

**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, JANUARY 24, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mickey Thompson, member and Warren V. Nash, president. Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, was not present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Major Popp, Larry Summers, Chris Gardner, Linda Moeller, Sydney Main, David Hall, Bryan Slade, Jessica Campbell, Tonya, Alicia Meredith, Courtney Lewis, Mike Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Vectren re: cut permit for 106 Adams Street (14230253) – sidewalk cut**

**Mr. Sam Reed** stated this is due to a retirement at 106 Adams Street off of State Street.

**Mr. Thompson** asked if it is the house they are tearing down.

**Mr. Reed** replied that he thinks so but he didn't get any information on that.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Father Thomas Merrill, St. Mary's Church**, stated that there seems to be a lack of cohesiveness in terms of street plantings in New Albany. He said he has noticed a number of trees that are being planted that are really not suitable for creating a shade canopy which is going to be important to reduce the heat with our long and hot summers. He has noticed that a lot of Bradford Pears have been planted as well as ornamental trees which are beautiful for maybe a couple of weeks but they don't resist pollution and are very short lived. He added that some that he has seen are dead or dying already. He also noticed that there seems to be a preference for Lilac trees around St. Mary's Church, which again, the leaves are already turning brown by August because of the heat. He said he made a point to water the trees around the church regularly but it doesn't seem to be a very suitable tree. He stated that the original purpose of planting street trees was to provide shade and he saw that Ginkgo trees were planted in the downtown area which he thinks was a very smart move because they take up less space and are very clean. He suggested that the city think about other trees such as what they use in the Louisville area which are Pin Oak trees. He said they have a very nice branching habit, don't require a lot of maintenance and their roots don't tear up the sidewalks. He encouraged the city to think about better management of their trees and possibly give more space to the trees. He then stated that one of the nicer examples of trees that the city has are on the south side of Spring Street which are the Sugar Maples that are planted there. He added that any kind of maples are a good choice.

**Mr. Nash** thanked Father Merrill for his input and stated that over the years there have been a lot of mistakes in tree planting and we have a tree board that advises us now and have seen some improvement on what we have done.

**Mr. Duggins** stated that he could have the tree board contact him.

**Mr. Jeff Jaehnen, YMCA**, presented a handout of a map showing his request to place two shipping containers on Jeanette Way to be delivered on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and picked up

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. He said they are replacing some fitness equipment and the containers are for removal of existing fitness equipment. He mentioned that there is a fire hydrant across the street from where the containers will be placed so the fire department would have appropriate access to that plug if need be.

**Fire Chief Juliot** asked if they will be able to get a fire truck between the container and the curb.

**Mr. Jaehnen** replied he thinks so.

**Mr. Nash** asked if he would like to go down and look at it.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that Fire Marshal Koehler could go look at it.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to the fire marshal's approval of exact placement, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Stop Sign on Clara Lee Court**

**Mr. Summers** stated that he and Mr. Thompson have looked at this situation but he doesn't know that moving the stop sign would help with the situation.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that moving it may even make it more unsafe because if they stop before the street, they don't have another stop sign until Schell Lane and would be going across Clara Lee and Kent.

**Mr. Nash** asked if it is as safe as it can be as it is marked now.

**Mr. Summers** replied yes.

**Mr. Nash** asked Mr. Summers to contact the lady that appeared before the board to relay the board's decision.

**Mr. Summers** stated that he would get her contact information.

**Mr. Thompson moved to deny removal of the stop sign at Clara Lee Court, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

**2. Requesting 3 handicap parking spaces beside Main Street United Methodist Church**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he visited the site and he talked to the street department about replacing the sign and turning the sign to face traffic on the existing handicap spot on W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He also stated that they are going to redo the striping and markings.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve restriping the existing handicap spot on W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street as well as replacing the sign and changing placement of the sign, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**1. David Duggins re: Valley View Golf Course Agreement**

**Mr. Duggins** explained that he would like to get approval on an amendment to the agreement of assignment of operating rights at Valley View Golf Course. He stated that Valley View Golf Group, Inc. is the operator and they are going to manage out to Jay Biggs Golf Management with all of the same stipulations with Valley View Golf staying in place. He said this just assigns those responsibilities to Jay Biggs. He added that our legal department drafted the document and requested approval from the board.

**Mr. Nash** stated that we signed an agreement with Valley View Golf Course last year and asked if this modifies that at all.

**Mr. Duggins** replied no and stated that the only thing this modifies is that it takes Valley View Golf, Inc. that is mentioned in the operating agreement and assigns their operational agreement to Biggs Golf Management with all of the same stipulations.

**Mr. Nash** stated that the board didn't get a copy of it and asked if they could get one.

**Mr. Duggins** replied yes.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the amended contract between Valley View Golf and the city, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

## **2. John Rosenbarger re: Agreement Covering Roadway Reconstruction and Installation of Grade Crossing Warning Devices**

**Mr. Rosenbarger** stated that it is an agreement between the city and CSX Transportation, Inc. and is through INDOT. He explained that it is to upgrade the crossing protections at Elm Street, Spring Street and Market Street at E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in anticipation of the conversion from one-way to two-way traffic. He stated that he, Mr. Summers and Mr. Thompson have met with CSX out in the field at different times with the help of INDOT and came to conclusions on how to handle each crossing. He said that CSX has generated this cost estimate and he recommends approval so that he can get it up to INDOT promptly for the scheduled March letting.

**Mr. Summers** stated that they have met with CSX and INDOT on multiple occasions and nailed down exactly what CSX needs so this agreement covers all of those needs that they stipulated for the crossings.

**Mr. Nash** asked if it is for the signals at Elm Street, Spring Street and Market Street.

**Mr. Summers** replied yes.

**Mr. Nash** asked if they will be brand new signals.

**Mr. Rosenbarger** replied no and explained that there will be reuse of some of the existing flashers. He added that the amount of the agreement is \$202,990.00 and 80% of which is to be scheduled federal aid.

**Mr. Nash** asked if they will be basically the same type of signals that we have now.

**Mr. Summers** stated that they will be very similar except that we are upgrading to LEDs on Elm Street and Market Street and we are doing another signal arm on Spring Street.

**Mr. Nash** stated that is quite a bit to do signal crossings when we don't have any train traffic although some day we might.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that they didn't charge us for flagging and acknowledged in the agreement that there is no traffic on them.

**Mr. Rosenbarger** stated that it remains an active rail and there is certainly potential for rail traffic if someone replaced Pillsbury.

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the agreement in the amount of \$202,990.00, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

## **3. Vicki Glotzbach re: Handicap Parking 2308 East Market for Veteran**

**Mrs. Glotzbach** explained that the gentleman that lives at 2308 East Market Street contacted her office to request a handicap parking spot. She said that a requirement of getting a handicap spot

is that you have a handicap license plate and he doesn't want to get rid of his Veteran's plate. She added that he does have a handicap placard and requested that the board waive that requirement so that he can keep his Veteran's plate.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that it may just be something that we need to change on the form because if he has a placard it is the same as the plate. He added that we made that exception for a person that didn't have a vehicle because she needed someone to pick her up quite often.

**Mr. Nash** asked Assistant Police Chief Fudge to look into this request and into the form to see if it needs to be revisited.

**Assistant Police Chief Fudge** replied that he would.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**BIDS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**Mrs. Moeller** presented the following the claims for the period of 01/10/17 to 01/23/17 in the amount of \$3,032,304.15:

<b>General Claims (Bank 1):</b>	1,124,230.17	
<b>Fire Department:</b>	18,852.07	
<b>Police Department:</b>	27,118.09	
<b>Street Department:</b>	35,123.35	
<b>Parks Department:</b>	30,911.82	
	<b>Total From Above:</b>	1,236,235.50
<b>Medical/Drug Fund:</b>	693.50	
(Bank L)		
<b>Payroll Claims:</b>	1,590,226.72	
(Bank 2)		
<b>Sanitation Fund:</b>	-	
<b>Thursday Utility Claims:</b>	205,148.43	
	<b>Total From Above:</b>	1,796,068.65
	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>3,032,304.15</b>

**Mr. Thompson** moved to approve the above claims, **Mr. Nash** second, motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2017 as amended, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Warren V. Nash, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk