and charges \$130,000. Jones states no it was way more than that. Ridenour asks what the amount is. Gregory states \$175,000. Jones states it was \$175,000 and they used \$169,827.44. A motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Quirk to amend. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED. A motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Powell to Adopt as Amended. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 14-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY.

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

From the Mayor's office Aaron Kidder states this is to convey two properties from the Muncie Sanitary District, which is more or less a house keeping matter. The wastewater treatment plant fall under the footprint of these two properties are currently in the Sanitary District's name and they are trying to put them into the District's name. Gregory asks what prompted this. Kidder states he can't answer that but it can be answered by Nikki Grigsby. Gregory asks if they are doing this at the request of the Sanitary District. Kidder states this is correct. Kidder states the Sanitary Board passed an identical resolution. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 abstain. (Marshall). ADOPTED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

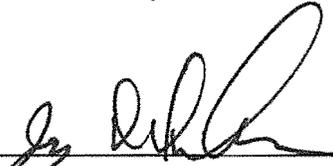
Councilperson Gregory states at the request of Steven Turpin he asks if she reads a notice and offer free tickets. Gregory states the Middletown Chronicles, the making of Middletown America, is a free concert by Masterworks Chorale plus soloist and Orchestra at Muncie Central at 7:30 p.m. May 14th. The world premiere of a special composed work by Hoosier Margie Rousey setting words from letters, diaries and other sources by Philip Raisor, Hurley Goodall, R.W. Ryan, Chief Yellowlark and Father John Keith celebrating Muncie as the nation's Middletown. Images from the center of Middletown studies will be projected during the performance. Mixed Media Art by 4th and 5th graders from Motivate Our Minds will also be on display. She has free tickets and if Gregory runs out tickets can be picked up at the

Cornerstone. This event has been endorsed as a legacy project by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and is a kickoff event for Delaware County. Gregory encourages everyone to spread the word to friends and family and enjoy the unique concert.

Ball State Students Amanda, Paul Jones and Malory states they are here for the Sierra Club, the Beyond Coal program. They are here to talk about the issue of the rock port plant, which is pretty close to Evansville about twenty minutes away. A lot of the pollution that comes from that plant is the 6th largest coal polluter in America. It all drifts around that area. That is pretty important to her. This issue with Beyond Coal is pretty important to them. They are having an event to discuss renewable energy in Muncie and making it a more important issue and that event will be Saturday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts. They will have speakers talking about renewable energy and a tour of the 500 solar panel array that was just installed. Amanda invites everyone to come out and see. The invite states to contact Meghan Anderson to reserve their seat.

Community Development Director Terry Whitt-Bailey invites all community members to the Mayor's annual State of the City Address. There are no RSVP's necessary but they do want to make sure the council is present so they can reserve seating for them. This is different than the previous years. There used to be a breakfast. This time there will not be a breakfast. It will be at 4:00 p.m. in the evening and refreshments will be served. It will be from 4:00-5:30 and the program will start promptly at 4:30 p.m. Whitt-Bailey has extra fliers and will make them available and everyone will see more advertising in the coming weeks.

A motion was made by Polk and seconded by Powell to Adjourn. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.



Jerry D. Dishman, President of
The Muncie Common Council



Melissa Peckinpugh, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council