

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM.COM ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Mrs. Moeller and Mrs. Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Caesar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he did have a few occasions where he called the police chief about some situations going on and he was very expeditious in litigating them and getting back with him.

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Gibson what our email retention policy is.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is dictated by state statute in the Floyd County Retention Schedule so retention schedules for emails are about three years. He said that it is considered almost just regular correspondence, however, ours goes back to when our servers were first implemented so we have backup copies of any email sent and/or received from 2003 to date. He stated that we had problems with the server getting overloaded and basically the request was to remove them from the deleted file. He said that we do have an archive and it keeps absolutely everything.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he discussed at the last meeting the person who got on the bridge going the wrong way and he talked to Police Chief Bailey about it. He said that chief said that particular area that he was talking about on Elm Street would probably fall under state because that would be part of INDOT's evaluation of that situation. He stated that he did send them an email about that situation last week and they got back with him and they are going to look into it.

Mr. Applegate stated that he was on the Develop New Albany meeting before this and there are a few things that people are kind of off-shooting of Harvest Homecoming and they are just not a part of any of that.

Dr. Knable stated that he received a call and he is curious if anyone else has received reports of recycling materials being emptied into the large garbage truck. He said that he has a call out to Ecotech on it but he thinks the council had a discussion on this and he thought that it had been remedied.

Mr. Caesar stated that he talked to Mr. Slade's assistant and he said that they do try to recycle everything they can possible recycle and there are two different trucks. He told him that one of the things that does happen with recyclable materials is that other things are put in with them that contaminate them and when the worker sees those contaminated items in with the recycled items, it just goes right into the garbage truck.

Dr. Knable stated if that is the issue, maybe they could put some educational material in the bill again to try to drive that point home.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that it has been in the sewer bill a few times over the years.

Dr. Knable stated that if they have someone doing it repeatedly, maybe they could just have a note to put on their container that says “sorry, we weren’t able to take your recyclables this week”.

Mr. McLaughlin said that is a good point.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps

Mr. Phipps stated that he did attend the plan commission meeting on Tuesday night and they only had one item which was basically a 7 acre lot on Payne Road that was subdivided into to lots to allow their children to build a house on the other lot.

FIRE COMMITTEE – Mr. Turner, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Phipps

Mr. Turner stated that they still need to coordinate when they can get together to speak with Fire Chief Juliot. He said that he has not made an attempt but he will this week.

Mr. McLaughlin said that he hasn’t either.

Mr. Phipps stated that he hasn’t either and suggested getting an email started with chief then they can all kind of figure out when they can meet on Zoom to do that.

Mr. Caesar said he thinks that would be the way to do it but they need to get with it and make it happen.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-20-11 K&K Property LLC

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: R-20-11 K&K Property LLC

R-20-11	Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for K&K Property LLC on Behalf of W.M. Kelley Company, Inc. by the Common Council of the City of New Albany	Applegate
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Mr. Applegate introduced R-20-11 and moved to approve, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Applegate stated that this is an abatement for some new equipment as well as some property improvements. He explained that they already have an abatement and have done a great job with their current abatement with us and he thinks they are up about 14 jobs and about \$1M over and above what their projections were. He stated that they are a 100% employee owned company and they do metal fabrication and other metal works

such as powder coating and wet coating, etc. He said he thinks it is a wonderful investment in what we can do for a company that is investing into New Albany.

Mr. Caesar stated that this is \$1M in equipment and 16 additional jobs.

Mr. Aebersold asked if they just got an abatement back when we did the whole group of them.

Mr. Applegate replied yes and stated that one was ongoing and he would have to ask Mr. Staten where they are into it.

Mr. Staten stated that one back in 2016-17 was for another expansion for production space and forklifts, saws and other equipment. He also stated that Mr. Applegate is correct that they have gone above all of their original projections. He then said that Mr. Ryan Banet is present and is the VP of Administration.

Mr. Applegate stated that the job wage is great and is about \$5.00 more than our city average. He said it is around \$20.00 per hour and just over \$40,000.00 per position so he thinks it is just a great opportunity for New Albany to help keep great jobs and great businesses here.

Mr. Aebersold asked if this is a brand new addition plus new equipment and employment.

Mr. Banet stated that it is roughly 15,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, 2,400 sq. ft. of office space and new equipment such as a three dimensional laser, a robotic welder and some IT tracking software.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Bob Caesar, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk