

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 6:45 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Police Officer Applegate, Police Chief Bailey, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the public hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. and asked if anyone was there to speak on the following:

**A-17-02 Ordinance for the Appropriation of Riverboat
Funds for One Southern Indiana**

Roger Baylor stated that tonight One Southern Indiana is asking the council for \$30,000.00 to fund vocation training and career placement via their programs. He explained that they are a private lobbying firm which petitions the government on behalf of private paying clients and often in spite of the public interest by supporting the agenda of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which generally supports republican political candidates. He suggested that because of this they need to keep a close eye on them less partisan endorsements resume. He spoke about how the United States Chamber of Commerce works against the public interest across a variety of sectors according to “Chamber Watch” and other organizations. He explained that businesses often end up supporting One Southern Indiana, not the other way around, and he doesn’t understand why tax payers should do the same. He stated that \$30,000.00 for vocational training is tolerable but they shouldn’t forget what this organization really is and what they really do.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk