

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, MAY 2, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin. Mr. Coffey was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Duggins, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the **Public Hearing Minutes for April 21, 2016 with corrections, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Aebersold abstained.**

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2016, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Aebersold abstained.**

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Blair stated that he has mentioned a couple of times that he would like to have the Sewer Board come in to do a presentation and for some reason he isn't getting a lot of traction. He quoted an ordinance that states that the board shall submit a yearly itemized budget for the council to review no later than July 15th of each year as well as project updates and bi-annual progress updates regarding the EPA. He stated that they aren't adhering to these rules and he would like to make sure that they come in and that these rules start being followed. He explained that the ordinance governing the Storm Water Board is very similar and they should hold them to that requirement as well.

Mr. Nash stated that he thought Mr. Wilkinson was scheduled to come in the second meeting in May.

Mr. Blair explained the different items he has concerns with and stated that he is getting frustrated. He stated that he thinks it is important that these boards are reporting to the council and that they are more involved with them.

Dr. Knable stated that Mr. Wilkinson met with the new members for a little more than an hour in February so he thinks he is willing to meet with them but he does understand the frustration.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks this would be a good time to present formally to both boards the ordinance and what is required of them so that they are clear on what the council wants from them.

Mr. Blair stated that it is clear in the ordinance and he thinks if they just adhere to the policies that are set out for them there won't be any issues.

Mr. Aebersold asked Mr. Blair when he wants them to come before the council.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like the sewer here no later than July 15th and the storm water is past due.

Mr. Aebersold suggested that they set it up for the second meeting in June and make it clear to them what we are asking for.

Mr. Barksdale reminded the council that Preservation Month is underway and pointed out that the steeple restoration will be happening on May 26th. He thanked the clerk's office for ordering the new council name tags.

Mr. Caesar stated that Election Day is tomorrow and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Dr. Knable asked if anyone is getting calls about sign placements.

Mr. Nash stated that he thinks the best thing to do is to get the two chairmen together and tell them what they expect from them and they need to be held accountable for them. He reminded the council that it isn't just political signs.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there is an ordinance governing signs and it is a reoccurring problem.

Mr. Hall stated that the city does at least two sign sweeps a year so he will find out when the next one is scheduled.

Mr. Nash stated that he did see something this year that he hasn't seen in the past which was a political sign stapled to a telephone pole.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he saw a sign advertising a Parks Department event on a telephone pole.

Mr. Phipps stated that you cannot touch a political sign if you are an elected official but he knows that some council members pull the yard sale signs down in their districts each week. .

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that Mayor Gahan wanted to encourage everyone to vote tomorrow and explained that there is a list of voting sites as well as candidate information on the Floyd County Clerk's website if anyone needs it.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Duggins stated that they are at the 175th anniversary of the Fairview Cemetery and there is some substantial work that needs to be done at this location and they have been looking at moving forward with this for about a year now. He explained that they have looked at both cemeteries and have a presentation of what they would like to do as far as construction and rehab at each location. He stated that they have met with the Friends of Fairview as well as representatives for West Haven during this process, and because of the historic significance of each location they would like to move forward. He stated that he would like to turn the presentation over to Mr. Larry Timperman but explained that he will be back to answer any questions and go over where they are at on the bid process.

Larry Timperman presented construction documents for the Fairview and West Haven Cemeteries for the council to review, said documents are on file with the City Clerk's office. He stated that the goal is to do renovations at both cemeteries and explained that one of the key things that they are looking to do at Fairview is restoring and replacing the fencing. He stated that the gate is damaged and part of the restoration would be to sand and repaint. He went over where they would be replacing the chain link fence with an aluminum material and stated that it is very heavy duty and meant to last.

Mr. Caesar asked if the fence on 4th Street is ornamental.

Mr. Timperman replied that it is chain link.

Mr. Caesar asked if the fence that they are putting up on 4th Street is going on top of the wall.

Mr. Timperman explained that they might go on the back side but you won't be able to tell the difference.

Dr. Knable asked if there is any new fencing going on in the back.

Mr. Timperman replied no. He explained that a lot of the stone base for the fencing will be re-pointed.

Mr. Barksdale asked if the fencing heights will be the same as the old iron fencing.

Mr. Timperman replied yes.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if they are replacing any of the fencing along 8th Street.

Mr. Timperman replied no and stated that they are just doing restoration.

Mr. Aebersold stated that there have been a lot of accidents there and asked if they are doing anything to address that.

Dr. Knable stated that some of the buffers like they have around the Federal Building might look better than a guard rail.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he remembers stones and big boulders being there at one time.

Mr. Timperman stated that they are open to suggestions, He stated that they have had roof problems in the mausoleums and they addressed it with some metal roofing. He explained that has since failed and they are going to go back and replace those with a much heavier and more durable system with a better warranty. He stated that some of the entrance doors will be removed and replaced as well as utilizing existing stain glass windows of the chapel areas. He detailed the restoration work that is going to go into the main entrance and stated that they will be repairing all the iron work as well as removing years of built up paint and anchoring the columns support structures.

Dr. Knable asked if any of the scrolling ironwork needs to be replaced.

Mr. Timperman stated that they included pieces of it in the budget to be remolded and repaired.

Dr. Knable asked if they could keep that work semi-local.

Mr. Timperman stated that he hasn't settled on anyone yet and explained that sometimes it is better to not repair so they are still in discussions about this.

Mr. Phipps asked if they are going to replace the street signs in the cemetery with something that is more historic.

Mr. Timperman stated that is not part of this plan.

Mr. Barksdale stated that it would be a great idea to do that.

Mr. Duggins stated that he could get pricing on that.

Mr. Blair asked if there was any thought about not replacing the fence along the wall.

Mr. Duggins stated that they are doing both sides to match and it is a matter of protecting the cemetery.

Mr. Barksdale stated that it is also a security measure.

Mr. Aebersold asked if Mr. Padgett would be willing to help out with the area that is back by his property.

Mr. Timperman stated that he has not asked him. He then discussed the plans for West Haven and explained that they are planning for a lot less at this location. He stated that they are going to repave the existing drive, install a new aluminum fencing system along West Street, and design a new gate.

Mr. Duggins stated that the thought process was to tie them together and enhance what they already have. He explained that the issue they will have down the road is space and that is something that will have to be addressed.

Mr. Barksdale asked if there will be restoration of the existing wall.

Mr. Timperman explained that they have funds there for some restoration.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he feels this is long overdue.

Mr. Duggins explained that the base bid came back at \$331,837.00 and they are recommending taking the three alternates, Alt #1 roofing \$3,800.00, Alt #2 vinyl fencing \$7,868.00, Alt #3 stone wall \$18,000.00 for a total of \$361,512.00.

Mr. Timperman stated that this came in lower than he expected.

Mr. Duggins stated that the second base bid they had was for over \$500,000.00

Mr. Phipps asked if there are any plans to acquire the area that they want to eventually expand over into.

Mr. Duggins stated that it is just a goal right now.

Mr. Caesar asked Mr. Duggins if he is asking the council for the full bid price.

Mr. Duggins replied yes.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he is excited about the project.

Mr. Phipps stated that he is as well.

Mr. Caesar asked that they keep in mind the history that is there while completing the project.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if anything has been done with the brick front mausoleum.

Barbara Zoller stated that between the money that they got from Stories Behind the Stones and the city, they restored the wall.

Mr. Caesar asked if what was sealed inside was documented.

Ms. Zoller stated that there is record of who was buried there but they also had a photographer document each name.

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:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk