

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
WILL HOLD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY,
AUGUST 21, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by Mr. McLaughlin at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, and President McLaughlin. Mr. Zurschmiede was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mr. Michael Hall, Mr. Robison, Mr. Brewer, Fire Chief Juliot, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Thompson, Major Popp, and Ms. Milburn

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mrs. Baird moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2014, Mr. Phipps, second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2014, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Benedetti stated that Mr. Zurschmiede sends his regrets for missing the meeting but he has an exchange student in his home that will be leaving soon and they are preparing for that.

Mr. Gonder expressed concern over what is going on in Ferguson, Missouri and explained that you often think little towns are immune but they aren't. He asked Major Popp if there were any armored vehicles in the city that could respond to a situation like that.

Major Popp stated that they do not. He explained that they have body armor, semi-automatic rifles, and a SWAT team but the closest armored vehicle would be in Jeffersonville.

Mr. Gonder explained that there was someone invited to the meeting tonight that has been talking about issues at Bicknell Park and asked if they are worried about that area for any reason.

Major Popp explained that they have an ongoing investigation regarding a shooting in that area but they do have extra patrols in the area because there are large groups that congregate there to play basketball. He stated that they also have officers dressed in civilian clothing to assess what is going on and make sure all that is going on is that they are playing on the courts and no wrong doings are going on.

Mr. Gonder stated that the lady paints a rather drastic picture of the area.

Major Popp stated that he isn't saying that she is incorrect but they haven't seen that yet.

Mr. Gonder stated that it has been suggested that they shut down the basketball court.

Major Popp explained that if that is what it takes then they will definitely address that but they don't want to jump to conclusions and stated that they don't want to take something away from the community unless it is absolutely necessary.

Mr. Gonder asked if they are hearing broader complaints for that area.

Major Popp explained that the complaints seem to be coming from one individual.

Mr. Coffey asked Major Pop to keep them updated when there is anything to report.

Major Popp stated that they are definitely going to address it and he would be happy to keep them updated.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that he saw a couple walking with a pit-bull and it wasn't on a leash and he spoke to them about it and asked Major Pop if the police department handles tickets for that.

Major Popp stated that they probably get called more than animal control about those types of things and if they can get the animal under control they will let them off with a warning but it is in their system to be able to cite under that ordinance.

Mrs. Baird asked about seeing a lot of cars with out-of-state plates that are residents of Indiana.

Major Popp explained that when they see that they try to give them a warning and give them time to get them switched over but they can cite for that as well and if they get a repeat offender then they will definitely write them a ticket. He stated that the department has hired three new officers that are in training right now and that is going great. He explained that these are replacements for officers that they have going into retirement and thanked the council for their support.

Mrs. Benedetti asked Chief Juliot if they bid the truck out.

Chief Juliot explained that they did not bid the truck out and explained that it was readily available and due to the fact that it was becoming an emergency situation with not having one they followed state law that allows them to purchase without bidding in emergency situations or piggyback off of other contracts within 175 miles that have bid the process out. He stated that they did buy a demo truck and so they saved money and explained how long the bid process would take and stated that could have taken months that they would have been without a ladder truck.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that she totally understands that they need a truck and asked if the demo truck was new.

Chief Juliot explained that it has gone to some trade shows and has about 5,000 highway miles on it. He stated that it comes with a full warranty and fixed numerous things that they had issues with.

Mr. Gibson explained that this was vetted in front of them numerous times and discussed. He stated that they followed state statute when purchasing the truck and prices were brought to them with regards to this truck.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that they had discussed financing the truck.

Mr. Blair stated that with all due respect he never told them that the truck wouldn't be bid out.

Mr. Gibson stated that he brought the trucks that they were interested in to the council and the truck was purchased and done legally.

Mrs. Benedetti explained that she was under the impression that they were getting financing options from different banks and then they went to the Board of Works with those options and one was chosen and she was glad that it happened but the process was only to approve the financing and not a bid.

Mr. Gibson stated that they approved the purchase of the truck and because of the avenue that was chosen they were permitted to do so without bidding it out.

Chief Juliot explained that the ladder truck that they borrowed from Charlestown had to go back so while they have Clarksville and Louisville on standby they still needed the truck to service the community.

Mrs. Benedetti explained that she does understand this but she warned them that they needed to move on this earlier and they never said to not bid it out.

Mr. Coffey stated that the bottom line is that they have a 15 story high-rise and other larger buildings housing residents in the community and they have a responsibility to service those individuals and police and fire act as insurance. He explained that in the future they probably should bid it out but they got the truck and they needed it and the council needs to take some responsibility for not staying on top of things with regards to these types of issues.

Mr. Blair stated that he just wished he had understood the process a little better because he did not get that they were bidding out the process but he agrees with Mr. Coffey.

Mr. Phipps stated that it was his understanding that they were talking about that particular demo and while they didn't outright say it wouldn't be bid out he assumed that was the one that they were going to go out and purchase.

Chief Juliot explained that they bought it off of a piggyback contract which is legal by state statute and that is why they did it that way because these trucks were identical and had gone out to bid so even though they didn't bid it out themselves the process was bid out.

Mr. Gibson stated that if there were miscommunication then that is what it was because they brought the numbers down to the penny for the truck that they purchased.

Mr. Caesar asked if they could get a sheet detailing exactly what they got.

Mr. Gibson stated that the packet that they gave to the council has all of that in it and it is this exact truck that they purchased.

Chief Juliot explained that he spent several days under the truck for hours detailing every single inch of it and anything that he saw they fixed right then.

Mr. Caesar stated that he would like the final numbers

Mr. Gibson stated that he could get that to them.

Mr. Gonder stated that he would assume that this one would be in better shape having been to trade shows because they would take care that a show truck would be in the best shape possible.

Chief Juliot stated that they got a lot more for the money by doing it this way.

Mrs. Benedetti asked that in the future they be more specific if they aren't going through the bidding process so that they can answer questions that come up from the public about what it isn't.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he thinks the general public might assume that this is something that you could go to the local Chevy dealership and purchase but that isn't the case and the administration did their homework on this and made the best decisions.

Mrs. Benedetti asked about the Market Street firehouse.

Chief Juliot explained that the materials have been ordered and the work will start as soon as it comes in with a completion date of 2-3 weeks depending on the weather.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Thompson about a traffic light dimming on Charlestown Road and if he could take a look at it to get it changed.

Mr. Thompson stated that they will get it taken care of. He explained that they opened bids on Tuesday at the Board of Works meeting and if the Council has any areas that they are receiving complaints about they can get those to him so that he can get it on the list. He stated that they included some money for striping if they have problem areas and they will try to get some of it done.

Mr. Coffey commended Mr. Thompson for all of the work he does and the fact that he goes above and beyond in his job. He stated that they need to look at demolitions and alley cleanups because they are going to need more money for that soon.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Michael Hall stated that Mayor Gahan wants to remind them that the last concert in Bicentennial Park will be this weekend with extended hours to support three acts and thanked them for their support.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if they have anything going on there during Harvest Homecoming.

Mr. Hall explained that last year the city removed the tables to allow for a place to gather and they want to do that again this year but they do have a meeting with Harvest Homecoming.

Mr. Phipps asked what happens if Main Street isn't done before Harvest.

Mr. Thompson explained that it isn't an option and they know when it has to be done and they City intends to hold them to that date.

Mr. Gibson stated that they have the state bid for salt locked into a minimum to 2,500 tons and they have to buy at least 80% of that (2000 tons) and they anticipate having an appropriation before them soon for that.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

John B. Shine, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-06-11

Mr. Gibson stated that they have three years left and they have met and exceeded the statement of benefits.

Mr. Gonder moved to approve, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor.

Samtec, Inc., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-10-42

Tabled

Samtec, Inc., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-08-51

Tabled

6000 Foundation Boulevard, LLC, Compliance
with Statement of Benefits referencing R-04-36

Tabled

Chalfant Industries, Inc., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-09-19

Tabled

Lee Supply Corp., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-06-37

Tabled

Retailers Supply Co., Inc., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-04-33

Tabled

Ideal Door, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-09-17 (RE)

Tabled

Ideal Door, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-09-17 (PP)

Tabled

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: READING

R-14-05 Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Caesar
Advanced Fabricators, Inc.

Mr. Caesar introduced R-14-05 for approval, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

Kathleen Crowley explained that Advanced Fabrication is a 38 year old Company in New Albany and they are here asking for an abatement on an expansion that they have been considering for over a year. She explained that the state is also seeking their support as they are looking to do a training grant for this company.

Gary Ragsdale explained that they are in industrial maintenance that services bulk material handling for the bourbon industry with most customers from North America or global. He gave a brief explanation of some of the work that they do and for the customer base as well as a brief description of the different divisions of their company. He stated that they have a lot of big plans for the future and this is the first step.

Mr. Caesar thanked him for being here tonight, for locating in New Albany, and expanding.

R-14-06 Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Caesar
L&D Mail Masters, Inc.

Mr. Caesar introduced R-14-06 for approval, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

Kathleen Crowley explained that they have been a client of hers since 2006 and they have shone consistent and steady growth through the years.

Diane explained that order to keep up with the way other businesses are producing they will need machines that go faster and run less people. She stated that with all the information about Obamacare going out they have an opportunity to capitalize on the overflow mail that other areas can't pick up.

R-14-07 Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Caesar
SM Ten Properties, LLC

Mr. Caesar introduced R-14-06 for approval, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who abstained and Mr. Blair who recused himself from the vote.

Mr. Gonder explained that this is a special resolution for two years to fill a vacant building. He asked if Mr. Gibson could explained that this is a fully recognized policy of the state even though it is directly benefitting one of the other council members.

Mr. Gibson stated that there is nothing different with this one than any other statement of benefits under state code.

R-14-08 Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Caesar

Mr. Caesar introduced R-14-05 for approval, Mr. Coffey second, al voted in favor.

Kathleen Crowley explained that this is a 75 year old company that builds large trophies and they are looking to add 27 new employees and the purpose for this expansion is for two different locations on Foundation Blvd. and McDonald Lane.

Larry Galchick explained that they are a custom awards recognition supplier that has been in business for 76 years and they would like to position themselves to be in business for another 76 years and that would include the addition of these new product lines and approaching markets that they have not approached before.

The Council thanked Mr. Galchick for the proposal that was presented along with their request.

Mr. Coffey thanked them for staying in New Albany and expanding.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):

Mark Cassidy stated that he knew what the Fire Department was doing and he was at the same meetings and he was not confused. He explained that he appreciated what they are doing on these tax abatements by requiring them to have all the information filled out.

Roger Baylor made mention of One Southern Indiana and the fact that they brought up tolls even though excusing dump trucks doesn't help the rest of the residents.

IN COMMITTEE:

G-14-01	Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code Standards for the City of New Albany	Zurschmiede 1&2
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TABLED ORDINANCES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk