

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,  
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM.COM ON  
THURSDAY MAY 21, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate, Dr. Knable and President Caesar.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein, Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Glotzbach.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**President Caesar** called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he knows all of our thoughts and prayers have gone out to all of those who are suffering with this illness and to all of those who have lost loved ones to this pandemic. He said that he wanted to greatly thank all of the first responders and the medical professionals who are putting their lives on the line every day to fight this pandemic.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. McLaughlin** moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2020, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he wanted to go through Stage 3 of the governor’s guidelines for reopening. He said that Stage 3 is from May 24<sup>th</sup> until June 13<sup>th</sup>.

1. Hoosiers 65 and older with known medical conditions should limit exposure at work and in their communities.
2. Continue remote work when possible.
3. Face coverings are recommended.
4. Social gatherings of up to 100 people may take place following the CDC social distancing guidelines. The coronavirus is often spread among groups of people who are in close contact in a confined space for an extended period of time. This applies to wedding receptions, parties and other events where people are in close contact for extended periods of time.
5. Nursing homes remain closed to visitors.
6. There are no travel restrictions.

Things that are opening:

1. Retail stores and malls may move to 75% capacity while maintaining social distancing. Mall common areas and food and sitting areas are to be at 50%.
2. Gyms and fitness centers may open with restrictions. Class sizes and equipment must be spaced to accommodate social distancing. Limited class sizes and equipment must be cleaned after each use. Employees are to wear face coverings. Playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts and similar activities may open with social distancing guidelines in place. Community pools may open according to CDC guidelines. Campgrounds may open with social distancing guidance. Movie theaters may open with 50% capacity and some theater companies have identified specific hygiene and social distancing guidelines. The CDC will provide guidelines regarding day camps and overnight camps.

Things that are remaining closed:

1. Bars and nightclubs.
2. Cultural entertainment and sports venues.
3. K-12 facilities and activities.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it was brought to his attention by someone that the city's website has not been updated and there are still advertisements that the restaurants have put out as well as it is still indicating that the pool is going to be opening and schools are going back on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He said that hopefully that can all be changed remotely. He stated that it is public knowledge now that we are receiving CARES financing and the City of New Albany's is roughly \$1.2M and Floyd County's is roughly \$2.5M. He really thinks that the council should be involved in at least the idea phase of how that money is going to be allocated. He said that he knows there are restrictions on it but he really thinks that we have some creative people sitting on this council and he would encourage some out-of-the-box thinking to really help some of our businesses. He stated that he would like to give some thought to expanding the downtown between some of the restaurants that are closer together and create some outdoor seating and create a plaza type atmosphere. He then stated that the county is getting 2x more than we are and he really thinks that there is no time like the present for us to try to have some meetings with them to prioritize where we as a people of Floyd County, including New Albany, want to spend that money. He said that he would like to get an update from Mr. Gibson on where we are as far as how much we have spent. He stated that at a minimum he would like to extend curbside service and let the businesses know that they can do that through the end of this year.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that the administration is working with just a skeleton crew right now and department heads have been working very diligently to keep everything moving smoothly but he will follow through on the need for the website to be updated.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he figures Promedia can do that remotely and that would eliminate some confusion.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that as far as the grant money, he wouldn't mind forming a committee or have a work session, which may be hard to do.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he has been talking to a lot of businesses and they are working as hard as they can to make sure everyone is safe as people come into their businesses. He said that he just wanted to remind everyone that there is only so much a business can do and individuals will also have to be held accountable for themselves. He stated that if you are sick, stay home. He said he appreciates everyone out there and what they are doing to get our area reopened. He also said that if you notice something that is not safe, please mention it professionally to the business owners.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he agrees with Dr. Knable and if two or three of us could get in a committee to come up with some ideas on the \$1.2M or at least bring up some concerns that we may have with our constituents and pass them along. He also stated that he would like to do some things for the downtown area but we do have a large community and if we can do some things for some other areas, that should also be on the drawing board. He said that he would be willing to be involved in it. He then stated that he still has a problem with the railroad at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and people have called him about it too. He said that the railroad is not going to do anything and this was supposed to be done by November or December of last year and here we are in May and they haven't done a thing. He also said that it seems to him that we could put some asphalt down just to make it smooth and whatever they want to do in six months or so, it wouldn't take much to take the asphalt up so they can do it.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he thinks we should take the opportunity to review our financial situation with this additional money coming in from state to make sure we are on track. He said that it has been a couple of months since he has seen a budget to actual report and he doesn't know if there is an update on when we will receive our regular monthly financial report. He then stated that he recalls when Mr. Caesar took office in the first

part of January, he mentioned doing a financial review and have someone come in and review the city's financial statements and financial progress and he feels this would be a great time to do that. He said he is particularly interested in a projection of our loss of revenue. He added that given the magnitude of this crisis, we should be looking at our budget now rather than waiting until our normal budgetary time in September and October.

**Mr. Caesar** told Mr. Blair to let him see what he can come up with because we are going to be down in a lot of funds and there is no way to know right now but we should be getting some estimates together.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he has requested some information from redevelopment regarding all of their expenditures and revenues from January 1<sup>st</sup> until earlier this week when he emailed Mr. Staten. He said that he hasn't received a response yet but is expecting one. He stated that he did have some questions on the last TIF report from 2019 and emailed Mr. Staten on that as well. He said that unfortunately, he did not get any response from him or the mayor so he had to do a public records request to get that information and he is hoping find out results of that pretty soon. He then stated that since April 1<sup>st</sup>, he has emailed Mr. Caesar to request that both chiefs come before the council and he also asked Mrs. Moeller to present budget issues. He said that during this pandemic he believes that everyone has issues and he sees that the police chief is not here tonight. He stated that crime is going up and it is a constant email that he gets and is very important to a lot of people. He said that he would like to formally request a vote to have, at the very least, Police Chief Bailey come before them at the next council meeting.

**Mr. Caesar** said that he wanted to repeat that department heads have been very, very stressed throughout this pandemic and they don't have the support staff that they used to.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he asked the sheriff to give him a list of who all has been badged in since we have been shut down and the redevelopment staff alone has badged in 204 times so there is no excuse to not have answers. He again stated that he would like to have a vote to have the police chief come in and give a breakdown of what is going on.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he is in support of Mr. Turner's request to have some reports and brief updates with regards to the numerous requests that he has put in. He said that it is a little insulting to all of us as council members that he would have to file a freedom of information request in order to get some information. He added that if he is having that much trouble, he can only imagine what an unelected taxpaying citizen could have.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that in his history of asking city officials for information, he has never had a problem and it surely isn't just him. He added that he is on one side of the political realm and they are on the other but he doesn't feel that has anything to do with this because we are all in this for the citizens of this community. He stated that if he had a few things that he needed from the chief; he would probably give him a call.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he is not saying that they have not responded to his phone calls but what he is hearing from people is that the public is looking for some public input at the council meetings that they once had.

**Mr. Turner** stated that Chief Bailey has always been responsive to him and that's not a problem. His concern is that if there are manning issues, we need to see in regards to the budget if he needs more funds appropriated to him to get overtime. He repeated that he would like to see the chiefs and have budget questions answered at the next meeting.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that he spoke with the police chief the other day and basically their staffing normally but we have had a few situations. He also stated that he has spoken with the fire chief and they do have a committee with Dr. Harris regarding daily numbers and things that are happening with COVID-19. He said that he has to remind people that as far as social distancing in the assembly room for meetings, that room can only hold about nine or ten people. He also said that he wanted to remind people that the type of respirators they are using is important because the surgical masks do not retain or

filter all of the air that you are breathing out or breathing in. He said those are better than nothing but they are not like the N95 masks.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he will concur with what Mr. Aebersold said because he has never had a problem getting an answer from someone when he makes a phone call or sends an email. He then stated that he is withdrawing Bill No. G-20-02 and hopefully he can incorporate some of those things in an amended version of the resolution that will be introduced a little later on.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that she wanted to concur with all of the other comments from her colleagues and she is grateful that most of her constituents understand the fact that our departments are under a lot of stress right now and realize that things are taking a little bit longer. She said she is also very interested in looking into how much of an impact that COVID-19 is going to have on all aspects of our finances. She added that any time she has had something important enough to reach out, she has had no problems getting a response.

#### **Agreement for Legal Services**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that we usually take care of Ms. Stein's contract in April so her contract will run from the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020 until the 1<sup>st</sup> day in April, 2021. He said that he thinks she has done a great job and it is his opinion that she should be the council's attorney for the following year.

**Mr. Blair** asked if her salary is staying the same.

**Mr. Caesar** replied yes.

**Ms. Stein** stated she thinks that she put it in for what it was budgeted for.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if it was the same as last year.

**Mr. Blair** stated that we probably budgeted for a 2% increase.

**Ms. Stein** said she believes it was.

**Mr. Blair moved to give a 2% increase to Ms. Stein's salary if we haven't already done that, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor.**

**Ms. Stein** stated that she really appreciates that and looks forward to another year.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

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

#### **DEVELOP NEW ALBANY – Mr. Applegate**

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they had a meeting right before this meeting today and he just wanted to let everyone know that the Farmer's Market will be open on Saturday. He said that there is protocol that they are following so you can go to Develop New Albany to the Farmer's Market tab and they have the new protocol set out. He stated that they did an update to the restaurant program to where the restaurant people had bought food and produced 1,700 meals for restaurants that went into the local businesses. He said this came through private donations and the city donated as well as UEZ and Develop New Albany.

**Dr. Knable** asked if that program is now discontinued.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they are closing out the accounts and getting all of the reimbursements in from the restaurants.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: G-20-02 Council Meetings**

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: G-20-02 Council Meetings**

**G-20-02            Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 30.15            Phipps 1&2**  
**Regarding Council Meetings**

**Mr. Phipps withdrew this item.**

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-20-02 Catalyst Rescue Mission**

**Reverend Moon** stated that he typed out detailed information in an email and sent it to everyone so he doesn't want to rehash all of that. He said as of today, they still haven't received any dollars that they were granted from the State of Indiana. He explained that they are still in a state of necessity and are in the middle of a major renovation at the shelter. He stated that he actually sent the council several different specific situations related to New Albany citizens that are brought to them. He added that there are three more New Albany citizens that were brought today and he doesn't know if that is being done on purpose just to see if he will take them. He said they have dealt with three from the Floyd County Probation Office, three from the Floyd County hospital and one citizen that Mr. Blair had them track down in a tent that was off of Grant Line Road. He stated that they are spending quite a bit of resources and time working with New Albany citizens and he wants to continue to be able to do that and help people get into housing and get their lives on track. He said that he wants to work with the city and it will take financial support right now and in the future so that they can do the work that is necessary. He said that he wanted to put the question to the council that if you don't fund us, what is New Albany's plan to work with the people who are falling through cracks. He asked where are these people going to go if not to their shelter.

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-20-02 Catalyst Rescue Mission**

**A-20-02            Ordinance for the Appropriation of Riverboat    Knable/  
                         Funds for Catalyst Rescue Mission            McLaughlin 3**

**Dr. Knable introduced Bill A-20-02 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Blair second, Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Caesar voted no and Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Dr. Knable voted yes.**

**Dr. Knable** stated that he wanted to thank those 20 people that sent in emails in support of this ordinance and Reverend Moon for being present anytime he has been asked. He said that this was a commitment that was made earlier in the year with a 9-0 vote and this is not a want but an increasing need especially over the last several weeks. He said that unemployment is way up and New Albany will see its share of that and we need to pay our fair share with regards to how this issue is processed and addressed. He stated that budget data from last year showed that our residents from New Albany and Floyd County amounted to \$48,000.00 in visits and we are putting up \$50,000.00. He said that they need to lead by example and fulfill their commitment on this. He stated that one of the emails resonated with him because of the quote "this is the only game in town" and he knows that nothing was meant bad by that but this is not a game. He said anyone that has ever been cold, hungry and didn't know where they were going to lay their head down at night knows how serious that is and he has been in that situation before for brief periods. He said he thanks God for Catalyst and people like Reverend Moon who are willing to put their boots on the ground and do the hard, hard work on this. He stated that this is desperately needed and we need to fulfill this agreement.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that they have done some extensive work with Reverend Moon on this and they did get a lot of data in about 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday night. He added that they had requested it for some time. He said that something that has always been a bit puzzling is what we consider a New Albany resident that approaches a shelter. He asked if the person is considered a resident because he was let out of corrections after 30 days but was just actually passing through and got into a little trouble. He explained that New Albany is quite possibly one of the largest federal housing cities per capita in the Midwest and we do a lot of our share of working with people that would otherwise be homeless. He stated that in doing all of this, he found out that our township trustee could handle a lot of these things so maybe it should be considered to give the funding to his office.

**Reverend Moon** stated that he is referring to people who have New Albany IDs because they verify IDs. He added that they had 486 people with New Albany IDs in 2019.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if he has applied for the 501c3 and if that is active now.

**Reverend Moon** stated that he did apply but still does not have it yet because he believes they have been bogged down with COVID-19 as well. He said that they are operating under the assumption that any gift will be retroactively tax exempt from the date of filing for the 501c3. He stated that Clark Memorial was part of the group that helped purchase the shelter so they have been using that tax exempt because in the meantime, they are operating in a tax exempt status with them as one of the primary owners.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he recalls that being one of the conditions in order for us to fund it. He said we may want to check the February minutes for that.

**Mr. Aebersold** said he thought so too so that's why he brought it up.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that the budget was \$480,000.00 for the year and just under \$26,000.00 was used for programs so 5% goes to programs so out of the \$50,000.00, \$2,700.00 goes toward food and programs and the other goes toward administration.

**Reverend Moon** stated that he would say that a case manager that walks along someone and helps them sign up for their ID is also a program as well as an intake specialist who takes people in to assess them. He added that without the case manager and the intake specialist, none of this works. He stated that since COVID-19 they have had to hire three more intake specialists to go outside and watch the tents 24 hours a day and to assess them and provide for their needs. He said that he would also add transportation in program, so program from his perspective and the business world's perspective is two different things.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that there was one budget item for transportation that was about \$3,000.00 and then under others there was \$40,000.00.

**Reverend Moon** stated that others was for COVID-19 so transportation would be \$3,000.00 plus the maintenance on the vehicle so it would probably be about \$5,000.00.

**Mr. Applegate** asked what his overall program percentage be for what is spent a year.

**Reverend Moon** stated that \$236,859.00 is what he would consider for a year.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he looked up the grading scale from an accredited website that non-profits are judged off of and it was a D rating. He also stated that he looked at it from a New Albany standpoint and if we had \$50,000.00, we could hire a case manager and add that to the staff. He said that after looking over all of the numbers there is just such a small amount of this money that would go to the programs to help. He mentioned that you can look back in the minutes to see where he said before that a 501c3 would hold you accountable and it will.

**Reverend Moon** asked him if he compared them to other shelters because he thinks he is comparing to other not-for-profits and there is a different scale. He said that they actually compared themselves to the other seven shelters in the State of Indiana and they pay less in their staffing than any of the other shelters. He also said that a general not-for-profit is not sheltering human beings which has more costs. He stated that he didn't like when he said D rating.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he is not saying that he is doing D work. He said that his concern from the start was that this is a start-up business and money is being spent that hasn't been received yet. He added that when we went into the COVID-19 pandemic, every non-profit's budget is out of whack. He said that it worries him that this \$50,000.00 covers a month and then the next month is not covered and you have to shut down.

**Reverend Moon** asked if he wants them to drop the homeless off at the New Albany Trustee's Office because there is no shelter in New Albany and you are saying that you are going to hire a case manager to get them into housing. He said that doesn't make a lot of sense because it takes 3-6 months to get someone into housing so someone has to house them until they get to that point. He also said that right now out of the eleven hotel rooms that he is renting, he has seven New Albany residents that have cost him \$6,000.00 for seven days of sitting in a hotel to make sure they are not COVID-19 positive so Jeffersonville is paying to house them. He stated that he is housing the folks that this council represents.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that if the numbers were tighter then it would look a lot better on the balance sheet.

**Reverend Moon** stated that they are as tight as he can get them right now.

**Mr. Phipps** asked if he has checked with the Floyd County Council yet about funding because he remembers that specifically being mentioned along with the Community Foundation.

**Reverend Moon** stated that they were all scheduled to meet in March and then COVID-19 hit. He said he is planning to go to the Clark County Council, Floyd County Council and Clarksville Town Council. He said that they are going to have to see if as a community we are going to be committed to making the shelter work and if not, we will have to have another plan which he would be fine with. He stated that this is the best plan he has and he has been educated and has visited other shelters.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that going to other municipalities was brought to Reverend Moon by her in January and COVID-19 didn't hit until the middle of March so there was ample time to at least start that process. She stated that in regards to what the trustee is doing, in the last 90 days they have helped 19 people go into a hotel for a period of time in the expense of \$13,549.00. She said that in this 90-day period, they have been able to transition 12 of them into permanent housing and they have taken steps to help an additional 3 become self-sufficient at this point and ready to go in permanent housing. She stated that they work with the Ireland Group, Hope Southern Indiana, LifeSpan and LifeSpring. She said that the staff in the trustee's office helps people get documents such as birth certificates, social security cards, IDs and helps them with applications to help them move forward. She stated that averages to almost 80 people per year that they are getting into hotels and another 40+ that they are helping get in permanent housing at a less than 90-day period. She then stated that Catalyst has 10 people for intake including a supervisor and based on today's newspaper, there are 63 people at the shelter right now. She said that is one intake person per 7.3 people and daycares have less ratios than that to deal with watching children.

**Reverend Moon** stated that he looks at this as more like dealing with a nursing home or if you're looking at Wellstone because we are housing the domestic violence victims, the mentally ill and you have to have more than two staff on site 24/7. He said those 10 people are split up 24/7 in a rotating schedule with 2 per shift so that's how you come up

with the number 10. He stated that 2 of those people are paid through the Able Program which is a matching program. He said that he feels like they are doing the best job they can and keeping the costs as minimal as possible and he feels he is being nitpicked for how they made the decisions. He also said that what the township trustee is doing is great but for the first three months of this year, his shelter put 25 people in housing so they were passing 10 New Albany citizens per week which is 40 per month. He stated that not everyone gets into housing; sometimes they have an alternate plan to go to so what about the ones that they are referring to the Healing Place or to the third floor at Clark. He said they are making all of the referrals for the citizens of New Albany, housing them and they got 25 into housing in the first three months so he feels like they are doing well. He also stated that the Jeffersonville Township Trustee's letter talked about how they have turned things around and are getting the majority of folks rehoused and then COVID-19 hit. He said that he is also investing in the facility to make sure it meets the needs they have.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that their job is to make decisions for what is best for the citizens and right now, especially with everything that has happened, our financial state is unknown. She said that she thinks it is grossly irresponsible for them not to at least consider the impact on our Riverboat Fund and our regular budget with everything going on. She added that they need to think about all residents of the city and not just a certain population.

**Reverend Moon** said he agrees with that.

**Dr. Knable** stated that one of the things he learned early on was that it is nice to bring his business experience to this but you can't really extrapolate 100% running your private business for profit into running a municipality. He said that if we did that, we wouldn't be running a pool that for the first two or three years we subsidized and we wouldn't be throwing concerts downtown and he can't really say that dollar for dollar that is bringing business to downtown. He stated that these are great things but we do a lot of things that we don't get a dollar for dollar investment on. He said that he wouldn't call it a start-up business because no one in their right mind would go into this thinking they are going to make a profit. He added that the chief product of the business that he is in is hope and he would rather make good on this commitment and cancel every summer concert knowing that we are feeding and housing people. He also added that no one has answered the question of what we are going to do with people if we don't fund this.

**Mr. Turner** thanked Reverend Moon for what he does. He stated that he is a disabled American Veteran and one of our largest group of homeless are our veterans. He said that a lot of people don't understand what a veteran goes through but there is nothing like the defeat that you feel when you go through the VA system only to be told no or forgotten. He feels that we kind of owe it to our homeless, especially the veterans. He said as a conservative, it is tough to spend this type of money but we are in this perfect situation where this isn't tax derived dollars. He said it is riverboat money and it is going to a good cause. He stated that it is time to show a little compassion because these people deserve it and it is tough times for everybody so we should be here for one another. He added that we didn't get into all of these details when we gave \$50,000.00 for a forgivable loan. He said he is 100% behind Reverend Moon.

**Mr. Blair** stated that Catalyst Rescue Mission just took over the shelter in October-November of last year and they have done a miraculous job of completely revamping the program and now we've hit a pandemic and they are still doing a remarkable job. He said that it is hard to hold them to all the details that you would expect an organization that has been around for a lot longer period. He stated that they are in the mission of serving people and not so much in the management of an organization but they will get there. He said that if they come back next year, we can hold them accountable for some of the things that we have concerns with but it is not going to be a perfect organization. He stated that he has a neighborhood association in the Farmgate/Woodfield Manor neighborhood and there are some people that live on Creekview Drive that has woods behind their house. He said that those folks had seen people behind their house almost in their backyard and they were very concerned about the situation so he texted Reverend



Moon for help. He stated that members of the Catalyst Rescue Mission went out and found two different camps with two people in each camp so they made contact with those folks and tried to help them. He said that they were successful in bringing one person in and it was a 24-year-old female who is on meth and she is from New Albany. He stated that he can't imagine how she would fair living in those woods being a female and on drugs so it was a situation where they could help. He said that the New Albany Trustee is not going to put them through a drug rehab program but may help them with housing. He said the shelter is much more than just getting people into housing because they give them resources such as case management and tools to help them become successful. He stated that they also impressed him because they worked with the residents in the shelter's neighborhood to tell people what to do and what not to do when they come across a homeless person and how to be safe which meant a lot to those folks. He explained that the area off I-265 is a transient area that will continue to attract homeless people and he would rather serve people and bring them in for help and assistance rather than just telling them to move on. He said now the citizens in New Albany have an advocate they can go to when they encounter these homeless situations and without our support, it is going to be very tough for them to handle that. He stated that the New Albany Trustee does a great job but they run their office a little differently because they don't go out and engage people like Catalyst does and they have the case management which New Albany doesn't have.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he doesn't think that any of us will dispute what is going on with Catalyst Mission is tremendous with what they are doing. He said he was disappointed in getting a couple of days ago information that we wanted a couple of months ago. He said he glanced at but was not able to get through it because he has had a lot of things going on this week. He also said that he is disappointed that they are not a 501c3 yet but he knows they are working that. He stated that he was disappointed because Reverend Moon hasn't reached out yet to Floyd County, Clark County, etc. because that would mean everyone is joining in and you're getting people from all the communities.

**Reverend Moon** stated that when COVID-19 hit, he was already halfway through with the Clarksville Town Council folks and was supposed to meet with the chair but the shelter in place order came down. He also stated that he is pastoring two churches and he is being the contractor on site for renovating the shelter. He said from January until March 13<sup>th</sup> he has written an employee handbook and written operational procedures for the shelter itself as well as written rules for the shelter, instituted drug policies and hired a whole new staff except for three people. He also said that he is a very fiscally responsible person and does not ask for money that he doesn't need. He stated that he is asking for their votes and if not, he is asking what to do with people that come who are from New Albany and if there is something else that he is to be doing.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that Reverend Moon and she had a conversation last Monday and she asked specifically how much the grant they are getting is for. She said that she found out in the newspaper before she got the information from Reverend Moon. She said that when they did receive the information from him, it was received in such a small amount of time and she sees a lot of things that don't match up and maybe that is from the lack of time to go over it. She said there are some inconsistencies that stand out that are in the tens of thousands of dollars.

**Reverend Moon** asked her to give him one.

**Mrs. Collier** referred to case management. She stated that if you look at the difference between the budget and the emergency COVID-19 sheet, that's \$1,500.00 but if you go through the 800 account that's another \$55,000.00.

**Reverend Moon** stated that those aren't coming to the shelter and they are actually contract labor when they get the grant. He said they haven't spent that money but they anticipate hiring case management from other organizations to help get these people immediately housed.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that intake is another one. She said if you compare the analysis of revenue and expenses details with the budget, especially in intake, it's another tens of thousands of dollars in differences.

**Reverend Moon** stated that basically instead of 2 people on staff, they have to have 4.

**Mrs. Collier** said she doesn't understand why it doesn't match up.

**Reverend Moon** stated that they had to staff another site so that is the extra for COVID-19. He then stated that he can tell her that he is not going to spend New Albany's money inappropriately and every penny will be spent to get homeless people off of the street. He then asked if New Albany asks for every document and detail and is it all provided to them when they give money to folks.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that when you go to the bank to get a loan, they ask for documentation.

**Reverend Moon** stated that he provided everything that he was asked for and none of the money that he is showing on a piece of paper is in any way spent inappropriately. He said that the budgets have changed as everyone's has and as COVID-19 moves forward, who knows what they are going to do. He stated that he is trying to keep homeless people safe.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that she appreciates that but she feels the responsibility of considering every citizen in her decisions and she thinks that we have a lot of other things to consider.

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: G-20-01 Amend Pretreatment Ordinance**

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: G-20-01 Amend Pretreatment Ordinance**

**G-20-01            An Ordinance Amending City Sewer            McLaughlin 3**  
**Pretreatment Ordinance**

**Mr. McLaughlin introduced G-20-01 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill G-20-01 becomes Ordinance G-20-02.**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-20-06 TAB 15, LLC**

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: R-20-06 TAB 15, LLC**

**Mr. Burger** stated that he had a similar business to this that he sold in 2014 and at one time he had 82 employees and a lot of his better employees were in Indiana. He said that they basically quit making their product but there was a void in the market so one of his main sales guys came to him and said they needed to start this up again. He said that he decided to start it back up in New Albany and they have actually already sold some stands. He stated that it is exciting and all of the guys that used to work for him are coming back and are excited.

**Mr. Caesar** thanked Mr. Burger for coming to New Albany with nice paying jobs and said it sounds like a really exciting business to be in.

**R-20-06            Resolution Concerning Statement of            Collier**  
**Benefits for ETS Jet Engine Stands, Inc.**  
**D/B/A TAB 15, LLC By the Common**  
**Council of the City of New Albany**

**Mrs. Collier introduced R-20-06 and moved to approve, Mr. Aebersold second, all voted in favor.**

**Mrs. Collier** stated that they are proposing 30 new jobs to be in place by the end of 2022 with total salaries in the amount of \$1,310,400.00 so that's an average salary of \$43,680.00. She said that any new jobs to New Albany are wonderful and she feels that is a decent wage.

**Dr. Knable** asked for clarification on the abatement total.

**Mr. Staten** stated that the projected savings to the company over a 10-year period will be just a little south of \$80,000.00. He added that state has also offered incentives for this project so it is really exciting that Mr. Burger and his group are coming here.

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-20-07 Council Meetings during Pandemic**

**COMMUNICATIOINS PETITIONER: R-20-07 Council Meetings during Pandemic**

**R-20-07                      Resolution Regarding Holding Council                      Phipps**  
**Meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Mr. Phipps introduced R-20-07 and moved to approve, Mr. McLaughlin second,**

**Resolution was tabled.**

**Mr. Phipps** stated that his initial plan was to have a resolution and then Ms. Stein advised that part of it should be broken off into an ordinance since if affected the actual meeting times and they did get that together but it was rather hurriedly. He said that he then found out through Ms. Stein that once the emergency order is lifted, we are required to go back to face to face meetings and we can only have electronic meetings during an emergency situation. He stated that in the reworking of this, Mr. Applegate helped out quite a bit because he is responsible for the part that explains how we can accept input from the public while we are meeting electronically. He said that the whole point of this is that his fear is that we may lift the emergency too quickly and he feels that we need some form of protection for ourselves and for people that would potentially come to the meetings. He added that we have more cases per capita in southern Indiana than any other part of the state with the exception of Marion County. He read the last paragraph that said whereas, that such time the governor repeals the state of emergency, if the city council believes that COVID-19 exposure continues to pose a threat to public health and safety in New Albany, the city council should require all council members and attendees to wear masks and maintain proper social distancing and reserves the right to limit meetings to once per month. He said in other words, one face-to-face meeting to try to minimize our exposure and the general public's exposure when trying to pack people into our small meeting space and trying to accomplish social distancing. He said that he agrees with Mr. McLaughlin that it would be very difficult to accomplish social distancing in our assembly room because you would have to have about 124 sq. ft. per person and we would really only have the space for the 10 people that have to be there and no room for the general public. He added that if we don't have space for the general public then we don't have a public meeting. He stated that there is certainly nothing political about this and he just fears that in some instances, there is going to be a push to open things more quickly than what is going to be actually safe. He said that he also fears that this is going to come back in the fall and most of the experts believe it will so he thinks we have to be paramount in thinking about public safety.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he doesn't have the paragraph that he read.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he sent it out yesterday to everyone in individual emails because he didn't want to run the risk of everyone starting to talk about it.

**There was a lengthy discussion about continuing Zoom meetings for as long as the council wants.**

**Ms. Stein** stated that is not possible because they are only allowed to do it during the emergency and the open door law requires that we meet in person once the emergency is lifted. She added that we are really just at the mercy of the governor and what he decides on this.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that in that event, let's don't put ourselves at risk more than once a month. He said that he wasn't trying to reduce our meetings to once a month permanently which is what social media seemed to think but to protect our health and the general public's health and to set a good example to other people not to jump into this gung ho without thinking about the health ramifications.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he doesn't think this is a necessary resolution for multiple reasons but he spoke to the building authority today and they trump the governor's orders in some ways. He said they told him that they are fitting the building with infrared thermometers and they are more or less going to pass ruling that mandates the wearing of masks until further notice. He also said that he was told that they are not even looking at opening the building until after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday so we have another month to look into this. He said that they could meet at another venue and he doesn't like limiting the meetings to once a month because he thinks it would take them even further away from their constituents. He also said that if you only have one meeting per month then you are going to have twice as many people there. He recommended putting together an ordinance in the next month that says any council member who is not comfortable with coming to a live a meeting can attend by Zoom and have their ability to vote. He stated that they also need to come up with how they are going to handle this situation at the new city hall and now is the time to put in some plex glass barriers and infrared thermometers.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he likes the idea of being able to attend virtually but just wonders if legally we can do that.

**Dr. Knable** stated that we have the time to investigate that. He said that they also need to have an ordinance to have total audio and video access for everyone in the new building.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that when they started talking about the new building, he was one of the first ones to advocate for video technology and we need to do it now.

**Mr. Caesar** asked Mr. Phipps, Dr. Knable and another volunteer to work on this since we have another meeting coming up on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he would be happy to work with anyone to make this a better ordinance.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would be happy to work on it.

**Mr. Applegate** volunteered to work on it.

**Mr. Caesar** thanked them for working on this together.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he doesn't think they will be able to get this together for the next meeting because the deadline is too soon and we have a holiday weekend. He said it will probably have to be the second meeting in June.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he failed to work anything out for non-agenda items tonight but will work with Mrs. Glotzbach to use the same form that we used for the public hearing

tonight for the next meeting. He said that if someone from the public wants to comment on a non-agenda item, they can give their name and address in an email of 350 words or less received 24 hours before the meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Bob Caesar, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk