

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE INDIANA

OCTOBER 5, 2015

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilperson

INVOCATION: Given by Minister Kliklok Mallory from Union Missionary Baptist Church.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: Given by Councilperson Jerry Dishman to Ron Frantz
Ron Frantz came onto the scene in 1966 serving under the apprenticeship of Bill Williamson, the owner of Crestview Golf Course at the time. After working the season an opportunity came for Ron and his father Jake to purchase the course. Ron with his PGA and his father became the owners. Early in his career Ron won back to back Indiana State High School golf championships while at Broadripple High School. He won many PGA section events bringing his talent to Muncie at Crestview. He has been a teacher, mentor, role model and a great influence to thousands of golfers young and old. Over the past 45 plus years many accomplished golfers have been instructed by Ron beginning with a junior program and continuing through the ranks to the senior golfers. Ron and Crestview has been successful turning out many fine golfers through the PGA apprenticeship program. Improving the course over the years, there have been additional lakes constructed, various trees added and the green replaced on number 8 in 1991, which replaced the last of the old Minnetrista greens, which was transferred to Crestview in the early 1950's. When the Minnetrista golf course was sold to the city for future school site the Crestview course and Ron Frantz are two of Muncie's gems. Ron is presented with the Muncie Citizenship Award for October 2015. Mr. Frantz thanks everyone for the award of recognition.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Doug Marshall	X	
Mark Conatser		X
Mary Jo Barton	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 Powell and seconded by Polk to approve minutes from September 14, 2015. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 1 abstain. (Barton).
MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Renee Adams speaks on Breast Cancer Awareness. Adams states she is from the American Cancer Society and brings pink lapel pins for the council tonight. Adams states an estimated 231,840 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, unfortunately 40,000 will die from breast cancer. It might be more or it might be less. They are doing everything they can in the research against this disease taking effect on men and women. One thing she likes to share is in Indiana there have been new cases of 35,000 people unfortunately one person will be diagnosed every fifteen minutes with any type of cancer. Unfortunately someone is diagnosed with breast cancer every other day. It could be recurring or at a different site. In Delaware County there have been 707 people this year. Adams thanks everyone for letting her speak and bringing attention to cancer. They really need to do everything they can to save the people that are getting diagnosed with all types of cancer. The number one killer of cancer in Delaware County is Lung Cancer, which is black. Black is the awareness color for lung cancer. Next Friday they are having a pink out in town. Adams asks that everyone turn their business pink and show support for all the men and women who have cancer. Their website is www.cancer.org.

President Barton welcomes the Academy of Community Leadership and asks them to stand and be recognized.

Councilperson Anderson states about three weeks ago he and Councilperson Polk, Councilperson Gregory and Controller Audrey Jones states they experienced the day to day life of a fireman. It was a day filled with activities from the Jaws of Life, to saving a life, pulling people in and out and dealing with intense heat. He knows from experience along with his councilpersons how it feels for first responders and firefighters. Anderson thanks the firefighters from Muncie and Anderson along with Mark Adams for helping to bring this to reality to open their eyes to see what goes on. Anderson thanks the volunteers because they gave up their time and their talent to learn what it is to be a fireman and deal with the day to day life because it doesn't end at the end of the shift because they go home with it. Councilperson Polk appreciates all the firefighters from Muncie. Polk states as a couple of days went past and he had time to reflect on it, it was an eye opening experience. Polk states the whole day was great. The EMS scene was brutal. Councilperson Gregory states when she woke up it was raining and older than what she thought and way out of shape and this isn't something she should be doing. She went anyway. She wasn't able to complete the first couple of assignments.

Gregory made it through the fire flashover, which was an amazing experience. She went onto the next one and her team was the emergency first responder. She was doing fine with that until they had to move the gurney out the door down the sidewalk to the waiting ambulance. The Anderson paramedic, who was leading this states jump upon the gurney rail and continue to do compressions and she knew she shouldn't have followed that instruction. She states

there was nothing to hold on to and her soles of her feet were wet and she slipped off backwards and fell onto the curb. She had a huge bruise for almost two weeks and that long before she could sit down. Gregory states the gear the firefighters wear is heavy, very specialized and costs about \$2,000 to replace per outfit. The national recommendation replacement is every five years. That's \$200,000 for equipment for their firefighters and they don't budget that. The last time they did this was for a grant and they have to make it last for ten years. Gregory states that is unacceptable and urges the council to find a way to take some of the Loit public safety money or the additional Edit funds and begin to replace some of the equipment. Even if they could pledge to do 20% of them a year and it is worth their consideration. Controller Audrey Jones states it was the toughest thing she has ever done. She loved it and it was fun and scary. She made them pull her mask off as soon as she got out of the search and rescue. She did everything and feels she is a stronger person for doing it.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

ORD. 21-15 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2016.
(MUNCIE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUDGET).

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 22-15 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY JUDGE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2016.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 23-15 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2016.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 24-15 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2016.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Quirk explains to the audience there are no raises and everything is the same. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 25-15 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2016.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 26-15 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 2016. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 27-15 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 2016. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 1 abstain. (Powell). ADOPTED.

ORD. 28-15 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY APPOINTED OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, INCLUDED HEREIN FOR THE YEAR 2016. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Amend Building Commissioner salary to \$1,730.77 bi-weekly reflecting a salary adjustment. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt as Amended. Controller Audrey Jones states the only thing she changed different from last year was the raise for the Mayor's secretary from last month. There was also a change in the Probation officer salary set by the state. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORD. 29-15 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2016. (CITY OF MUNCIE BUDGET).

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Quirk to Amend. Amendments are reductions in the following:

		Reduction	New Amount
101-08-411011	City Court Judge	\$2,600.00	\$52,000.00
101-08-411046	Part-Time Secretary	15,080.00	0
101-08-411050	Court Recorder	3,827.00	31,824.00
101-08-411075	Bailiff	2,891.00	28,288.00
101-08-411141	Court Secretary	34,900.00	29,694.00
101-20-411085	Code Enforcement	62,400.00	0
203-29-411069	Groundskeeper/Utility/Laborers	28,850.00	95,476.00
101-05-411145	Deputy Clerk's	44,083.00	89,172.00

Controller Audrey Jones is present for any questions. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt as Amended. Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORD. 31-15 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2016. (MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT BUDGET).

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 1 abstain. (Marshall). ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION:

RES. 20-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE DECLARATORY RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MUNCIE CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA, THE CARDINAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA, THE MUNCIE MALL/AIRPARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE SOUTH MUNCIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA.

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

Muncie Redevelopment Commission Todd Donati makes it clear they are not adding any territory. They did the connections up Walnut Street and a road partly Batavia but it's just a connection. They left out the Ontario Place and Indiana Stamping which is its own entity and has a specific bond to take care of that. That area will expire when the bond expires. The area in question are in a tan or brown area. This will allow them to be more competitive when an opportunity arises and allows them to develop a better opportunity to work with bonds when they become available. For example they had a bond approved by the council through the central city that because they had a few other commitments right now and money yet to come in, it is difficult to get a twenty year bond on any type of bank processing. They are wanting to give them with a ten-year bond with a twenty-year amortization, which means you have a balloon payment at the end of ten-years or you have to restructure the bond at the end of ten-years, or their given a variable rate on the bonds or they have to come in with a property tax backup and they are not interested in doing a property tax backup.

When you do a resolution on a bond you have to be specific on the amount at the beginning and the end. You can't do that on a variable rate or a short-term with a longer amortization. This gives them an opportunity to do away with that and give them more strength in the bond capacity and give them a lot more flexibility on what they have to do. Everything still has to be approved through his board when they do bonds through the council. They are not adding territory nor are they getting any current increase of tax revenues. This doesn't change the expiration of any of the Tiff's. It just gives them more capacity to work in those two areas. Gregory states the copy of the resolution she has isn't the one that was passed by MRC. Donati states the MRC passed at their meeting on Thursday and the Planning Commission passed Thursday night at their meeting and he didn't bring it with him. Gregory states she has a problem voting for something and she can't read the whole thing. Gregory asks if this extends time lines. Donati states no. It just gives them more capacity to negotiate. Gregory asks if they are anticipating the issuance of another bond. Donati states they are currently in the process of a major development on the east side of Muncie, which is the Indiana Steel and Wire side. They hope to bring that to the council in 2016. One of the expectations of them is to relocate Bunch Blvd. In order for them to move Bunch Blvd they have early estimates of \$1.3 million dollars to do that. They can bring it to council or they could work that through the Tiff because of that particular development. Right now the Muncie South Tiff is mature enough to develop and be able to establish a \$1.3 million dollar bond over a long term period of time. It will be difficult for them to do this project on the correct time line. This is an example on how that will change with this in play, if it's approved, will give them the strength to establish a bond without

question and be able to go into that project. Donati states that is just one of the few out there. The Cardinal Tiff area is a young Tiff area and the South Muncie is a young Tiff area. Muncie Mall is a very strong Tiff area and the Central City has a lot of strength but it also has a lot of commitments with all the development they are doing downtown and that could change in the next few years. Councilperson Anderson asks if he can meet with Donati after the meeting. Question called. A roll call vote showed 5 yeas and 3 nays. (Polk, Barton & Gregory). ADOPTED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilperson Polk thanks the finance committee for the job they did and knows how much work that is. Polk states the work load was put on Powell and Dishman and appreciates that.

President of Muncie Firefighters Local 1348 Mark Adams publicly thanks the councilperson and the controller for giving up an entire Saturday and taking interest of what they do day in and day out. It means a lot to them and it meant a lot to the firefighters that were there. They couldn't invite everyone but hopefully this will be a yearly event so those who didn't get invited the first time will have a year to work out and get into shape. Adams states the firefighters will be wearing pink t-shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They have those on sale at the Fire Station on Hoyt Avenue between 8am-4pm. The monies will go to the Ball State Cancer Research Center. Last year they raised close to \$1,000. They have a new design and hopefully the public will get involved. Adams states they are on sale now through the end of the month.

A motion was made by Polk and seconded by Powell to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Mary Jo Barton, President of the
Muncie Common Council



Phyllis Reagon, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council