

**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, AUGUST 6, 2018 AT
7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Police Officer Applegate, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Staten, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2018, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey, Mr. McLaughlin and Dr. Knable who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Dr. Knable stated that the council will have a budget work session on Wednesday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. and another one on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. He also stated that the public has been made aware of these sessions.

Mr. Coffey stated that there was a lawsuit filed against the county regarding the jail and whether they proceeded legally which was subsequently ordered by the judge. He asked how much the city paid on the lawsuit and who they hired. He said that the building authority does not have the money to hire an attorney or a firm but evidently they entered with New Albany on this lawsuit and he wants to know who paid for their costs as well. He said that he thinks that is important because there are far too many dealings going on that many of us don't know anything about but we are the caretakers of the money. He then asked Mr. Caesar if he has heard anything on Old Vincennes Road.

Mr. Caesar replied no and stated that is on his to-do list for this week. He also stated that he walked it this morning and he could see movement. He said that there is a small hole right in the fold in the middle of that road and he can see down in it.

Dr. Knable stated that he was on the road Saturday and it looks like there are about three areas that are melting.

Mr. Caesar said that he knows about those as well but this is just a brand new one.

Dr. Knable recommended that Mr. Coffey bring up the question about the lawsuit in the budget work session to find out which budget those funds came out of.

Mr. Coffey stated he wanted to bring it up before the whole council so the public is aware too because it is hard to get requested information. He said that Mr. Blair continues to ask for information that he can't get and we are not going to continue to operate this way. He added that he doesn't know how, but it is going to stop.

Mr. Blair stated that we are going into our budget sessions for 2019 and he would like to look at getting police cars and a reserve for the aquatic center put into the general budget this year. He also stated that he is going to ask for specific transaction detail by expenditure for the years 2017 and 2018 on general ledger 4338 under board of works and is titled quality of life. He added that we budgeted \$200,000.00 last year and \$200,000.00 this year.

Mr. Coffey stated that he is hearing a lot of rumors that the aquatic center is being funded by other means and is not covering itself. He said that he doesn't want a budget session like we have had in the past years where we meet with the department heads and they say this is what we need and then that's the end of it. He stated that we are at a point where we need to dig in and see how much we have in finances because he is really concerned that we have overspent and he knows that we have kicked the can down the road for 15 years on different projects. He added that can literally limit the growth of New Albany.

Dr. Knable stated that the budget sessions are set up as they have been in the past but certainly it is important for everyone to be present and have questions written out and ready to go.

Mr. Aebersold stated that the caution light on Charlestown Road for Fairmont School has been down for a while and asked if it should be up now.

Mr. Thompson stated that he will have to check with Delta Electric because they are working on redoing the base because it started to fail. He said that as far as he can tell, the last time he road by it looked like they have poured the base and have bolts in it so it should be going back up.

Dr. Knable asked about the left turning lane at the intersection at Grant Line Road and Daisy Lane.

Mr. Aebersold said that it is being addressed.

Mr. Nash stated that he drove through there today and it was the worst he has ever seen it.

Mr. Thompson stated that the signs are bagged overhead and the arrows are changed on the ground.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the arrow has been changed to right turn only and asked if they could repaint the arrows in the lanes.

Mr. Thompson stated that they could probably refresh those. He also stated that it is going to be that way for a while because there may be some other utility work that has to be done before they can open it back up.

Mr. Caesar stated that he is not going to ask about the manhole on Green Valley Road in front of CVS. He then stated that there are two trees on Cherry Street hill and one on

Highland Avenue that need attention. He said that all that is left of them are trunks that are about 20 ft. high so they are less dangerous but the one did hit a car and did severe damage and the lady driving was very, very lucky.

Dr. Knable said that he spoke with Joe Ham about it.

Mr. Barksdale said that he spoke with Krisjans Streips and Greg Mills about it.

Mr. Caesar stated that one is right where the damaged guardrail is and the other one is 20 yards up the road.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Caesar to give Mr. Thompson more direction on the one on Highland Avenue.

Mr. Caesar stated that it is Bob Trinkle's house on Highland Avenue.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have given us a fix for the pavement on Green Valley Road in front of CVS and they will be in town shortly to address that issue.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that storms have caused some delayed reaction such as when a tree limb fell and severed a power line at the top of Vance hill and Florence Avenue. He asked if we ever do anything proactive in those situations.

Mr. Thompson stated that a lot of the proactive work is done by Duke by trimming away from power lines. He said that as far as the city, we have just done the inventory of all of the city's trees and taking out what is dead.

Mr. Barksdale stated that the street department has been very good about taking care of trees on city property. He said that when it is on private property, citizens would like for the city to take care of them but we don't do that.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that sometimes a tree falls on a neighbor's house and unless there have been formal complaints on that tree, the responsibility lies with the property owner.

Mr. Thompson stated that a resident had an issue with a tree on a foreclosed property and it was recommended to that resident that they send a certified letter to the bank that foreclosed on it for that reason of if something does happen. He added that the tree was bad and the city ended up taking it down anyway.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he received a called from a resident regarding a tree on an easement that the limb is hanging on a power line and asked if it is the city's responsibility.

Mr. Thompson said that it is Duke's responsibility and we would ask them to come out and cut it away from the power lines. He told Mr. Aebersold if he would get him the address then he would notify Duke and let them look into it.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he when he pulls out of Florence Avenue onto Vincennes Street, a lot of the trees that have been planted on the street going towards the high school are now big enough that they are creating a blind spot.

Mr. Thompson stated that he will send the street department out to see if something can be done.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Thompson for taking care of the pothole on Blackiston Mill Road at the Circle K gas station.

Mr. Thompson said that he thinks they went ahead and took care of it themselves.

Mr. Caesar stated that there was a newspaper article put on the council members' desks regarding the county jail tax and he does want to do some research on it because this is the first that he has seen of it. He said that if the county is going to raise money without raising taxes, it means that the city will lose revenue.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks that is exactly what that means. He then stated that he wanted to publicly, on behalf of the council, acknowledge the efforts put forth by police, fire and other city officials and employees that were involved in the evacuation of Riverview Towers. He said that it was done expeditiously and the council is proud of the response and the work that was done.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that the mayor wanted him to give a quick paving update and that Navajo Drive and Shelby Street are slated to be milled and paved this week as well as some alleyways around E. 8th Street. He added that letters of notification were sent to residents in those areas.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Moeller asked if anyone has any questions on the budget calendar. She said that they will have budget booklets at the work session on Wednesday along with proposed budgets for 2019 and budget to actuals. She added that the budget to actuals will be through June so she is not presenting the June financials to the council tonight since they will get them on Wednesday. She also added that all department heads will be at the work sessions to answer questions.

Mr. Blair asked which departments will be there on Wednesday.

Mrs. Moeller stated that she is not sure right now because they are still working on the budget and they keep shifting them around as they have questions.

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

HUMAN RIGHTS – Dr. Knable

Dr. Knable stated that they are going to be meeting on August 28th at 5:00 p.m. in this room with an agenda which will begin with Ms. Stein who will explain the ordinance as it exists. He said they will then seek public input into whether or not it is sufficient for the needs of the community. He stated that the meeting has been advertised by Mrs. Glotzbach and it will be advertised on social media as well. He also stated that it will be educational for the members of the commission as well as the community and will let them know that the commission exists. He said that he named Mr. Paul Kiger and Ms.

Callie Jansen as his appointments and he was notified that the mayor named Mr. Warren Nash and Mr. Cliff Staten.

HORSESHOE BOARD – Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Caesar

Mr. Aebersold stated that they did not meet in July but they are going to meet Wednesday and one of the discussions will be about the money they have donated to the city for Market Street. He explained that the board was under the impression that the area was going to be from W. 1st Street to Pearl Street which is a two block area, but lately it seems to be focusing only a one block area. He said that Mr. Gibson and Mr. Staten are going to be there and they will iron everything out. He also said that the project will probably be next year as it is too late this year to start because Harvest Homecoming is coming up.

Dr. Knable stated that it will be interesting to see if all of that money is going to go into a one block area or if part of the money is going to go to another designated project.

PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps

Mr. Phipps stated that he gave a report at the last meeting because it was fresh on his mind but will update the council again. He said that Summit Springs was tabled and they approved moving a tattoo parlor and also approved a car sales detailing shop on E. Spring Street.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Mr. Barksdale

Mr. Barksdale stated that they only had one meeting in July and reported the following:

- Accepted bids for Phase 1 of the Slate Run Road project and took them under advisement. Beginning date will be in late fall.
- Approved a change order for soil sampling and analysis at the M. Fine & Sons parking lot at E. 14th and Main Streets.
- Market Street street-scape project will not begin until the Spring of 2019.
- This past Wednesday two members of the New Albany Redevelopment Commission and its director met with several members of the Floyd County Redevelopment Commission and their director to begin an open dialog to see if there might be any future projects that the two commissions might want to collaborate on.

Dr. Knable asked who represented the county.

Mr. Barksdale replied Mr. Woosley and Mr. Bowling.

Dr. Knable asked who represented us.

Mr. Barksdale replied himself and Mr. Dickey.

Mr. Blair asked if there are any plans to do anything with the old Zesto's lot.

Mr. Staten stated that as of this time, they have no plans for that lot.

Mr. Blair stated that it is for sale.

Mr. Staten stated that he could look into and would be happy to sit down with the seller to get information.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks that we could dress that lot up.

Mr. Barksdale stated that we should also check to see if we purchased any of the right-of-way on that lot.

Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Barksdale if there are any plans for the old gas station site on Daisy Lane and Grant Line Road because it is really an eyesore.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he doesn't know and asked Mr. Staten.

Mr. Staten stated that it is a privately owned lot so they haven't done anything with it.

Mr. Blair stated that it is for sale as well.

Mr. Coffey stated that he was on redevelopment at that time and he can tell the council that redevelopment put out a lot of money looking into that lot with the idea to connect Daisy Lane and Beechwood Avenue. He said that they were interested so much that they bought the house above it and there is a story on that. He said that the council members really need to look into that.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-18-03 (Blessings in a Backpack)

COMMUNICATIONS-PETITIONER: A-18-03 (Blessings in a Backpack)

Ms. Stephanie Watson, 9301 Clyde Court, Floyds Knobs, stated that their program has been in existence for several years in Floyd County and is for elementary school aged children who qualify for the program. She said that they get a bag of food sent home with them every Friday throughout the school year and when they have fall break, spring break and Christmas break, they double up on them so that they have a little extra on those breaks. She also said that their numbers fluctuate every year but they are anywhere between 1100 and 1700 students depending upon enrollment. She explained that the cost per bag has gone up to \$100.00 per student per year from \$80.00 previously but the cost has never increased since the program has been in existence. She said that rising food prices as well as shipping prices have caused the increase. She stated that she is asking the city for \$35,000.00 to assist them with funding the program. She then explained that she is the Chairperson for Blessings in a Backpack but she is also a teacher at Fairmont School which is one of the highest recipients of the program and she can't express how important that food is to some of the boys and girls. She told the council that she has seen children going through the trash to find leftover snacks to take home at the end of the day. She also told the council about a girl that was taking tickets at the door at a New Albany High School Basketball Game where they were doing a fundraiser and that girl told her how much the program meant to her as an elementary school student and that's why she was really working hard at the gate. She said that the girl told her that she doesn't know if she would have made it if she didn't have that food. She stated that she

can't think of a better program to be part of because you are helping the most innocent members in our society that are too young to help themselves.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he thought the schools were going to go back to the original calendar with longer summers and asked when that would happen.

Ms. Watson stated that this year and 2019-2020 will still be on a balanced schedule.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if that puts more stress on the program.

Ms. Watson stated that it is still about the same number of weeks that the kids are getting food but they were very grateful that the library and other areas in the community provided food during the summer.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that with the opioid problem increasing, this helps the children whose parents may be addicted and brings food into the home for the children.

Ms. Watson stated that she knows of situations where that is happening and the kids know that mom and dad are not there for them to prepare meals. She said that the food is very kid-friendly and easy to prepare on their own.

Dr. Knable asked what the 2018-2019 budget is.

Ms. Watson stated that they don't have the numbers in from the schools yet and it depends on the numbers from each building but it should be about \$130,000.00-\$150,000.00 per year because their numbers did decrease last year and they feel they will stay close to the same this year.

Dr. Knable asked if the county has pitched anything in or any other larger entities besides Horsehoe.

Ms. Watson stated that they actually wrote a grant for the Floyd Memorial Foundation that they did receive last year. She said they requested to meet with the county council and were told that they would not hear them.

Dr. Knable asked how much the Floyd Memorial Foundation grant was.

Ms. Watson replied \$35,000.00.

Dr. Knable asked if they will be making that request again this year.

Ms. Watson replied yes, but she doesn't know how they are with year to year requests.

Dr. Knable stated that the council is getting ready to start the budgeting process and he would like to see how much the can earmark for charitable contributions.

Mr. Coffey stated that the first place the council can look is in the board works budget because they have a humanitarian line item. He then asked what they are using it for right now.

Mr. Blair thanked Ms. Watson for her hard work.

Ms. Watson thanked the council and told them that if they ever want to do a walk through and see what they do, she would be happy to accompany them and show them how they serve the kids.

Dr. Knable stated that Mr. Luke Kaiser helped spearhead this at the high school last year and asked if she has found anyone to take his place.

Ms. Watson stated that she has recruited Mr. Colton Kaiser.

Mr. Barksdale asked her how much money they made at the New Albany game.

Ms. Watson stated that she doesn't have that number but can get it.

Dr. Knable stated that he knows they made \$500.00 at the Jeffersonville game.

Ms. Watson stated that Harvest Homecoming has partnered with them on their 5K which they have made a Blessings in a Backpack event which is very exciting and this will be the second year for them.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he thinks that is the beauty with this organization because they don't just come before one group and ask for the money, they are working hard and going throughout the community.

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| A-18-03 | Ordinance for Appropriation of Riverboat Money for Blessings in a Backpack | Barksdale/ 1&2 Phipps |
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Mr. Barksdale introduced A-18-03 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he thinks this is the third year that they have come before the council and hopefully it will be the third year that the council supports them with the \$35,000.00 contribution.

Mr. Phipps stated that they supported them for at least a couple of years on the previous council.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks this is a great program with no overhead expenses so everything goes directly to the kids and he wishes that the council could do more.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there will not be enough time to advertise the public hearing before the next meeting so the public hearing and third reading will take place at the Thursday, September 6th meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: R-18-05 (TG Missouri Corporation)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: R-18-05 (TG Missouri Corporation)

Mr. Staten stated that Mr. Wayne Brewster who is the Plant Manager is present and will be available if the council has any questions. He said that they are a major manufacturer of auto parts headquartered out of Perryville, Mo and their New Albany location currently

employs 155 full-time employees and employs a total of approximately 220 employees when you include temporary positions. He added that they projected 112 employees on their abatement. He explained that their current investment that they want to do is \$5.1M on personal property and 21 full-time positions at a salary of \$940,000.00 which breaks down to a little over \$44,000.00 per year per person.

Mr. Barksdale stated that they do have four abatements right now but next year will be the end of one of them and then another one will end in 2021.

Mr. Staten stated that this is a new abatement for a new investment and it will be for 5 years.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Brewster if they are expanding at any of their other locations.

Mr. Brewster replied no and stated that he has been with TG Missouri for about 21 years and he came to the New Albany facility about 3 years ago just to get them going but stayed. He said that all other TG facilities are currently at maximum capacity so they are not expanding. He stated that they have the opportunity of about 100,000 sq. ft. right now to bring in and recruit new business. He also stated that they had a unique opportunity with this facility and about 2 years ago they did a huge rate increase from \$15.50 per hour to almost \$21.50 per hour for the majority of the employees so they have the ability now to actively recruit and bring in new business. He said he now has the ability of wages, the ability of floor space and the ability of a leadership group so now it is just a matter of soliciting and bringing in that business from other TG sites. He then said that this facility is centrally located and is going to be a key part of future expansion and growth of TG Missouri so their goal is to continue to grow the New Albany facility. He said that they established in 2005 with 11 employees and they are now up to approximately 220.

Mr. Coffey stated that he was here when they first came and it was a 5-4 vote because some members did not want to grant them because they thought that the wages were too low. He said that minimum wage was about \$5.00 per hour at that time but they started at \$8.00 per hour plus benefits which was a big deal to people and at that time our economy was in the tank. He added that TG Missouri shows exactly what the abatement program is about and he couldn't ask for a better group to come to New Albany. He said this one is the one he has been happiest with in his 19 years on the council.

Mr. Barksdale stated that keeping a company in New Albany and helping them to grow their business is what it is about and he thinks this one is a slam dunk.

Dr. Knable told Mr. Staten in a broader sense that he would like to see some cooperation between the companies that we provide incentives for and the workforce development folks and feels it would be mutually beneficial.

R-18-05 Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits Nash
for TG Missouri Corporation by the Common
Council of the City of New Albany

Mr. Nash introduced R-18-05 and moved to approve, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Al Knable, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk