

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Lee, Bryan Slade, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Larry Summers, Rob Sartell, Joe Ham, Linda Moeller, Alicia Meredith, Claire Johnson, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, David Hall, Courtney Lewis, David Brewer, Tonya Fischer, Scott Wood and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Ravyn Just with Trilogy Hair, Nails and Face re: Permission to hang sign on building at 2736 Charlestown Road, Suite 3**

Not Present.

- 2. Sheriff Frank Loop re: Dumpster on Scribner Drive in parking lane 02/28/18-03/02/18**

Deputy Furman stated that he was present on behalf of the sheriff because they need to park a dumpster on Scribner Drive for a maximum of two days to load excess storage trash that has been stored for the last 60+ years.

Mr. Nash asked if it will be in one parking lane.

Deputy Furman said that it will probably take up two parking spots.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Tony Nava, Chartres Street Neighborhood Association, stated that with the repaving that will take place on Chartres Street, he is requesting that curbs be installed because there are several handicapped people on that street and they have a hard time getting in and out of their cars. He also stated that he is requesting that the drainage be checked out before the paving takes place because with the past rain, it was a mess and some parking spots couldn't be accessed because of the lack of drainage on the street. He then said that spinners were installed on the signs at the intersection of Chartres Street and Jackson Street but they don't help in the evening and do not work unless the wind is blowing. He requested to get upgraded to flashing lights so that in the evenings the stop signs are visible because otherwise people can't see them. He showed a picture of a house located at 1409 Locust Street that has had debris in their yard for the past year and is an eyesore. He said that they have several vacant rental houses in their neighborhood that are being squatted in by homeless individuals and would possibly like to get them boarded up.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if he has made contact with Mr. Brewer's office regarding these issues.

Mr. Nava stated that he has called and emailed pictures and requested to have them boarded up. He then said that a lot of the residents in the neighborhood have complained about seismic issues due to the new construction so he is working with the excavation company as well as the city.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Brewer if he would take note of those issues.

Mr. Brewer replied yes.

Mr. Brian Hampton, Floyd County Brewing, stated that he is seeking permission to close the sidewalk on W. 1st Street for construction and improvements.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked him how long they wanted to close it.

Mr. Hampton replied probably about two weeks weather permitting.

Mr. Thompson explained that he has been working with Mr. Hampton and that in conjunction to what Mr. Hampton is doing, the city is going to install a sidewalk where there wasn't one to connect the houses down by the flood wall.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that Mr. Hampton would have to put appropriate "sidewalk closed" signage out.

Mr. Thompson told him to put out signage directing pedestrians across the street. He also told him to get in touch with them if he runs into problems and it's going to take longer.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the sidewalk closure on W. 1st Street in front of Floyd County Brewing for a period of two weeks, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Mr. Joe Wood, Dan Cristiani, passed out street closure maps and reviewed them with the board. He then requested to close Jackson Street between 8th Street and Chartres Street starting Wednesday, March 1st for approximately three weeks. He said that they did pass flyers out to the residents. He then explained the second page which was a description of temporary electrical work that is going to be done on Jackson Street. He said that Duke Energy could not move some power lines that needed to be moved in a timely manner so there are two residences that have offered to let them disconnect their power temporarily and hook their houses up to generators and he has an electrician that has pulled the appropriate permits to do that. He explained that the generators are 58 decibels and will be running 24/7 and requested permission to hook those up.

Mr. Thompson asked if he has had any conversations with the other residents at the properties adjacent as far as the extra noise that they will make.

Mr. Wood replied no.

Mr. Nash asked if they had planned to do that.

Mr. Wood stated that they certainly can.

Mr. Thompson said that the board needs something from the neighbors saying that it is okay.

Mr. Nash asked how long the power will be disconnected.

Mr. Wood stated that the one at 1302 8th Street will probably be about two weeks and the one at 1302 Chartres Street will be approximately a week and a half to two weeks as well.

Mr. Nash asked when that will begin.

Mr. Wood replied that they want to begin this week on the one on 1302 8th Street and the one at 1302 Chartres Street will be approximately two weeks after that.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would not feel comfortable approving it until he knows that they have spoken with the adjacent properties and he knows that it is not a problem.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to Mr. Wood getting something from the adjoining properties so that the board knows that they are okay with it, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Mr. Wood then requested to close Beeler Street between Chartres Street and Jackson Street to get the water line services tied in for the basin 7 improvements project on Monday, May 5th from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Nash asked if the residents have been notified.

Mr. Wood stated that he believes they have.

Mr. Thompson asked about the seismographs that are set up for the project.

Mr. Wood replied that he has not seen the report but they did do seismographs last week when they were working at 15th Street and Beeler Street and from what he understands, the data was reviewed and they were told that there is absolutely nothing to worry about and nothing that should damage a structurally sound house. He stated that they will come back with two more seismograph sensors when they start the work in Jackson Street and if there is anything they see that is concerning, they will notify him and they will stop work.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the closure of Beeler Street on Monday, March 5th subject to notification of the property owners in that area, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Ms. Paige Thomas, O'Mara, requested a 3'X4' street cut at 1909 Shelby Street for a meter set replacement and a 17'X20' street cut as well as a 13'X25' street cut at 1020 Vincennes Street.

Mr. Nash asked if they have all been done.

Ms. Thomas replied yes.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the above cuts, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Mr. Brandon Frazier, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, stated that the only active closure they have in place now on the Daisy Lane Extension Project is at the entranceway to Burger King and Tucker's Station and there are not lane closures set up on State Street at this time so traffic should be able to return to normal. He also stated that since they do have that entranceway restricted, it may get a little jumbled at lunch time at that intersection. He said that pending approval, they will pour concrete sidewalks next to the curbs that have already been installed next week and after that they should be able to start doing cleanup and restoration and get out of there until it is time to do paving.

Mr. Summers stated that the contractor for the signal project there is planning to do some work at the Daisy Lane intersection as well next week so they will need some intermittent lane closures between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on State Street. He said that they are going to be setting the pedestrian push buttons around the same time that the sidewalk work is being done but will try to stay out of each other's way.

Mr. Nash stated that he thought that was 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Thompson stated that it was 8:30 a.m. and they moved it to 9:00 a.m. He then asked Mr. Frazier how long they will need next week.

Mr. Frazier stated that they are requesting from Monday to Thursday to make sure that there are no issues with weather but it will definitely be about two days of work.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve lane closure at Daisy Lane and State Street from Monday until Thursday of next week, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Ms. Ruth Watson stated that she wanted to speak about Blackiston Boulevard because when you turn onto it at night, you can hardly see due to the fact that there is no lighting or markings there. She also stated that the first lane that you turn onto is very narrow and there is not a very good entrance into that lane.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would look at it to see if there is anything we can do with the lighting and if the striping is okay.

Mr. Nash stated that Mr. Thompson will look at it and get back with her.

Mr. Randy Stalker, Clark-Dietz, stated that MAC is working on final items on the 2017 Paving Contract and is flagging traffic at 8th Street near Beeler Street and Jackson Street today to install sanitary sewer structures and adjust them to grade. He said they will then move to Elm Street, Main Street and Vincennes Street in the following weeks and will try to keep working until they get done but may get pulled to other projects.

Mr. Thompson stated that there are about 30-35 that they have to make adjustments on.

Mr. Bob Stein, United Consulting, stated that Mr. Summers and Mr. Frazier covered his lane closure request at Daisy Lane and State Street but it is for this week.

Mr. Summers stated that he misspoke and it will be this week that they will install the pedestrian buttons instead of next week.

Mr. Nash asked what days it will be.

Mr. Stein stated that it will be for the remainder of this week.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they can avoid Friday.

Mr. Summers stated that according to their contract with INDOT, Friday is not stipulated as a day that they can't work on but he will emphasize to them that we would like for them to avoid that particular intersection if possible.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the lane closure at Daisy Lane and State Street for the remainder of this week, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Father Thomas Merrill, St. Mary's Church, stated that he wanted to thank the city and Clark-Dietz for the purchase of some of the cemetery property for the wastewater project. He then stated that on the corner of 8th Street and Elm Street there used to be a four-way flashing light that was removed and it seemed to be a good deterrent to keep people from having accidents so he wanted to encourage the board to put that back. He then asked if the city has a policy is on using greenspace because there was a beautiful stretch of property with three huge trees on Charlestown Road across from Kroger and it all got ripped out for the medical center to go in there. He said that it is just more asphalt adding to the heat island that we already have a problem with in this area. He also mentioned Summit Springs on State Street which was completely deforested. He then asked if there is a policy to use already existing properties for development instead of paving over more greenspace and ripping out trees.

Mr. Thompson stated that the city does have a tree board and those things are reviewed by them. He also stated that a lot of times if something is taken out such as a tree then the tree board has a policy that it has to be replaced.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that it is private property.

Mr. Summers stated that if it is private property then the tree board doesn't review it. He also stated that from his understanding, Indiana's development laws are very landowner friendly so

they allow them to move forward with projects as long as they fit within the current zoning codes. He then said that the city's 20-year comprehensive plan does put a large emphasis on reusing existing sites to encourage redevelopment rather than development so we are moving in that direction.

OLD BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Chris Gardner re: Update on Flood of 2018

Mr. Gardner reported that the Ohio River crested yesterday at 67.13 feet which marks this as the 12th highest Ohio River crest in the recorded history of the City of New Albany. He explained that the flood began on Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. and the New Albany Flood Control District started actively fighting the flood. He said that they are currently still operating their levy system 24/7 and as of now, they have five of six pump plants running and two movable closures installed. He thanked Fire Chief Juliot, Deputy Fire Chief Gadd and the firefighters that came Thursday night at 5:00 p.m. and worked until 2:00 a.m. to put that closure on W. 10th Street up which does have water on it now. He also thanked Police Chief Bailey and the police department for being there that night as well.

Mr. Nash asked where the other movable closure is located.

Mr. Gardner replied that it is at E. 10th Street at the service entry of the flood wall behind the Culbertson Mansion and it also has water on it. He said that they also have 18 gates closed which are diverting water to their pump plants to keep the Ohio River out of the city of New Albany. He also said that over four days of last week, we received a little over seven inches of rain. He stated that he feels it is important to note that the investments made to our storm water infrastructure and our levy system under the Gahan administration with the implementation of the storm water bond of \$6M proved to have worked through our city as we have been in this flood event. He also stated that they have made \$2M in investments in 2014 and 2015 to their flood pumping stations and those pump stations are working very well and they are very proud of that. He added that they have seen little to no issues at all citywide during this event.

Mr. Nash asked if he understands correctly that the pumps that were replaced were the originals from the 1940s.

Mr. Gardner stated that the pumps themselves are still original today but they had them removed, rebuilt and reinstalled. He also stated there are 19 total motors that run the pumps and three of those were rebuilt and the other 16 were replaced with brand new ones. He said that altogether right now the Falling Run Pumping Station is pumping over 160,000 gallons per minute and making great headway in our ponding areas.

Mr. Nash stated that some people wonder why the ponding areas are there.

Mr. Gardner said that is part of the plan and you will see ponded water throughout the west end of New Albany in parks and those areas are designed to flood to protect the city of New Albany.

Mr. Nash asked if we should be seeing them go down.

Mr. Gardner replied yes.

Police Chief Bailey thanked Mr. Gardner and his crew for everything they have done to make this the least impactful flood situation that he has ever experienced in his career. He stated that with regards to calls for service coming in from communications for police and fire, they have had no issues with regards to flooding. He said that the roadways that were impacted were barricaded and law enforcement officers were checking those roadways periodically to ensure public safety. He also said that additional firefighters and police officers have been out and about to also ensure public safety. He stated that we have had no individuals displaced by this

flood and to his knowledge, we have had no serious public safety events due to the flood so we are obviously doing something correctly with managing floods.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that in his 23 years on the fire department with past flood events they have had numerous water related rescues and this is the first flood event that he has seen with no water rescues.

2. David Brewer re: Dilapidated and unsafe housing

Mr. Brewer stated that the Gahan administration started one of the focal points of trying to eliminate dilapidated and unsafe housing throughout the city and a lot of those areas that they targeted were in areas that tend to flood. He said they are gone now so that solved a lot of issues that we may have had but didn't so he just wanted to note that. He then passed out pictures of the two properties that Mr. Nava wants boarded up and said he is not saying that they don't have issues but there are certain things that they don't board up and there are reasons that they don't. He said that if the board will look at the pictures then they will see why.

Police Chief Bailey stated that Mr. Nava has been instructed to contact law enforcement if he has issues in his neighborhood because one of his complaints was that there are trespassers on those properties and up to this point, he has no knowledge of him contacting law enforcement other than coming to these meetings.

3. Rob Sartell re: Wastewater Utility Report

Mr. Sartell reported that we experienced seven inches of rain from February 22nd through February 25th and their system has been running at capacity and is still doing so. He stated that they have made improvements in the amount of \$3M in the last eight years to pump stations and in the last decade, they have made close to \$100M in wastewater improvements. He also stated that if those improvements had not been made then Old Ford Road pump station, Mt. Tabor Road pump station, Prosser pump station and the wastewater treatment plant would have raw sewage going into the Ohio River right now. He said that they have experienced maybe a handful of people calling in that had flooded sewers but overall they had a very successful weekend compared to what they have dealt with in the past.

Mr. Nash asked if anyone knows how this event ranked as far as that much rainfall in that period of time.

Mr. Gardner stated that he would have to look into that and report back at the next meeting.

4. Alicia Meredith re: Flooding at parks

Ms. Meredith stated that a couple of our parks are flooded but that is their intended purpose and were built in the flood plains to hold that water so that people's homes don't get flooded. She also stated that they have had volunteers already out cleaning up some of the ones where the water has leveled out and as of right now there are no major issues going on.

5. Joe Ham re: Road closures due to flooding

Mr. Ham stated that there are just a few roads that are currently closed due to the flooding conditions and that they did work with the police department, storm water and flood control to help during this event. He then stated that they have experienced an increase of potholes that have developed during the rain events and last year they used about 15 tons of cold patch during the cold weather to fix holes but this year they have used over 30 tons. He said that a lot of it is because the holes are larger but with all of the rain we've had, it makes it difficult for the cold patch to stick. He said that they are trying to address them but does understand that sometime next week the asphalt plant will be coming back online which will give them some more permanent repairs to roadways and potholes.

Mr. Nash asked if he would explain the difference between hot and cold patches.

Mr. Ham explained that cold patch is a cold mixture of tar coated stone and is placed in a hole to try to hold together but does not set up like asphalt when you put it in so you see the holes reoccurring after they get traffic. He said that their plan is to patch the holes with cold patch right now and to get traffic on level ground and then go back and fix those troubled areas with asphalt after it warms up.

6. Scott Wood re: Introduce ADA Transition Plan and Title 6 Implementation Plan. Begin 30-day comment period.

Mr. Wood explained that last year the board authorized contracts with VS Engineers to write the city's ADA Transition Plan and Title 6 Implementation Plan and today is the final process in that which commences the 30 day comment period. He stated that during that period people can review the plans, make comments to him and he will go synthesis those comments at the end of 35 days which will be five weeks from today. He said that he will let the board know what comments were received and what actions the city intends to take at adopting of the plans. He also said that the key point here to understand is that it puts it all in writing although the city has always been implementing ADA since 1990 when it was adopted so if people within the city or within the community have complaints, they should start with him on getting a resolution. He stated that he is very pleased with the plans and there will be copies kept at the reference desk at the library, copies in his office as well as being posted on the city's website. He also stated that there is no formal action that the board needs to take today but he will ask the board to adopt the plans five weeks from today.

7. Courtney Lewis Re: Special Permit Requests

- **Floyd Memorial Addiction Awareness 5K**

Ms. Lewis stated that the Floyd Memorial Foundation would like to hold its Stop Addiction 5K on Saturday, May 19th with set up time being at 11:00 a.m. She said the actual event will go from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with everything being cleaned up by 3:00 p.m. She stated that the route that they would like to utilize is attached to the application and reviewed it with the board.

Mr. Nash asked if they are going to stay on the sidewalks.

Ms. Lewis replied yes and stated that they will have volunteers at every crossing.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Police Chief Bailey if he is okay with the route.

Police Chief Bailey replied yes, as long as they have volunteers posted as last year.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she would like to encourage future 5Ks to use Water Street especially with the greenway being an option.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

- **March for Our Lives Southern Indiana**

Ms. Lewis stated that it is in conjunction with a lot of other marches that are happening on the same day in response to gun violence and the group would like to utilize Bicentennial Park on Saturday, March 24th. She explained that the event will be from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. but they have requested to set up at 9:00 a.m. and tear down by 1:00 p.m. She said that they will have one pop-up tent and one table with speakers. She also said that the contact person is Mr. Jason Mix and Ms. Jane Willman and Mrs. Connie Sipes are helping him with it as well.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is a rally so they will not be actually traveling anywhere.

Ms. Lewis stated that is correct.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

- **Rolling lane closures on Main Street**

Ms. Lewis stated that the landscapers are going to start work on the Main Street medians next week weather permitting so she requested a rolling lane closure on Main Street from Vincennes Street to E. 5th Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have done this several times.

Mr. Nash asked who is doing the work.

Ms. Lewis replied Land Design Systems.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve a rolling lane closure on Main Street next week, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

8. Mickey Thompson re: Response of city departments to flood waters

Mr. Thompson stated that from all of the departments that spoke, it sounds like the city did a really great job on coming together to contain the flood waters which could've been a bad situation and you can see that some surrounding areas have not fared as well as we have.

Mr. Nash said that he has been questioned by people as far as why we are not on the news and we have not been because we haven't had the problems that other places have. He then expressed the board's appreciation for all of the hard work from the city's departments.

9. Linda Moeller re: Bank Reconciliation Worksheets for January 2018

Mrs. Moeller presented the Bank Reconciliation Worksheets for January 2018 and asked that they be entered into the meeting minutes.

Mr. Nash stated that the record will reflect that they were received by the board and entered into the minutes.

10. Larry Summers re: Lane closure on Green Valley Road

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked why the left turn lane off Green Valley Road to State Street was blocked early this morning.

Mr. Summers said that he can mention to them to avoid rush hour.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers to take that into consideration on future contracts.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2018, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk