

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, AUGUST 12, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Hall, Michael Hall, Chris Gardner, Linda Moeller, Police Chief Bailey, Fire Marshal Koehler, John Rosenbarger, Larry Summers, Stan Robison, Alicia Meredith, Jessica Campbell, Tonya Fischer and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wes Christmas re: E. Main Street project update

Mr. Christmas stated that there has been significant progress made and some dramatic changes. He said that the closure seems to be going pretty well but some of the feedback that he has gotten from some of the business owners is that everything looks completely closed. He stated that as of this morning, they did have the contractor add additional signage around 9th Street to let people know that it is open to local and business traffic and hopes this will help some of the business owners especially on the weekends. He also stated that the sidewalk work has progressed on the south side from E. 5th to 13th and on the north side from E. 5th to 12th.

Mr. Nash asked about the rails in the middle of Main Street.

Mr. Christmas stated that it is the old street car rail and that will start to come out to make way for installation of the new median curb.

Mr. Thompson stated that the board approved the street closure on Market for Sunday and that caused some problems but there were detour signs out and the public managed to get around and get through.

Mr. Christmas stated that they met with Ms. Schweitzer and tried to do the best they could to accommodate her. He said that they postponed the excavation of the median at 9th Street so that hopefully helped to accommodate some turning movements.

2. Mike Summers re: Troy Street Repaving

Mr. Mike Summers commented on the improvements around the city and stated that the city is really starting to shape up and look nice. He said that he has a garage at 1705 Troy Street and he wanted to see if the street could possibly be repaved at some point because there are some fairly sizeable holes.

Mr. Nash stated that it will be looked into and they can patch some of the holes.

Mr. Thompson stated that they are getting ready to bid some paving out again so he will look at it but in the meantime he will put it on the patch crew.

3. Karen Cook with American Red Cross re: Fire prevention initiative/Disaster education through neighborhoods October 11, 2014

Ms. Cook stated that they are looking to supplement what the fire department does and provide education for fire prevention to prevent fire related deaths. She stated that one of the things that their national organization is doing is an initiative to try to reduce the number of fire related deaths. She said that some research and statistics were done and the zip code for the city limits in New Albany was on that list as having a high number of fire incidents. She explained that they are looking at doing this on Saturday, October 11th and she has met with Fire Marshal Koehler to get his input. She stated that the targeted area is over 1,500 homes that could benefit from fire prevention material and smoke detectors. She said that they will go door-to-door and canvass the neighborhoods. She also said that they are going to try to do this on an annual basis.

Mr. Nash commended Ms. Cook for what she is doing and asked her which neighborhoods she is speaking of.

Ms. Cook replied that they range from Ekin to Spring, Vincennes to Silver, Spring Street to Rear Market Street, Vincennes to Beharrell, W. 5th to W. 9th, Market to Cherry, McDonald to Mt. Tabor and then the Klerner Lane and Charlestown Road area.

Mr. Thompson asked if the door-to-door people will have badges identifying them.

Ms. Cook replied yes and stated that they are going to try to advertise the Saturday before to let people know that they are coming.

Mr. Nash asked if the volunteers will be screened in some way.

Ms. Cook replied yes. She said that their primary volunteers are always screened with background checks before they can become members of the Red Cross team.

Mr. Nash stated that is the weekend of Harvest Homecoming.

Ms. Cook stated that it is a nationwide date within the organization that is being publicized so they didn't have any leeway in changing the date.

Fire Marshal Koehler stated that they are going to meet with them and train some of them on where and how to install smoke detectors.

Ms. Cook stated that she has also spoken with Terry Herthel to get some input and he too offered support in the training piece especially.

Mr. Thompson asked Police Chief Bailey to let the police know that there will be door-to-door canvassing going on that day.

Police Chief Bailey said that he would.

Mr. Thompson asked what time they would be canvassing.

Ms. Cook replied that they are looking at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the American Red Cross Fire prevention initiative/Disaster education through neighborhoods on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

4. Olivia Pacciana re: Use of the amphitheater for Miles for Merry Miracles On November 29th

Ms. Pacciana stated that she is a student at IUS and got involved with Miles for Merry Miracles about a year ago. She said that they assist the Salvation Army with the Angel Tree gift distribution and their main focus is on angel families. She explained that instead of a registration fee for the event, they are asked to sponsor an angel from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. She said that they would like to use the amphitheater on Saturday, November 29th and the race route along Water Street from 7:00 a.m. until noon. She also requested that their banner be hung on November 10th and then taken down on December 1st and taken to the Grant Line Road Wal-Mart.

Mr. Nash asked if the riverfront is available that date.

Mr. Gardner replied yes. He also told Ms. Pacciana that he would be their contact person and would call and provide his information to her organization.

Mr. Nash asked Police Chief Bailey if he was okay with this plan.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he and Mr. Thompson would work out the details.

Mr. Thompson stated that it could be barricaded off if the board approves it.

Ms. Cotner asked about the route and if they are going to stay just on Water Street.

Ms. Pacciana replied yes.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve Miles for Merry Miracles to use the amphitheater on Saturday, November 29th and the banner request subject to availability, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

5. Amanda Gibson-Mulvene re: 3rd Annual Fall Flea on September 21st and 22nd

Ms. Mulvene stated that she is the owner of Dress & Dwell and they are requesting to hold the Fall Flea on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st and to close Bank Street between Spring and Market. She said that it is a vintage antique, local art and home décor event and they currently have 30 vendors that have agreed to do the event. She said that they spoke with the owner of the old National City parking lot and he is allowing them to use his space as well.

Mr. Nash stated that the parking lot at St. Mark's Church would be a problem on that Sunday.

Ms. Mulvene asked if she should speak with the church about closing the street.

Mr. Nash replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked if they want to close the street from Saturday all the way through Sunday.

Ms. Mulvene replied that she would like to close it on Friday late afternoon.

Mr. Nash asked if she has spoken to the businesses in that area about it.

Ms. Gibson replied that they have talked to the Opal Gypsy and they are in favor of the event but she hasn't been able to reach the other business owner.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure with the stipulation that they make arrangements with St. Mark's Church and the other businesses, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

6. IN-AWC re: Cut Permits at 612 East 5th St (retired service), 503 Elm Street (Service Replacement), 18th & Troy (Replace Valve), Ealy & Crystal (Main break), E. 5th & Elm (Main leak 9X9), E. 5th & Elm (Main leak 3'6"X8, 4'6"X13)

Mr. Thompson stated that there are four that are within 30 ft. of each other so he called them and requested that they do that as one complete repair versus four patched areas. He added that the repairs have been made but the streets haven't been put back yet.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the above cuts, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

7. Dustin Larson/Tiffany Lock re: Request permission for downtown parking permit

Not Present.

8. Troy Sturgeon with Roto Rooter re: Street cut permit in 1900 block of Culbertson Ave.

Mr. Sturgeon stated that Mr. Pinegar was present to answer any questions because he will be doing the work. He said that they had a jetter get stuck in a line in the alley and need to dig down about eight feet to make the repairs. He said that they need a cut permit and to block the road. He said that they do have street plates ordered and there will probably be three days limited access. He added that if local traffic needs to get in then they can move their equipment.

Mr. Thompson stated that we require an eight inch concrete cap and one and one-half inch of asphalt.

Mr. Sturgeon stated that they will start the work tomorrow and it will take three days. He added that it is an emergency and that the tenants have been without utilities since Wednesday.

Mr. Thompson requested that if they get done before three days, let him know so that he can let emergency services know.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the alley cut permit, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

9. Steve Triplett re: Update on Roanoke sewer repair project

Mr. Triplett stated that there is a change in scope because the line was deeper and not quite as long so they decided to start early. He said that they passed out fliers, got traffic control up three days prior to doing anything and made contact with central alarm. He also said that Mr. Thompson notified the school board. He explained that the closure will remain the same and that they are starting to dig today which is one week early. He also added that there is a possibility that instead of having the section closed between North and South Audubon, they may be able to get it down to one lane through there.

Mr. Thompson stated that he let the school board know because they saw the signs and actually called us.

Mr. Triplett stated that they still want to be out of there by the end of the day on Friday but will keep central advised of any changes.

10. Vectren re: Street Cut at 322 Mt. Tabor Road (11372842)

Mr. Reid stated that it has already been done. He also stated that they are going to try to retire the service at 1791 Elmview without touching the street.

Mr. Thompson stated that 1791 Elmview is the one that we had last week and he checked and we did just pave it this year.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the cut at 322 Mt. Tabor Road and 1791 Elmview, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

BIDS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Police Chief Bailey re: Handicap request at 1306 Culbertson Avenue

Police Chief Bailey stated that on behalf of the Stewart residence, he is requesting a standard handicap parking space because they have autistic children. He said that if it is approved he will have Officer Speights handle the protocol. He also said that he has discussed it with Mr. Thompson and there are no issues in the area.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the handicap spot request, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

2. David Hall re: Closure of Water Street from W. 10th to E. 6th for dog walk

Mr. David Hall stated that The Rescue League has the amphitheater reserved for September 19th and 20th and on that Saturday the 20th he would like to do a dog walk so that would require a street closure from W. 10th to E. 6th. He said that the object of the walk is to assist the city in developing the community dog park. He also said this is an effort in funding to maybe provide some benches and things like that.

Mr. Thompson asked what time the event will take place and if they need any extra time for set up.

Mr. David Hall stated that it will be from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Mr. Nash asked if 6th Street will be open by then.

Mr. Thompson stated that the construction on E. Main Street should be done by then.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of Water Street on Saturday, September 20th, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

3. John Rosenbarger re: LPA Consulting Contract for Right-of-Way Services

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that this is for the right-of-way phase for the Mt. Tabor Road project and the phase is appraising and buying with our consultants Beam, Longest & Neff. He said that it will take about a year to buy and start within a couple to three months. He also said that we are looking at construction after the McDonald Lane project and is tentatively scheduled for 2016. He said that it is not to exceed \$363,500.00 and recommended approval of the contract subject to the final review by the attorney.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the LPA Consulting Contract, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

Mr. Michael Hall stated that they showed The Lego Movie this weekend at the amphitheater and just wanted to thank all of the departments that helped in that. He also said that there are three movies coming up which are August 30th-Khumba, September 27th-Frozen and October 25th-Monsters University. He then stated that there will be a ribbon cutting for the new fire training tower on Friday from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Line Road firehouse. He also stated that the new fire truck will be on display there.

Mr. Nash asked what the criteria is on cancelling a concert because there were some people that went this past Friday that didn't know it wasn't being held.

Mr. Michael Hall explained that they did cancel in the early afternoon on Friday due to the threat of severe weather. He said that they tried to get the word out through social media and a press release. He then said

that they met with Duke Energy yesterday because there are some street light outages downtown so they are trying to work with them on where the outages are and some solutions.

Mr. Thompson stated that he had a request for two handicap parking spaces on Main Street for Second Baptist Church. He explained that they originally requested one on 3rd Street and one on Main Street but the one on 3rd Street was going to have to be too far down the hill and wouldn't work out so they put both of them on Main Street in front of the church.

Mr. Nash asked if Officer Speights looked at.

Mr. Thompson replied yes and said that he filled out the paperwork and approved it.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve two handicap spots in front of Second Baptist Church, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

Mr. Larry Summers stated that he did go by and look at Charlestown Road and Beechwood Avenue where there should be a "no turn on red" sign. He said that he is going to call the design engineer to see why that wasn't included in their design.

Mr. Nash passed out a Trash Force newsletter and invited everyone to attend their annual meeting on Sunday, August 24th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Carriage House on E. 11th Street. He said that the admission is free to members and if you are not a member it is \$12.00 but if you want to join it is \$10.00 which is quite a bargain. He also said that registration begins at 5:00 p.m. and pitch-in supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for approval:

General Claims (Bank 1): \$111,752.79

Fire Department: \$21,472.78

Police Department: \$23,311.80

Street Department: \$38,139.67

Parks Department: \$18,672.06

Stormwater/Drainage: \$170,211.70

Total From Above: \$383,560.80

Redevelopment: \$212,087.09

(Banks-T,1,6,111B)

Medical/Drug Fund: \$1,173.56

(Bank L)

Payroll Claims: \$2,019,223.91

(Bank 2)

Sanitation Fund: \$194,424.53

Thursday Utility Claims: \$511,355.18

Total From Above: \$2,938,264.27

Grand Total: \$3,321,825.07

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$3,321,825.07, Ms. Cotner second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Cotner moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2014, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk