

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 AT
7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Police Chief Bailey, Police Officer Watson, Mr. Rosenbarger, Mr. Wood, Mr. Staten, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Moeller and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Barksdale moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2019, Mr. McLaughlin second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Barksdale stated that he will be attending the statewide preservation conference in April that is going to be held in Evansville this year so he will be turning in a claim to Mrs. Moeller for registration and housing in the amount of \$345.50.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to have the council approve those expenditures and he would like to put a \$350.00 cap on them.

Dr. Knable moved to approve, Mr. McLaughlin second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Barksdale who abstained.

Dr. Knable stated that he would like table R-19-03 because he has received conflicting information and wants time to speak to more of the neighbors. He reported that he attended the One Southern Indiana Economic Council on behalf of the City Council this past week and brought back some of the information that they received to be disseminated.

Mr. Blair announced to the public in the room that Dr. Knable tabled the resolution regarding the Mt. Tabor sidewalk issue and clarified that they are welcome to stay and speak to the council.

Mr. Aebersold asked if anyone has noticed dumpsters in the streets on Elm Street because they have been there a long time, and the one that is considered a pod is pretty far into the street. He asked if there is any legislation governing these.

Mr. Phipps stated that the Board of Public Works and Safety grants permits for those but normally for a fixed amount of time with stipulations.

Mr. Aebersold asked if the city makes any money off these permits.

Mr. Phipps stated that the time frame is based on the type of project.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that there is a permit involved with these requests but there are no monies. She added that if they ever see dumpsters that are blocking the street or have been sitting for a long period of time to email her and she will turn them over to Mr. Thompson to be inspected.

Mr. Aebersold stated that this definitely could be dangerous so he will get that information to her.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that the board would definitely like to know and added that one of the stipulations when a permit is granted for these requests is that they have reflective tape.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he contacted the traffic division about cars being parked on the curb and they have been issuing warnings on those cars so it seems to be working. He explained that he received a call on Academy Drive regarding speeding issues in that area and Joe Ham is looking to install a couple of signs on either side to address the issues.

Mr. Blair stated that there is a traffic issue on Green Valley Road near the overpass so Police Chief Bailey is going to put extra patrols in the area to slow down traffic. He added that he may try to look at installing radar signs if they think those could be effective in that area. .

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he spoke with a couple of firemen when he visited the fire station and they think those signs have slowed down traffic on McDonald Lane quite a bit.

Mr. Phipps stated that he doesn't see that it has been particularly helpful on Spring Street.

Mr. Blair stated that is why he is apprehensive about whether or not it will work on Green Valley but it is something he is considering.

Mr. Phipps stated that he thinks that some of the other improvements on McDonald Lane have helped with speeding.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he was downtown and was using the crosswalk and motorists still seem to have issues with understanding the flashing signs.

Mr. Blair stated that he spoke with Mr. Wood about meeting with the annexation committee and he is available to meet any day this week after 4:00 p.m. as well as next week. He asked that they look at their calendars and get a date down to meet and those members will report back to the body.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that Mayor Gahan wanted to remind the Council about the Colonial Manor input meeting on March 20th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Fairmont Elementary and invited them to join the conversation if they can.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the members with the January 2019 financials and asked that they be reflected into the record.

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

HORSESHOE BOARD – Mr. Caesar and Mr. Aebersold

Mr. Caesar stated that there was no meeting because of the river being up and the casino was closed.

Dr. Knable stated that when he was on the board, there was some preliminary discussion with regards to pooling data from the scholarships that had been granted over the years. He explained that they were going to look at how many people remained within in Floyd, Clark and Harrison counties and asked if that conversation ever got picked up again. He stated that if it hasn't, he would encourage Mr. Aebersold or Mr. Caesar to bring it up.

Mr. Aebersold asked him if he wanted to know if they stayed in the area and are still going to school.

Dr. Knable stated that he is looking for data for after schooling.

Mr. Caesar said that he remembers a bit about it but they have not had any further conversations about it.

Dr. Knable stated that he would love to see if there has been payoff for retaining some of the talent.

Mr. Caesar stated that he does know that the majority attend IUS or other schools in the area.

Dr. Knable stated that if the data is hard to collect then maybe they can address that going forward in the form of a mandated reporting as part of taking the money.

Mr. Coffey asked if there are any scholarships that are issued to persons attending trade schools.

Mr. Caesar stated that the program was set up for college.

Mr. Blair asked if there is any restriction on where they attend school.

Mr. Caesar stated that the individual can attend any school that they want as long as it is an accredited academic institution.

Dr. Knable stated that he does like Mr. Coffey's idea of broadening the scope.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wouldn't be against that and he will bring up this discussion at the next meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Mr. Barksdale

Mr. Barksdale reported on the following:

- Approved an Emergency Repair application for help with a new roof and handicapped assessable shower at 1009 E. Market Street
- Approved funding for State & Oak and State & Cherry streets traffic signals: INDOT: 90% City 10%

- Approved funding for NAHS Health and Wellness education program
- Approved design contracts for line of sight and safety improvements at Grant Line Road and Blackberry Ridge subdivision as well as Charlestown/Grant Line roads connection to East 4th Street.
- Allocated just over \$1M of TIF dollars for Industrial Park road paving at 12 different locations.

Mr. Phipps asked about the estimate on the Charlestown/Grant Line roads project.

Mr. Barksdale stated that it was \$72,000.00 for the design.

Mr. Coffey stated that there were engineer studies done six-eight years ago and asked if they are going to use those.

Mr. Staten stated that he thinks there were preliminary plans done a few years ago but this is a full design for the road.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that there was an earlier study that came up with about six alternatives.

Mr. Coffey asked if that should save on cost.

Mr. Rosenbarger replied yes.

Dr. Knable stated that he wanted to thank the council’s representatives on Redevelopment Commission for voting yes on the sight lines on Blackberry Ridge as well as their no votes on the weight room allocation.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: X-19-01 (Progressive Materials)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: X-19-01 (Progressive Materials)

Mr. Staten stated that this is the final phase for this annexation project and explained that a yes vote does move the project forward.

Mr. Endres thanked the Council for considering this voluntary annexation and added that it doesn’t take effect until next year.

X-19-01 An Ordinance Annexing Territory into the City of McLaughlin 3
New Albany, Indiana on Petition by all of the Owners
of Such Territory Pursuant to the Provisions of
IC 36-4-3-5.1

Mr. McLaughlin introduced **Bill X-19-01** and moved to approve the third reading, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor. **Bill X-19-01** becomes ordinance **X-19-02**.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: R-19-03 (Mt. Tabor Road Sidewalks)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: R-19-03 (Mt. Tabor Road Sidewalks)

**R-19-03 Resolution to Support Elimination of Northern
Sidewalks from Mt. Tabor Road Project**

**Knable/
Coffey**

Dr. Knable tabled this item.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Scott Blair, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk