

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 MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by Mr. McLaughlin at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, Mr. Zurschmiede, and President McLaughlin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mr. Robison, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Michael Hall, Police Chief Bailey and Mrs. Glotzbach

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2015, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Baird moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2015, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2015, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Baird moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2015, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2015, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Bob Sterrett stated that he hasn't read the maintenance ordinance and suggested that they put it online so that the public could read it. He explained that they talked about the need for penalties and that is necessary for any rule to be enforced and if it becomes a burden for Mr. Brewer's office he can come to them and let them know. He stated that they don't want solid waste dumped in the streets and alleys so it needs to be a service with penalties for those not following the rules and they need to make sure the public is aware of all of these rules and make them available on the website.

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Caesar asked Mr. Thompson about how they are doing on potholes.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have two crews working on them.

Mr. McLaughlin asked how they are on salt.

Mr. Thompson stated that they are doing pretty good.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Thompson and his entire crew for doing such a great job as well as Mr. Hamm and his crew.

Mrs. Baird echoed Mr. Blair's sentiments and stated that they really appreciate all the work that they did.

Mr. Thompson stated that it was definitely a team effort with many different departments.

Mr. Coffey stated that at the first Solid Waste meeting he went to they explained that they did not want the city on that job and stated that they have their own pick up for recyclables and it doesn't matter that the city helps pay for theirs. He explained that he has been told three different times for when they meet and he was told he would get a call and an email and never received either.

Mr. Gonder stated that the solid waste is intended for non-city residence because we have curb pick up.

Mr. Coffey stated that they get EDIT money for that so the city should have input as well to work with them. He explained that Mr. Oakley said that they are going to have to raise revenues and he has heard that they are saying it is because the city is overspending and it is a shame that they have to speak about the city in that manner instead of working with them.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Michael Hall stated that Mayor Gahan supports the Blessings in a Backpack program and encourages them to vote in favor of the appropriation.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: READING

A-15-01 Ordinance for Appropriation of Riverboat Baird 1&2
Money for Blessings in a Backpack

Mrs. Baird introduced A-15-01 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor

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Mr. Caesar withdrew his second,

Mrs. Baird introduced A-15-01 and amended it to a 3 year appropriation

There was a lengthy discussion about advertisement for the appropriation and how to handle the changes.

Mrs. Baird withdrew her amendment,

Mr. Caesar asked if all of the other entities are on board with this.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that last time they did this they appropriated for three years instead of one so that they could stay on the same cycle. She asked if they might want to amend it to do that this time as well.

Mrs. Baird stated that is fine with her.

Mr. Phipps stated that if they do that they are compelling the next council regarding this as well.

Kevin Beam stated that the initial program was a three year commitment with the City of New Albany, the Horseshoe Foundation and the Blue Sky Foundation.

Mr. Coffey asked if they get anything from the county.

Mr. Beam stated that they do not but they haven't asked them. He stated that Blue Sky will roll off next year and now the Walmart Foundation is on board.

Mrs. Baird asked that since Blue Sky is rolling off if that would deplete their funds.

Mr. Beam explained that they are putting together a committee in the community to try and bridge that gap as they move forward. He stated that they are consistently approaching new companies as the old ones roll off and this year they will add the Walmart Foundation and Blue Sky will roll off.

Mr. Phipps asked if they are a secular or religious organization.

Mr. Beam stated that they are not a religious organization

Mr. Gonder asked what their optimal amount of funding would be.

Mr. Beam explained that they are feeding just under 2000 kids at \$80 per child which equals about \$160,000.00.

Mr. Gonder stated that just in case some of them aren't here next year, he thinks that is all the more reason to make it a three year commitment.

Mr. Coffey stated that maybe they should do 2 because the next incoming council might want to give more.

Mr. Blair asked how they make up the difference

Mr. Beam stated that they have miscellaneous donations that come in as well as events where a portion of the money goes to this program. He stated that a three year commitment from the city would make a difference when they approach other donors.

Mr. Blair asked if they use the cafeteria employees at the school or do they have volunteers.

Mr. Beam explained that it is a little bit of both.

**G-14-01 Ordinance Adopting the International Property Zurschmiede 1&2
Maintenance Code Standards for the City of
New Albany**

Mr. Zurschmiede tabled G-14-01 until next meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mrs. Benedetti stated that the council still has not put their representative on the Storm Water Board or the Sewer Board and asked if they are working on this.

Mr. Lorch stated that they might want to have an executive session to discuss this.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that they need to get this taken care of because there has only been two people present at these meetings.

Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Lorch if he was going to do a brief on this.

Mr. Lorch explained that he hasn't reduced it to a brief but would be happy to fill them in on any questions that they have about it.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that if they can discuss it at an executive session she would rather do it as a group.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Mr. Coffey stated that he doesn't think that people should have to pay taxes on equipment that they need to make the work. He explained that he doesn't mind the real estate tax but they don't gain very much for the equipment and it discourages manufacturing jobs from coming into the community.

Mr. Phipps asked if it is state law.

Mr. Coffey stated that he is sure they can do something about it.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):

IN COMMITTEE:

TABLED ORDINANCES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk