

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, MARCH 17, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member and Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member. Warren V. Nash, President, was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Krystina Jarboe, Chris Gardner, Larry Summers, Josh Staten, Russ Seegraves, Fire Chief Juliot, Shane Gibson, Linda Moeller, Bryan Slade, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Larry McIntire, Beam, Longest & Neff, reported the following:

Notice to Proceed Date: Commence on or before 4/15/2019
Final Completion Date: Tentative revised completion date is 7/24/2020
Approximate % Complete: 62%

Progress for the Week:

- Sub-contractor poured sidewalk on west side of roadway.
- Contractor began pavement removal for Garretson Lane realignment.
- Contractor worked on reinforcing for block retaining walls.

Upcoming Activities:

- Contractor will be working on realignment of Garretson Lane.
- Sub-contractor will be pouring sidewalk on west side of the roadway.
- Contractor will be installing remaining trunk storm sewer structures.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Consultant is working on amended plan/permit submittal for IDEM review.
- Designer is looking at house drains and proposed pavement markings.
- Contractor has delayed installation of the smaller box culvert for the time being.
- Contractor will continue using flaggers to control traffic at this time.

Mr. Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani, passed out closure maps for the Dewey Street water main project. He requested a lane restriction on Troy Street between E. 18th Street and Chamber Street on March 23rd – March 25th from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. He also requested to restrict parking on the west side of Chamber Street from Troy Street to the dead end on March 25th – March 28th from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson asked if most of the residents have access to their homes from the alley behind them.

Mr. Misch replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they have notifications for the residents.

Mr. Misch said that he will put letters on their doors.

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

Mr. Brian Glick stated that he is representing the property owner at 143 E. Main Street and he is requesting to install an external staircase as a secondary egress. He presented a drawing to the board and reviewed it with them. He said that Mr. Thompson stated that the staircase will fit without interrupting sanitation vehicles, emergency vehicles, etc.

Mr. Thompson stated that he measured from where the proposed stairwell will be and there will be 13 ½ ft. left at the other end of the alley. He also stated that there is a stairwell already there that goes down to the basement.

Mr. Summers stated that the only other thing that he can think of is that the city should be an also insured since this structure is going to be into our public right-of-way.

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Glick met with Mr. Seegraves and him but he didn't know if planning and zoning would need to weigh in on this.

Mr. Summers suggested that he check in planning and zoning before he leaves just to make sure.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to no further requirements from planning and zoning or other city offices and naming the city as also insured on their policy, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Israel Landin, 604 E. Spring Street, presented a drawing for outside seating at his business and reviewed it with the board.

Mr. Thompson asked if it is showing 17 ft. from the wall to the sidewalk.

Mr. Landin replied yes.

Mr. Summers asked if there are any trees out front.

Mr. Landin replied no.

Mr. Summers stated that there has to be at least 4 ft. between the chairs and the bump out to make sure that someone in a wheelchair could get past.

Mr. Thompson asked if they are going to stay out all of the time.

Mr. Landin stated that it is usually just for the summer.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that if he is going to serve alcohol to that area they have to have a barrier.

Mr. Landin said that is not a problem.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that he has to make sure that whatever he is going to use to enclose that area will keep it ADA compliant.

Mr. Summers stated that it would actually be better if something was there defining that area so that people aren't sliding their chairs out too far into the walkway.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to Mr. Summer's inspection, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Bryan Slade, Ecotech, reported that they are on the regular trash collection schedule. He stated that they have had numerous meetings their employees and they have one in 14 day quarantine because he was at the boat at the same time as someone who contracted the virus. He said that their National Waste and Recycling Association has petitioned the federal government as well as all of the state governments in Indiana and Kentucky to dismiss the hour of service requirements. He said they have done that because there is a fear that if employees do contract the virus or come into contact with those who have it then we could have multiple employees that have to be dismissed at the same time. He said that he will report each week at this meeting until this seems to be in control. He stated that typically their industry has always been looked at as an emergency services industry because they can't let the trash sit on the street for health reasons. He added that he has every reason to believe that the request they have made will be honored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Shane Gibson re: Update on actions being taken because of COVID-19

Mr. Shane Gibson stated that the city has been in conversations with county officials regarding public access of the city/county building and he doesn't have an ultimate decision at this point but he will update everyone when that decision is made. He said that Ecotech is going to continue their services as Mr. Slade indicated. He stated that police, fire and 911 will continue to operate as usual with the implementation of special precautions to protect themselves and to keep from spreading the virus. He said that the parks are closed at this time but the green spaces, walking trails, etc. are still available but he does not recommend getting people to congregate. He stated that a lot of the departments that can work remotely are implementing that at this time and others like street, flood and storm obviously have essential duties and activities and all of their employees are subject to being called in at any point depending on the circumstances. He explained that if the decision is made to close public access to most of the facilities, we will look at making it necessary for people to schedule appointments because that allows us to control contact.

2. Josh Staten re: Approval for curbside parking spots for carry out orders for restaurants

Mr. Josh Staten stated that governor's office has shut down restaurants and bars to any in-person type of customer so right now there are 19 restaurants that are still open with carry out service. He said what they are asking for at this point is temporary approval for curbside parking and they are hoping that customers will pull up and the restaurants will run their food out to them. He explained that redevelopment is taking care of getting some signs ordered to put in front of the restaurants but he needs approval from this board for the parking spots.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what locations are going to do this.

Mr. Staten stated that he has a list of 19 restaurants that are open but if any other restaurants throughout the city wants them, they will supply them as needed.

Mr. Gibson stated that they will provide the board with a list. He also stated that each restaurant would like to request two spots directly in front of their business to operate curbside service.

Mr. Thompson asked Police Chief Bailey if that is something that he will be able to enforce.

Police Chief Bailey replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that whatever we can do for the businesses needs to be done.

Mr. Gibson stated that if the governor lifts the ban then that prohibition from our standpoint would automatically end.

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

3. Krystina Jarboe re: Postponing Caesars Derby Fam Fest Event

Ms. Jarboe stated that the Kentucky Derby Festival would like to postpone their Caesars Derby Fam Fest event. She said that they realize that it will have to come back before the board to get a postponement date.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2020, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, Vice President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk