

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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING: 5:00 P.M. 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilperson Dishman.

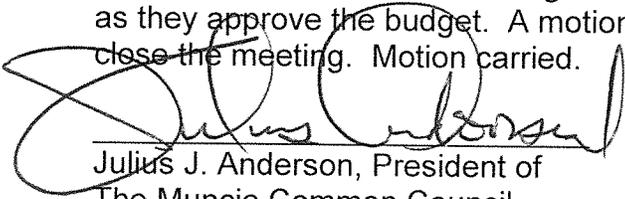
ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Marshall	X	
Quirk	X	
Gregory	X	
Dishman	X	
Anderson	X	
Barton		X
Polk	X	
Conatser		X
Powell	X	

ORD. 24-14 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2015. (MITS).

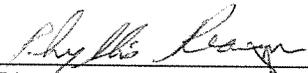
Rebecca Meadows represents Muncie Indiana Transportation Corporation states the 2015 budget is a little over \$7.8 million dollars. Nearly 2/3 of which is comprised of wages and benefits that employ 87 taxpayers in the Muncie Community. She is happy to answer any questions any one may have.

Rick Yencer 3100 N. Co. Rd. 500 W. has property and business interest in the City of Muncie. He is present with Jodie and on behalf of some of the people of disability and age. They want bus service on Sunday. This system has enough money to run buses on Sunday. They run enough free service for students whether they are high school or college to have that kind of service. There are thousands like Jodie and many others without service on Sunday. Jodie stated it would give them a lot more freedom and live their lives if they had service. Linda Muckway states she is grateful for the accessible cab that started in 2009. Even with the voucher system that is \$7 each way for people and some people can't afford that. She knows they would be excited if there were Sunday bus service that would also mean by the ADA regulations they would also have to offer the parent transit service. When people ride that it's a \$1 each way and if they're eligible through the program at Christian Ministries it would cost .50 cents each way. She believes there are many seniors out there that aren't eligible for Mits Plus that could use some type of service on Sunday if it were available. Before she received

assessable cab service it was extremely depressing to be in her home from 6:50 p.m. on a Saturday night to 6: am or 7am on a Monday morning. Rebecca Meadows states she loves the fact they want Sunday service but wish they could come up with the money to provide that. She is required to prepare a response to this with the budget when submitted because they came to a public hearing and made that point. Quirk states for this evening they are to respond to the budget and budget issues. They will take people's comments and they could give the budget back to Mits. She would suggest Jodie, Linda or Rick to go to one of the Mit's Board meetings. Yencer states they did go to a meeting a year ago and they took it under advisement and that was last winter. They do know the process and want the bus service to respond where they don't have the money because they do. He has spoken with representatives from the Senior Citizen Center and Bruce Reynolds couldn't be present. Some of those members would eco the same about being stranded. Quirk states they need to figure out as a community how to focus on this conversation and try to problem solve it because with the upcoming hotel there will be people with families visiting that could need some form of transportation. That will be more people having the same concern. Hunter states he doesn't mean to cut this off but this is a hearing for public input on this budget only. Marshall concurs they are just there for public input and advises them to come to the next council meeting. Anderson asks if they could appear for the meeting as they approve the budget. A motion was made by Marshall and seconded by Polk to close the meeting. Motion carried.



Julius J. Anderson, President of
The Muncie Common Council



Phyllis Reagon, Muncie
City Clerk of Muncie Indiana