

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, Mr. Zurschmiede, and President McLaughlin. Mrs. Benedetti was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Robison, Mr. Duggins, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Thompson, and Ms. Milburn

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2014, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who was not present.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2014, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who was not present.

Mrs. Baird moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2014, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Roger Baylor stated that he just wanted to express his appreciation for what Mr. Caesar has done for all of these years in keeping his small business running in downtown New Albany. He stated that if you haven't done it, you don't know how hard it is and we are all grateful.

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Caesar asked the council if they would grant someone from the Ogle Foundation an audience with the council before the next meeting to give a brief presentation for the Green Way Project. He presented an outline of the presentation and stated that it will be a win-win for the entire community. He explained that they aren't being asked to fund anything but to talk to the state legislature as a united group with the surrounding cities.

The council set a work session before the next meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Phipps stated that he noticed that all of the street lights are out in front of the building and he didn't know if that was part of the upgrade to be considered at the first of the year but they need to look into that.

Mr. Coffey stated that he learned that they have some money left over in their travel budget and explained that they discussed maybe taking some of that money and setting up a fund for the homeless. He explained that if you don't have an address then you can't get help if you are homeless.

Mr. Gonder stated that they discussed converting a building to a homeless shelter to provide relief for a limited number of days and asked Mr. Coffey if that was what he was talking about.

Mr. Coffey explained that he was made aware of a family with two kids that are living in their car so they can't get help because they aren't considered as living in Floyd County and he just wants to do something to help these kinds of families. He stated that he doesn't think they have approached this issue and they need to make it a priority and if they have money in their budget for travel that they aren't going to use then maybe they can use that to help these types of individuals out.

Mr. Blair stated that he thought that the Salvation Army provided that kind of service for someone that maybe lost their home.

Mr. Coffey stated that there are some limitations but these types of families need a place to stay while they get on their feet. He explained that he isn't talking about a handout but helping people get back on their feet.

Mr. Gonder stated that he and Mr. Coffey discussed taking one of the houses that the city has taken title to and using it to help people out temporarily.

Mr. Coffey stated that he found out that there are some issues with that because they would be competing with the housing authority.

Mr. Gonder stated that they could have NAHA manage the properties.

There was a lengthy discussion about using a home that the city owns and allowing NAHA to manage it as a temporary shelter for homeless families.

Mr. Zurschmiede stated that there are a lot of organizations that will help people like this but none of them are stepping up to the plate to help with total relief and something like this would provide that. He explained that there are a lot of properties in the private market for something like this but the landlords don't want to rent on a short term basis like that so maybe the organizations could get together and try to fund something like this instead of the city becoming a landlord of sorts because he is not in favor of that.

Mr. Caesar stated that the property would have to be managed by someone like Bob Lane from NAHA.

Mr. Coffey stated that he wants to give them an opportunity to get a job, get back on their feet without having to worry about having a roof over their heads.

Mr. Gibson explained that if they went through the proper steps they could move that money over to use for something of this nature.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

Mr. Duggins presented spreadsheets that included the final numbers for the year. He explained that the abatement process does an excellent job of expanding these businesses, and creating and retaining jobs. He went over the spreadsheet with the council and recommended approval. Said spreadsheets are on file with the city clerk's office.

Clark Foods, Inc., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-11-10 (RE)

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PAAR, LLC, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-04-32 (RE)

PAAR, LLC, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-07-36 (RE)

Richard & Kelly Fust Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-03-28 (RE)

Mr. Zurschmiede made a motion to approve all CF-1s presented, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who was not present.

Mr. Duggins presented a spreadsheet of all of the businesses that take advantage of the enterprise tax abatement. He said that it is growing and that they are good companies. He explained that the first page is the Enterprise Zone Investment Deductions and the second one is the Enterprise Zone Business Registration.

Mr. Zurschmiede asked if a property owner is adjacent to or share a boundary with the Enterprise Zone are they in it.

Mr. Duggins replied that they count that. He explained that the state gives a lot of latitude so if it touches it, then yes.

Mr. Gonder asked when they draw the line of what is being accepted.

Mr. Duggins explained that if the road is in it then he counts it. He added that they also have to be approved by the state.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: READING

A-14-05	Ordinance for Appropriation of EDIT/Riverboat Money for Salt	Coffey 1&2
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Mr. Coffey introduced Bill A-14-05 for first and second reading, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who was not present.

Mr. Gibson stated that they won't finalize this until the first meeting in January and they will update them at that point.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):

Mark Cassidy wished the council a Merry Christmas.

Roger Baylor read a column he wrote regarding the need for a two-way street grid and spoke about Jeff Speck's street study and lack of information coming from the administration regarding this study. He also announced that he believes he is going to run for mayor next year as an Independent.

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 8:19 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk