

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD PUBLIC HEARING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT 7:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, Mr. Zurschmiede and President McLaughlin. Mr. Caesar was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Matt Lorch, Police Chief Knight, Major Whitlow, Stan Robison, David Duggins, Linda Moeller and Vicki Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked if anyone was there to speak on the following:

A-14-01 Appropriation to Provide Funding to Haven House
 for the Provision of Homeless Services

Dalby O’Neal, resident of Haven House stated that he has served his community in many different ways over the years and New Albany currently does not have resources to help the homeless. He explained that feels strongly that this community needs the Haven House and has offered him and his family refuge when the community couldn't and urged the Council to consider this when making their decisions. He stated that they are doing a public service for one of their own residents and if it wasn't for this place he would be living under a viaduct and would love to see the community that he has lived in his entire life rally around this great service.

Mary Washburn, resident of Haven House stated that things have been very hard for her and she has never met anyone like Mrs. Anderson and explained that it is a safe haven for her. She explained that she is a recovering addict and alcoholic and has been sober for 13 years and Haven House was a part of her sobriety and have become her family. She stated that they are trying hard to keep the Haven House going because they are very proud of it and urged them to consider helping them out and expressed her gratitude for their consideration and for the chance to express their thanks at tonight's meeting.

John Stoltz stated that he was put in the Haven House because of his health and Mr. Abbott helped him with his alcoholism and be a contributing member of society. He stated that they help provide simple necessities such as a roof over their heads and a place to shower and they really need the help of the City and urged them to consider this when they make their decisions.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk