

**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 THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018 AT
7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Police Officer Shultz, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Glotzbach

Vice 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. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2018 with corrections, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey, Mr. McLaughlin and Dr. Knable who were not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Aebersold explained that he received a letter from Mr. Wilcott that he read into the minutes. Said letter is on file in the city clerk's office. He also provided a letter from Mr. David A. Hall, Director, NAFC Animal Shelter, responding to Mr. Wilcott's letter. Said letter is on file in the city clerk's office.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks the animal shelter does a pretty good job and asked if there was something specific that happened.

Mr. Nash stated that most of the stuff on the list the shelter does but they can't force people to spade and neuter their pets. He added that he knows if an animal is captured twice, they sterilize it.

Mr. Blair stated that we also have a dog park to allow the animals to play unleashed.

Ms. Stein asked the council if they want her to look into the ordinance to compare with what he is complaining about.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he didn't contact the individual but he will contact Mr. Hall to see if he did. He added that it might not be a bad idea to mail out the ordinance to the guy.

Mr. Blair informed the members that he is trying to include police cars into the general budget as well as build a reserve for the swimming pool. He stated that there is a pothole on Blackiston Mill Road at the entrance of Circle K and he isn't sure if it is the city's responsibility or the gas station's. He asked Mr. Thompson if that is something he is aware of and if he knows if it is the station's responsibility and if there is any recourse we can take to require them to fix it.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would check on it.

Mr. Caesar asked Mr. Thompson for a quick update on Green Valley Road.

Mr. Thompson stated that last year they tried to use a product that is intended to rejuvenate the pavement but it was applied at the wrong time of year and they had a worst-case scenario happen with fog rolling in at the same time. He explained that it didn't cure so this year they decided to try again but asked them to use a different product. He stated that unfortunately they believe that the treatment from last year prevented the product from this year from working like it was supposed to and it took a very long time to cure. He said they are now going to look into more options going forward to see if there are any other options.

Mr. Caesar asked him to keep him updated on the situation.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he heard from a constituent that was heading north on 4th Street and was about to cross Spring Street after stopping and found herself in oncoming traffic.

Mr. Thompson stated that when they did the two-way conversion, they allowed for a wider area for Padgett to allow them to get their cranes on Spring Street without going into oncoming traffic. He explained that what ended up happening was that not just Padgett's truck were using it, but regular traffic started pulling to that side. He stated that they also have cars parking at Breakwater and by Sweet Stuff creating more of an issue so they started to crosshatch the wider area and yellow the curbs but the business wasn't happy about losing the spaces so that ceased the work. He explained that they are back to square one to see what they can do to address that area.

Mr. Aebersold told Mr. Thompson that they did a good job on Elm Street and the striping looks great. He then asked if they are going to block off parking spaces.

Mr. Thompson replied yes.

Mr. Aebersold asked if that works.

Mr. Thompson stated that it makes the street look narrower so it tends to slow traffic.

Mr. Barksdale stated that Slate Run Road looks good.

Mr. Caesar stated that Cherry Street looks good too.

Mr. Thompson stated that Cherry Street will have a parking lane too.

Mr. Barksdale informed the council that he and Mr. Phipps will be bringing forth an appropriation for Blessings in a Backpack at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Thompson stated that Mayor Gahan wanted to invite everyone to the Riverfront Amphitheater for the TheatreWorks productions. He added that the shows will be

Thursday-Saturday and stated that the mayor wanted to thank the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County for sponsoring these events.

Mr. Blair stated that he went Saturday night and it was a really nice production and great seeing the kids participating in the theater.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps

Mr. Phipps stated that they tabled Phase 2 of Summit Springs and requested more information. He said they approved a high-end auto sales at 13th and Spring as well as a tattoo parlor moving their location.

SOLID WASTE –Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey was not present.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS-PETITIONER (AGENDA ITEMS):

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Aaron Hellams representing neighbors of Fawcett Hill and Captain Frank Road, Summit Springs Update. He explained that as Mr. Phipps pointed out, the plan commission voted to table the PUDD and subdivision based on the lack of plans. He stated that they were happy to hear this because they had major concerns with the impact on their quality of life. He explained that the next morning they had contact with neighbors that they were clearing land despite the fact that it was tabled so he called Scott Wood and he assured him that a previous cease and desist order was still in effect. He stated that Larry Summers went out to the site and it is his understanding that this information was relayed to the developers. He added that he really appreciates Mr. Wood's vigilance and impartiality on the matter.

Mr. Blair stated that he and Mr. Hellams had a discussion today and he thinks there are a lot of issues with this development. He explained that he would like to try to find a solution or compromise to help the neighbors and suggested looking into buying the properties of the ones that are most directly affected.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he would like to find an option to make everyone happy and one of the things that would help that out a lot is actually following the guidelines that are set out for them.

Mr. Blair stated that they have violated this twice and asked Ms. Stein if there is any recourse that the council can take.

Ms. Stein stated that it would be up to the individual property owners and the executive branch to enforce the guidelines but she will look into it more if he would like her to. She suggested that they review what the ordinances say in this regard to see if they want to make any changes going forward.

Mr. Phipps stated that it is totally in the council's power to approve or turn down the PUDD but if they start on it beforehand, that step it is troubling.

Mr. Blair stated that it is troubling and they need to be able to enforce what they already have regulated.

Mr. Hellams stated that one issue that he can speak to is that there is no common space which is a city requirement. He added that this might be a perfect buffer area that joins with the residential space. He stated that they are very concerned about the road and one neighbor will lose most of his yard for this, so they want to know if it is necessary.

Mr. Phipps stated that without that road, there would be massive congestion on the other end. He also stated that the intersection at Daisy Lane and State Street is a mess now and will only get worse without that road.

Mr. Hellams stated that they added the turn lane onto 265 and that has helped a lot so he believes that additional measures like that will make more of an impact.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there is a left turning lane planned for Daisy Lane on State Street that was left out when they reconfigured the interchange and will be coming soon.

Dale Bagshaw congratulated the New Albany Little League team who is on their way to the state finals.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Barksdale for tabling the city hall ordinance to give them an extra opportunity to do some more research.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Scott Blair, Vice President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk