

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, OCTOBER 17, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member, Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member and Warren V. Nash, president.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Slade, Robert Lee, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Alicia Meredith, Linda Moeller, Larry Summers, Claire Johnson, David Hall, David Brewer, Courtney Lewis and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Carl J. Goodman, Jr. re: Dumpster permit request at 1928 E. Elm Street

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that Mr. Goodman was going to try to put the dumpster on his property but it may end up a little on the city right-of-way and asked Mr. Thompson to go out and take a look at it.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to approval of right-of-way coordinator, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Sarah Galbin with Outfront Media re: Replacing Tarc shelter in front of Baptist Floyd Hospital

Not Present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani, requested an extension on the Beechwood Avenue Street closing through Friday and requested 3 sidewalk cuts at 1216 Beechwood Avenue, 1218 Beechwood Avenue and 1230 Beechwood Avenue.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the extension on the closure of Beechwood Avenue and three sidewalk cuts on Beechwood Avenue, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Father Tom Merrill, St. Mary's Church, thanked the board for their flexibility regarding parking He stated that he knows they were going to do a study regarding the left turn and would be interested in knowing the results He also mentioned that may be done.

Mr. Christmas stated that they stopped the work due to water line relocation work that should be completed this week. He explained that once the water line work is complete it should make the road available to finish paving but they do not have a set date to when they will be back on site although they indicated that they hope to be back next week.

Father Merrill asked Mr. Christmas if he could notify the church when they get ready to pave.

Mr. Christmas stated that he would do that as soon as he knows and explained that the reason they are holding off for the water line work is that they would like to get it all done at one time.

Irv Stumler stated that the milling was done just before the festival and they did come back and put one layer of pavement done but there is still an inch and half drop. He added that they have another yard sale and festival going on at the church this weekend so his request is that it gets paved either today or tomorrow.

Mr. Thompson stated that as Mr. Christmas explained to Father Thomas, the city is no on the crew's schedule right now. He explained that they were asked to hold up on work and they have moved on to other projects and they are trying to work out the timeline to get back to the city as soon as they can.

Mr. Stumler stated that is fine for everyone except those that are attending mass and festivals at the church.

Mr. Nash stated that the city does not have a paving crew so it is contracted out which leaves us somewhat at their mercy.

Brent Greenwood requested a dumpster at 219 Pearl Street for remodeling.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how long they would need it there.

Mr. Greenwood stated that it would be no longer than one week.

Mr. Nash asked when he wanted to place it.

Mr. Greenwood replied Monday.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the dumpster permit at 219 Pearl Street, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Paul Lincks, HWC Engineering, stated that everything has been converted to two-way traffic but there is still some work that needs to be completed. He explained that the work that they will be seeing moving forward is the tying of the loops to controllers so the signals should work much better than they have been working and signal work on Spring Street and 15th Street & Main and Pearl. He stated that after this work is complete they will install some software that will interconnect all the signals in the downtown grid and that will allow the city to manage the entire grid as one system. He explained that the push buttons have been installed at all the pedestrian crossings with the exception of the two locations where they are still doing signal work and the pedestrian activated crossing at non-signal sections have been installed but they still have signs that need to be put up at 4th and Elm Street.

Mr. Nash asked how many there are.

Mr. Lincks replied 30 or 15 sets. He stated that the contractor that was doing the paving work has received a punch list to complete throughout the grid and they will be working on that. He added that they will be replacing the flashing red lights at 13th and Market next week.

Mr. Nash stated that he has heard complaints of traffic backing up on Elm Street back to the bridge and asked if it has been addressed.

Mr. Links stated that he hasn't heard anything about that.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the festival attracted a lot of people and every year when the weather has been nice this has been an issue so it has nothing to do with the grid modernization. He added that the two-way conversion has been very positive for public safety and emergency response time and the traffic calming expectations have been met. He stated that when you have a large festival such as harvest there is going to be some traffic disruption so to suggest that there is a failure to the system because of that is wrong.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that their response times are down because they don't have to circle around blocks to reach locations.

Police Chief Bailey stated that there was a chronic speeding problem and Market, Elm and Main and that has essentially been corrected because of this conversion.

Mr. Nash stated that it is still in its infancy so people are still learning and he expects it to be even better as time goes on.

Mr. Summers stated that as they fine-tune to equipment it will only serve to improve upon the positive changes they have already seen.

Mr. Nash asked if they have any estimate on when the work will be completed.

Mr. Lincks stated that the revised completion date was October 14 but the contractor is submitting a change order due to a lot of additional items that were added. He added that he thinks early November will be the completion date but he will update the board as soon as he knows for sure.

Wes Christmas, Clark-Dietz, stated that activity is going to be relatively light this week on paving and will hopefully resume next week. He added that they should be wrapping up Silver Street bike lanes and a few corrections on State Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Courtney Lewis re: Special event permits

- **St. John’s Lodge Fish Fry**

Ms. Lewis stated that they are located at 100 Vincennes Street and they would like the parking spots on the corner of their building blocked off on October 27 & 28.

Jackie Robinson stated that they would like to have permission to have the sidewalks blocked in that area for the fish fry instead of the tents.

Mr. Nash asked if this is an annual event.

Mr. Robinson stated that they have done this in the past but they lost their lot during harvest so they weren’t able to have it this year

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of the sidewalk at Vincennes Street and Main Street on October 27 & 28, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

- **First Church of God Trunk-N-Treat**

Ms. Lewis explained that they are on the corner of Charlestown Road and Silver Street and would like the alley behind them blocked off from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on October 28.

Mr. Thompson asked if they just want the portion of alley between their parking lots.

Ms. Lewis replied yes.

Mr. Nash asked if they are going to have inflatables.

Ms. Lewis replied yes and stated that it would be on their property.

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

Ms. Lewis informed the board that the Jingle Walk is going to be on Saturday, November 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She explained that they are going to base it out of Main Source parking lot but there will be an influx of people in the downtown area.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there will be any streets closed.

Ms. Lewis replied no and stated that to her knowledge they won't be using any of the city property.

Mr. Nash asked if she is the person to report on Trunk or Treat.

Ms. Lewis reported that the city's Trunk or Treat event will be on October 28 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the amphitheater. She added that if the weather is bad they will use the parking garage as an alternative location.

2. Warren Nash re: Trick or Treat hours on Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that in the past it has been 6:00-8:30 on Halloween night in the past. She added that this is purely a recommendation but is not mandatory hours.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they always have extra patrols out and has always worked in the past.

Mr. Nash stated that the main concern for the board is that everyone is safe.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey encouraged everyone to use good judgment and added that there is no rain date for this event.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the suggestion of 6:00-8:30 p.m. on October 31, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

3. Warren Nash re: Fire Department Grievance

Mr. Nash stated that the board heard a grievance last week from the fire department and will announce their decision next week.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2017, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk

