

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, MARCH 6, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Lee, Bryan Slade, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Shane Gibson, Linda Moeller, Alicia Meredith, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, David Hall, Courtney Lewis, Tonya Fischer and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Paige Thomas, O'Mara, presented the following cut requests for the board to review; 605 E. Oak Street, replace meter set which requires a 6'X5' sidewalk cut and 320 Washington Place, replacement meter set as well which requires a 6'X4' sidewalk cut.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the above sidewalk cuts, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Matt Hines, United Consulting, reported that they installed conduit, prepped the east side of Green Valley for curb and gutters to be poured tomorrow, installed detector housing, handholes, and span cables. He said that they have a lane closure up right now to install signal heads and they will likely need that for the rest of the week. He explained that they will move to Captain Frank tomorrow so they will need a lane closure there as well for the rest of the week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Hines to speak with Ragel to make sure they have flaggers in the area.

Mr. Nash asked what the projected completion date is.

Mr. Hines replied June 30th but with the weather days they have another five weeks that the contractor can ask for.

Mr. Nash asked if they are getting close to not needing any more lane closures.

Mr. Hines said that they will need lane closures at every intersection that they work on but they are close to being finished on Green Valley.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the lane closures on Green Valley Road and Captain Frank Road, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Chris Gardner re: Update on 2018 flood

Mr. Gardner stated that the levy system was built between 1949 and 1953 and was turned over to the city in June, 1953. He explained that it stretches from Highway 111 all the way to near Beharrell and Slate Run and is 3 ½ miles long and consists of 3 miles of earth levy and ½ mile of concrete floodwall. He stated there are six pumping plants that house 19 pumps and in 2014 and 2015, they spent a little over \$2M rebuilding those pumps and replacing 16 of the motors. He said that they rebuilt 3 of the largest motors that are 300 horsepower and pump 52,200 gallons per minute each and are located at the Falling Run pumping station. He said there are a little over 40 drainage pipes that run through the levy and there is quite a bit more to it than just a mound of earth that keeps the water out. He said that once the water rises, the gates have to be closed and the water has to be diverted to the pumping houses. He explained that fighting a flood is a two-part system and keeping the river out of the city is the one that everyone thinks about but the natural drainage has to get from the city to the river and that is why there are pump houses. He stated that on February 16th they began watching the river rise and scheduled 2-hour call-in shifts so individuals were coming in every 6 hours and checking parts of the city where they have their first operations in. He said that starting Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. the entire department of 5 was called in to start actively fighting the flood on a 24/7 basis. He stated that that the river crested at 67.12 ft. on Monday, February 26th and then on Saturday, March 3rd at 11:45 p.m., they officially went back to a bankfull status and the river dropped to 55 ft. and the flood was officially over. He also stated that the last pump plant was taken out of operation at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 4th. He explained that they had a total of 5 pumping plants running and were pumping over 200,000 gallons per minute for a total of 5 ½ days. He stated that they had a large rain event over 4 days with a little over 7 inches of rain. He explained that two movable closures were installed and the largest, most notable one in New Albany is the west end street closure. He said that firefighters came down at 5:00 p.m. two Thursdays ago and worked until 1:00 a.m. putting it up and he is very thankful that they were there to do that. He explained that they had 18 sluice gates closed out of 26 total and can't thank the street department and stormwater department enough for coming in and filling in because just 5 flood control guys over 24-hour shifts doesn't go too far. He added that there were a total of 15 shifts to fill over the 2 weeks. He added that he can't thank everyone enough that came out for cleanup efforts because they are further ahead than he thought they would be at this point. He stated that he fully anticipates being wrapped up at least on the riverfront portion by the end of the week and then it will probably take another 2 weeks to get all of the fine details done to be back to a normal status.

Mr. Nash asked how many volunteers were there.

Mr. Gardner replied over 200.

Mr. Nash asked if all of the pumps were reconditioned.

Mr. Gardner stated that the flood control district spent \$2M in 2014-2015 updating 19 pumps.

Mr. Nash asked if they all worked well.

Mr. Gardner stated that they all worked well and they experienced no issues.

Mr. Nash stated that when he observed the pumping system he was thinking about the extra costs such as electricity that you don't consider when thinking about the costs due to a flood. He asked Mr. Gardner if there was any possibility of being reimbursed for any of that.

Mr. Gardner replied yes and added that they are working on that.

2. Police Chief Bailey re: Update on road closures due to 2018 flood

Police Chief Bailey reported that the roadways that were reported on last week are all reopened and operational.

Mr. Nash asked if any residents were displaced.

Mr. Gardner stated that none were reported to his office.

3. Fire Chief Juliot re: Update on gate closures due to 2018 flood

Chief Juliot stated that they assisted with flood control and have been busy helping clean up the riverfront and different parks.

4. Alicia Meredith re: Update on parks

Ms. Meredith reported that the parks are a work in progress but they are working diligently to make it happen.

5. Courtney Lewis re: Special Event Permit Requests

- **Stone Dog Family Picnic – Riverfront Amphitheater**

Ms. Lewis stated that the Stone Dog Band wants to hold their family picnic at the amphitheater on September 15 with a rain date of September 22nd from 3:00 p.m.-midnight which includes setup and break down.

Mr. Nash asked if these are local New Albany people.

Ms. Lewis stated that this group is based out of Louisville.

Mr. Nash said that his problem with this being so far ahead is that someone local might want to use it.

Ms. Lewis stated that everything is on a first come, first serve basis.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

- **Brandon's House Walkathon**

Ms. Lewis stated that Brandon's House would like to have their walkathon on April 8th from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and their map is attached, which is the same route that they have used for the past several years. She added that she believes Chief Bailey has had an officer follow their route in the past as a safety precaution.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they will have it covered.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

- **Hartman Dental 5K-Run for a Reason**

Ms. Lewis stated that Hartman Dental would like to use the amphitheater on September 22nd for their annual 5K event. She added that the only issue with this is that the Stone Dog Family Picnic has requested this for their rain date, but if they stick with their timeline they should be done even if that event gets moved to the same day. She stated that their event would be from 7:00 a.m. to noon and they will be using the greenway route.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

- **Alpha Media Louisville-Downtown New Albany Trot & Shop**

Ms. Lewis stated that Alpha Media Louisville would like to use Bicentennial Park on April 14th for the New Albany Trot and Shop. She explained that the park will be the starting point as well as the location for the cocktail and food competition. She stated that they would like to use the park from noon until 7:00 p.m. which includes setup and break down.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

6. Shane Gibson re: Contract with United Consulting for Mt. Tabor Road Project

Mr. Gibson explained that this is an inspection contract for the first phase of Mt. Tabor between Grant Line Road and Klerner Lane. He stated that it is part of the entire project and is a 80/20 match not to exceed \$383,200.00 with the city's maximum at \$76, 640.00

Mr. Nash asked if it is inspection for the overall project.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the inspection contract with United Consulting, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

7. Vicki Glotzbach for Tammy Ralston re: Handicap sign request for 207 Virginia Court

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she received a recommendation for approval for this location from Officer Miller after he went out and did his inspection.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

8. Mickey Thompson re: Possible Traffic Backup on Charlestown Road

Mr. Thompson stated that he was contacted by Derek Misch and they are removing a median on Charlestown Road past County Line Road, which isn't in the city, but he wanted to make the board aware that as traffic goes through the intersection and they shift it over, traffic may back up on the city side.

9. Warren Nash re: Local boys' basketball teams

Mr. Nash congratulated the area basketball teams that played in the sectional this year and wish the New Albany High School team good luck in the regional and further. He asked the board to recognize Romeo Langford who was named a McDonald All-American Player.

10. Mickey Thompson re: Blackiston Boulevard

Mr. Thompson stated that that there is a street light but it is on the opposite side of Charlestown Road so it probably isn't lighting up that side. He added that there isn't a pole to put a light on so when he figures out if it is in the city or not he will proceed from there.

11. Mickey Thompson re: Generators for sewer project on Jackson Street

Mr. Thompson stated that Cristiani requested to run a generator and were told they needed confirmation from adjacent properties which they emailed to him with all the signatures. He added that the work is now in progress.

12. Mickey Thompson re: Chartres Street Neighborhood Association issues

Mr. Thompson stated that he has been out to the location as well as code enforcement so they are looking to remedy this.

13. Mickey Thompson re: Flashing signals at intersection of E. 8th Street and Elm Street

Mr. Thompson stated that the contractor removed the poles as instructed but there are two poles on the opposite corners so they could contact Duke to see about the possibility of a flashing signal being reinstalled.

Mr. Nash asked if he would recommend that.

Mr. Thompson stated that he will look at it but the engineers obviously didn't see a need for it as it was removed at their request.

Police Chief Bailey said that he can't say that there has been any increase in accidents at that location.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for the period of 02/20/18 to 03/05/18 in the amount of \$2,573,822.34:

General Claims (Bank 1):	352,690.76	
Fire Department:	354,746.71	
Police Department:	283,787.62	
Street Department:	32,350.00	
Parks Department:	14,015.22	
	Total From Above:	1,037,590.31
Medical/Drug Fund:	14,316.50	
(Bank L)		
Payroll Claims:	1,112,836.25	
(Bank 2)		
Sanitation Fund:	94,800.00	
Thursday Utility Claims:	314,279.28	
	Total From Above:	1,536,232.03
	Grand Total:	2,573,822.34

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the above claims, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2018**, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk