

**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, JANUARY 5, 2017
AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mr. Duggins, Police Officer Davidson, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Boy Scout Troop

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Phipps nominated **Mr. McLaughlin** for council president, **Mr. Coffey** second, **Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair** and **Mr. McLaughlin** voted in favor.

Mr. Barksdale nominated **Dr. Knable** for council president, **Mr. Aebersold** second, **Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale** and **Dr. Knable** voted in favor.

Mr. Coffey nominated **Mr. Phipps** for council vice president, **Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash** and **Mr. McLaughlin** voted in favor. **Mr. Blair** abstained.

Dr. Knable nominated **Mr. Barksdale** for council vice president, **Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale** and **Dr. Knable** voted in favor.

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the **Work Session Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2016**, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Coffey** who abstained.

Mr. Barksdale moved to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2016**, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Coffey** who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Barksdale stated that he attended the comprehensive plan committee meeting and he believes that they discussed all the suggestions that came from the council and they went through all of the changes with the committee. He explained that he thanked them on behalf of the council and told them that a majority of the body was very happy with the document.

Dr. Knable asked if he knows when it is coming back to them for a vote.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he thought it was going to be before the council at the first meeting in February.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that crews were out early in the morning working on salting and preparing the roads for the incoming snow. He added that they used about 125 tons of salt and they have a contract with the state that allows them to purchase between 1100-1200 more tons throughout the year so they will be ready if they need it. He stated that everything went well and asked the council to report any issues if they hear of any.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

R-17-01	Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Hitachi Cable America, Inc., by the Common Council of the City of New Albany	Nash
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Mr. Nash introduced R-17-01 and moved to approve, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Duggins stated that they have 40 new jobs at entry wages of \$25,000.00 per year. He added that Hitachi is one of their strongest employers in the community and recommended approval.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there is a typo in the resolution in the fourth paragraph that repeats a phrase.

Mr. Aebersold asked about the time frame for the 40 new jobs.

Mr. Duggins stated that the resolution stipulates within the life of the abatement but Hitachi's past has been to immediately add employees.

Mr. Barksdale stated that they have to protect the established companies so for him this is a given.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

President McLaughlin stated that he would like to hold off on the appointments and standing committees until the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

William Haskins stated that he lives on Navajo Drive and he is concerned because every year there are always a few neighbors who do not rake their leaves. He explained that the resident at 511 Navajo Drive never rakes and waits until late January, February or March because they know their neighbors will do it for them. He read a letter to the council that he intended to send to the resident and then read the letter that he actually sent to the resident in a Christmas card. He asked the council to fine the people that are not raking their leaves and to send out notices to educate the public about raking their leaves.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if the leaves are just in his yard or if they are getting in the street.

Mr. Haskins stated that they get into the gutter.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he isn't sure what the ordinance says about forcing individuals to rake their leaves but that is something they could look into.

Mr. Blair asked if there is anything in the ordinance that addresses this issue.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he doesn't think the ordinance addresses raking leaves but they can request some guidance from Mr. Brewer and the building department.

Mr. Haskins stated that he is a Veteran and goes to the VA Hospital and asked about the opportunity for a hospital in this community.

Dr. Knable stated that it is in a different district so it has to stay in Kentucky.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk