

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20,
2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin. Mr. Phipps was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mrs. Moeller, Police Chief Bailey, Mr. Thompson, Police Officer Davidson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2016, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps who was not present.

Mr. Blair moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2016 with corrections, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Dr. Knable stated that they lost former councilmember Mr. Harry Harbison last week and read his obituary into the minutes and added that it is a great loss for the family and the community. He stated that Mr. Mark Robb is here tonight to talk with the council about the burgeoning drug issue in the region and opportunities they might have to begin to help out with that.

Mr. Barksdale stated that the street department has been working closely with the tree board and the city arborist on the trees on Spring Street. He explained that they are cutting the trees down and eventually there will be a plan to replant. He explained that at the corner of 3rd Street and Spring Street there are about five or six ash trees that have become diseased so those trees have begun to come down. He added that the trees have destroyed a majority of the sidewalks around the house and one tree has come under the breezeway into the house. He stated that they do hate to lose that tree cover but in this case it was necessary and there will be replanting of Hybrid Sycamore trees.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that Dr. John Reisert passed away and wanted to acknowledge his contribution to the community.

Mr. Caesar stated that he had several conversations with Dr. Reisert in the past and always felt that he was in the presence of a great man and added that it is a huge loss for the community.

Mr. Coffey stated that he thinks the council should send a card or something for these families when this happens.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Michael Hall stated that Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Amphitheater and invited them to come down. He explained that they received numbers back today on WiFi and will update the council at the next meeting.

Mr. Thompson stated that they started putting permanent striping on Spring Street and the machine broke down and they had to send it in to be fixed. He explained that within a couple of weeks they should start installing the new signal at Silver and Spring and shortly after they will install the loop detection.

Mr. Caesar asked if there is someone that will be monitoring the cones.

Mr. Thompson stated that after tonight it shouldn't be a problem because the permanent striping will be done. He added that they are working concrete sidewalks/ramps on the Bono Road stabilization project and they are looking to start paving in mid-November when that is finished. He stated that phase 1 & 2 are complete on McDonald Lane except for the final surface coat of asphalt which will not be done until the project is completed from end to end. He explained that they are moving on to phase 3 which is the roundabout and added that phase 4 & 5 won't be completed until next year, but they might start on some of the utility work this year.

Mrs. Moeller presented the financial reports for September, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

A-16-07 An Ordinance to Fix the Non-Reverting Fund for the Year 2017 Barksdale 3

Mr. Barksdale introduced A-16-07 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps who was not present. Bill A-16-07 becomes Ordinance A-16-11.

A-16-08 An Ordinance to Fix the General Fund and Other Budgets for the Year 2017 Nash 3

Mr. Nash introduced A-16-08 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Blair second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps who was not present. Bill A-16-08 becomes Ordinance A-16-12.

A-16-09 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year 2017 for Elected Officials Caesar 3

Mr. Barksdale asked if Fire King has any plans for the parcel of land that they own across the street on Security Parkway.

Ms. Crowley stated that if Fire King was to need it in the future that is an option but if this request is approved, they will market that piece to bring in another company to the area.

Mr. Caesar thanked Ms. Crowley and One Southern Indiana for following through with this. He asked if they will use a local builder for the project.

Ms. Crowley stated it is her understanding that it will be local.

Mr. Aebersold stated that Mr. Carlisle has been a mainstay in this community and they definitely want him to stay.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Mark Robb introduced himself and stated that he is representing Floyd County Cares which is a grassroots organization that started in April and meets once a month. He explained that they have seen a need to address the drug/heroin issues in the community and added that they have a sister organization in Clark County called Clark County Cares. He stated that their goal is to work with individuals in the business community, elected officials, Floyd County, LLC and with Families Linking Families to make a change and raise awareness.

Mr. Coffey stated that there have people out there battling heroin for 20-30 years and the city is behind in the game. He asked if they are going to be asking the council for funds.

Mr. Robb replied no.

Mr. Coffey recommended that he speak with the judges, the prosecutor and the sheriff's department because they are the ones that will get them on the inside of the issue. He asked if they have any proposals yet for the council.

Mr. Robb stated that they have been in existence for four months and tonight he just wanted to introduce the council to their organization. He explained that the LLC has been in existence for 30 years but the name is not well known. He stated that Scott County is exploding because of the issues in their community and they have federal funds coming in. He explained that Floyd County Cares is more like the foot soldiers for Floyd County, LLC.

Dr. Knable stated that this problem has affected Mr. Robb on a very personal level and awakened him to the problem so rather than crawl under a shell he is trying to get something going in the community. He explained that Mr. Robb isn't asking for money but input and they might benefit greatly from someone like Mr. Coffey who has been fighting this for many years. He applauded Mr. Robb for his efforts because it is a growing cancer and this is a first step.

Mr. Coffey stated that he may do better teaming up with other local organizations rather than Floyd County, LLC because he has been in politics for years and has never heard of them.

Mr. Robb stated that they are a new organization but there is a need in the community.

Mary Lambe, Families Linking Families, stated that Robbie Valentine contacted her office in May and asked if their foundation would support their efforts in trying to coordinate a coalition to bring families together to offer support. She explained that this is an epidemic that is spreading all over the area and reached out to several doctors who were eager to help the coalition in whatever form it took. She stated that with the help of the social workers, the doctors, and a few community advocates they got together and held a town hall meeting at S. Ellen Jones to bring families together. She explained that their plan is to continue to hold these meetings and continue to assess the needs of the community to bring awareness and treatment for the drug issues. She stated that on May 19, 2017 they will be hosting a public forum at IUS and they will bring in a well-known family therapist, an Al-Anon representative, and other doctors to address chemical dependency. She explained that they want to invite other agencies that could be helpful to these families under one roof so they know where they can turn if they find themselves in a situation where a family member is going through drug addiction.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he would like to have a meeting schedule so that if they are free to come they will have the information.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk