

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 6, 2019 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Wednesday, the 6th day of November, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Council President Alan Miller welcomed everyone to the post-election November 6th meeting of the Marion City Council. Let him begin first of all by congratulating, first of all, everyone that offered themselves up for service. Congratulations on the five people currently on the Council that were re-elected and he thinks at least three of the new Council members are here, Brian Cowgill, Gary Fordyce and he thinks Robin Fouce is to be here later, he thinks. Congratulations, good luck to them. Councilman Jim Brunner said, if he may, they also have some candidates in the back, some young folks that ran and ran very well and they'd like to thank them for giving their effort and he knows, in talking to the Mayor yesterday, there's hopefully a way to reach out to them and keep them involved in politics. So guys, thank you so much for your effort. Miller said that would be Evan Gilmore and Torri Williams, yes, congratulations on the race that they ran as well. He's proud of them. Miller then said, a special welcome back tonight to Councilman Steve Henderson who has been away for a few weeks because of family issues he's dealing with.

Before the roll call, Council President Miller said he also should have acknowledged when they were introducing people, Patricia Gibson sitting clear in the back. Significant role she played in the Democrat party leading up to the election. So, Patricia, they appreciate her effort. He said he probably should introduce somebody everybody knows who had absolutely nothing to do with the election yesterday, Jack Hart from Arbor Trace Golf Course. Good to have him here.

On the call of the roll the following members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Henderson, Brunner, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Homer, Luzadder and Miller.

Absent: Johnson.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of October 15, 2019 were presented. On a motion by Brunner, 2nd by Councilwoman Deb Cain, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Brunner, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Homer, Luzadder and Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Henderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports given at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2019

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 11-2019 by title only. Declaratory Resolution of the City Council of Marion, Indiana, declaring economic revitalization area for property tax deduction for Bahr Brothers Properties. Tim Eckerle, Executive Director of the Grant County Economic Growth Council, said with the Council's indulgence, he will also cover the next item on the agenda. Council President Alan Miller told Eckerle, please do. Eckerle said these are two companion pieces. Bahr Brothers is seeking to build a new weld shop and relocate their existing weld shop across the street. This is the property, vacant property adjacent to the filling station. Bahr Brothers has owned it for a number of years. It was one of the Peters family's properties. Currently, they're looking to invest \$150,000 in new real estate improvements, which is the building, and \$110,000 in equipment. During the length, with the abatement, they will pay roughly \$26,000 in property taxes. Excuse him, \$27,000. He will gladly answer any questions they may have. There are no new jobs associated with this. This is just basically modernizing. There may be some job growth, depending on market forces but, as they know, they always recommend a lower number so as to be very conservative. Councilman Henry Smith asked Eckerle, he said construction of a new weld shop? Eckerle told Smith, weld, weld, yes, they're going to build a building and move the weld shop over there. Smith asked, is this the one on the west side of Lincoln? Eckerle replied, yes, they're currently in the existing, in the big building, the one building they have on Lincoln. Miller asked, right next to the convenience store, right? Mr. Eckerle said, yes. They have a parking lot and then they have the vacant building. There's a small garage, that's the parcel but there's a small garage in the back. That's the parcel they're putting the new building on. Smith stated, okay because he saw the foundation. Eckerle told Smith, if he

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remembers right, the committee recommendation was to allow, if the weather permitted, for the construction to begin. Miller said, that's correct, is it not Councilman Batchelor? Batchelor said, it is. Eckerle added, and that was, clearly that was at the risk of the property owner. Tim (Street) wanted to be here tonight but business called and prevents him. Councilman Jim Brunner asked Mr. Eckerle, what's the timetable? Eckerle told Brunner, well obviously, they've started construction. They're hoping to have everything up and operating by this time next year. What they're doing tonight, the first resolution, they're asking them to amend their existing abatement to cover the new equipment. The next resolution, they're asking to establish an economic revitalization area for the weld shop and then they'll be back and hold a public hearing at the next Council meeting on that matter. Deputy Clerk Debbie Goodman told Eckerle he got it backwards. Eckerle replied, he got it backwards, thank you. Mr. Miller told Councilman Batchelor, as he recalls, the committee recommended that they pass the resolutions, did it not? Batchelor replied, right. The Development Committee unanimously approved this abatement and this resolution and so, with the consent of the Development Committee, it came with a favorable recommendation. Miller said he would entertain a motion. They'll need to, obviously, vote on the resolutions separately but he would entertain a motion for Resolution No. 11-2019. Motion was made by Batchelor to pass Resolution No. 11-2019. Motion was seconded by Smith and carried by the following vote. Aye: Brunner, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Homer, Luzadder and Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Henderson.

Council President Alan Miller said, just for the sake of the record Mrs. Kiley, let's at least read the second resolution before they vote on it.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2019

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 12-2019 by title only. A Resolution of the City Council of Marion, Indiana approving statement of benefits and confirming declaration of an economic revitalization area for Bahr Brothers Manufacturing, Inc., Marion, Indiana. Tim Eckerle, Executive Director of the Grant County Economic Growth Council, told the Council he has spoken other than he wants to correct one statement he made. He said \$26,000 and it's actually \$21,490 of taxes they will pay during the length of the abatement. Motion was then made by Batchelor, 2nd by Councilman Dave Homer to pass Resolution No. 12-2019 and carried by the following vote. Aye: Brunner, Smith, Batchelor, Cain, Homer, Luzadder and Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Henderson.

Council President Alan Miller asked, anyone else know of any other business the Council needs to address tonight? Hearing none, their next meeting will be 13 days from today, the 19th. Councilman Henry Smith said he has a question and Miller told him to go ahead. Smith said they had that neighborhood packet. Miller asked, that thing in the white folder? Smith said, okay, the documents. Miller asked, the downtown revitalization, is that what he's talking about? Smith said, that was approved by state, okay, and then it had those numbers in the book, in the Building Department, numbers in the book that refers back to a certain letter, document or whatever it was. You know what I'm talking about, Smith asked. Miller replied, no. Council attorney Phil Stephenson said he thinks what he's talking about is the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance had provisions in it where it made reference to certain state statutes. Smith said, right and are they going to receive that packet with those references in it? Councilwoman Deb Cain told Smith she emailed those to him. Smith said he doesn't have email. Cain said, well they're like 1,000 pages. That's why she emailed it to him so he could look at it. Smith stated, okay, that's the reason why he wanted it in form, in paper. Cain asked, who's going to pay for the copies? She can't pay, that's why she emailed it. Smith replied, well he needs it in paper. Cain said, okay, the ordinance got passed so it's passed, it's been signed by the Mayor. She sent it to him by email to his city email address. She means, he does have the city email address. Mr. Smith said, no he doesn't. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley said he has one but he doesn't have a computer. He doesn't have access to it. Mr. Miller said, well he assumes it would be the responsibility of the Clerk's Office to provide it. City Council has a budget as well. Mrs. Cain said, no, what he's asking, we already have the ordinance. He has a copy of the ordinance. What he wants is, every code that's referenced in that ordinance, he wants those codes, in print. Right? Smith said, basically speaking, aren't contractors going to ask for the same thing he's talking about now? Cain said, okay, they will but they also know the codes and they can look them up or they can get the code from the Building Department when they go to the Building Department. It's in the Building Department in the big notebooks. She went online for him and she got

the codes and she transferred them to PDF and then she emailed that all to him. Miller asked Cain, how many pages did she say it was? She doesn't really know, best she can do is guess. Does she think it is 100 pages, Miller asked. Cain told Miller, oh yeah, it's at least 100 to 200 pages. Mrs. Kiley asked, and she would have to look up all those Indiana Codes? Cain told Kiley, no she looked up all the Indiana Codes and she copied them and she sent them to him and it was almost 200 pages. Kiley told Cain if she sent them to her, she guessed she could print them out. Miller asked Kiley what does she normally charge a page if someone comes in for documents from her? Is it \$1.00 or less than that? Kiley said, well normally they don't have that much. She'd have to talk to Julie and see what they would need to charge. But, being that it's a Council member, she doesn't know. Miller said, (inaudible) latitude to do this, he guessed he would direct that they provide Mr. Smith with what he wants. He doesn't care who copies it. He's sure there's money in the City Council budget. They were just looking at some things, they had expenditures for travel and all sorts of things. Deputy Clerk Debbie Goodman said there's no money, they don't have any supply money, for paper. Mr. Miller said they surely have some fund in there. Mr. Smith said, excuse me, this is what he asked for when they had that talk. Cain told Smith, right and she sent it October 14th. Miller told Smith they will see that he gets a copy. Building Commissioner Jerry Foustnight said if Deb (Cain) will send him the copies, his department, Building Department, will take and copy it and make sure that Mr. Smith gets it. Miller told Cain he assumes she has it in email format and she can just ship it. Cain said, she's doing it right now. Miller asked Smith, would he like them to deliver them to him? Smith said, yes, that would be very good, yes. Mr. Miller said they'll put them in his Council packet in two weeks.

Council President Miller asked if there was any other business to come before the City Council tonight. Councilman Jim Brunner told Miller he thinks Robin just walked in, he might want to introduce her. Mr. Miller said, he was going to say, another of the new Council members, congratulations Ms. Fouce. They introduced all of her fellow Council members to be and they said she would be here. Of all things, he guessed he must apologize for the 4th new Council member who happens to be his successor and isn't here tonight. Mike Cline is the one that is missing.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Miller told Councilman Henderson they will continue to keep him and Ina in their prayers. Henderson said he'd just like to thank everybody for the cards and letters and everything everybody sent out. It was really nice, thank you. Miller told Henderson they appreciate him and they've missed him.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Brunner, 2nd by Henderson, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:21 p.m.