A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member, Cheryl Cotner, member and Warren V. Nash, president

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hall, Chris Gardner, Fire Marshal Koehler, Fire Chief Juliot, Larry Summers, David Hall, Major Popp, Alicia Meredith, John Rosenbarger, David Duggins, Linda Moeller, Jessica Campbell, David Brewer, and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nash called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wes Christmas re: Main Street Update

Mr. Christmas stated that there is not a lot going on today. He explained that the median curb went in and is complete and they are continuing to do sidewalk installation as well as the backfill along the curb. He stated that the ideal time for tree planting is recommended for October 1st to give them the best chance to live and they will start seeing some other planting going in this week.

2. William Grover and Haley White re: Request to hold press conference on a City sidewalk

Mr. Grover explained that they would like to hold a press conference on the sidewalk at Main and State Street on September 12th to launch a political campaign.

Mr. Nash stated that they don’t need anything because it is a public sidewalk.

3. Cheryl Sprigler with Develop New Albany re: Road closures for Holiday Fest Jingle Walk

Ms. Sprigler stated that they are doing the Jingle Fest and Holiday walk again this year but they would like to add vendor booths on Pearl and would like to shut off Spring and Market to make it a little more safe for everyone that is participating.

Mr. Nash asked to be reminded what the Jingle Walk is.

Ms. Sprigler explained that it is several businesses and wineries that set up tastings in the businesses spread out through New Albany and in conjunction they have a scavenger hunt for teens and the YMCA helps with arts & crafts. She stated that they evening rounds up with the lighting of the tree and hopefully a chili cook-off with the fire fighters.
Mr. Nash asked what the date is.

Ms. Sprigler stated that it is November 29th. She said that they would like to close down the streets from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Ms. Cotner asked that she provide written permission from all the businesses that would be affected by the closures.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure on November 29th from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

4. Joe LaRocca re: Selling parking spaces at the YMCA during Harvest Homecoming

Mr. LaRocca stated that they learned quickly that it is very hard to keep the Y open during Harvest Homecoming so they use that time as their general clean-up and while that is going on they have used the parking as part of their fundraising efforts for families that can’t afford the services they provide. He explained that they charge $5 to keep it affordable and asked that they be allowed to block it off so that there is only one entrance and one exit. He stated that they are fortunate that the police and the railroad with policing the crossing.

Mr. Nash asked if they usually fill up.

Mr. LaRocca stated that they have a radio system in place that allows them to communicate when there is an open spot during peak hours.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the request of the YMCA to use the parking lot as a paid lot for Harvest Homecoming, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

5. Ronald Carter with Carter Management Co. re: Sidewalk cut Permit on East Main and Bank

Mr. Carter stated that the sidewalks are already destroyed at these locations but they still need permission to cut the sidewalk to install new downspouts. He explained that he doesn’t have a time frame just yet because he is waiting for the sidewalks to be torn up during the project so that he can do the work then.

Mr. Nash asked what they are doing there.

Mr. Carter explained that they are renovating the entire block.

Mr. Thompson asked if the sidewalk cut is to run the downspouts to out to the street.

Mr. Carter stated that it is.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the cut permit, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.
COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Rob Philpot presented the following cut requests for the board’s approval; 93 Galt Street (sidewalk cut), 1620 Sprigler Court (street cut), 1696 Garretson Lane, 1656 Harriett Court (sidewalk cut), intersection of Northside Drive and Charlestown Road (sidewalk and street cut, 2011 Olive Street, and 3621 Greenfield Drive (sidewalk cut)

Mr. Thompson asked if these have already been done.

Mr. Philpot stated that he thinks that these were all emergency cuts and they have already been done.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the cuts, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

BIDS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Cotner moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2014 as amended, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Warren V. Nash, President     Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk