

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
WILL HOLD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, and President McLaughlin. Mr. Zurschmiede was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Milburn

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was there to speak on the following:

INVOCATION: To be given by ministers of different faiths, if present. If none are present, then a moment of reflection.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2015, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mrs. Baird stated that there are some representation here to speak from blessings in a backpack and asked if they could speak before she presented her ordinance.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that there are others that have signed up for non-agenda items so to keep it fair he would rather they wait until that section of the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Michael Hall stated that they Mayor is very thankful to serve the people of New Albany for another four years. He explained starting next week they start putting up holiday decorations to get ready for Holiday Fest on November 28th.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

A-15-08	Ordinance for the Appropriation of Riverboat Or EDIT Funds for the Homeless Coalition	Blair 1&2
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Mr. Blair introduced Bill A-15-08 for first and second reading, Mr. Gonder second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Zurschmiede was absent

Mr. Blair stated that they have had several conversations about this and explained that it is an important initiative for the community. He turned it over the board and stated that he appreciates them trying to be more efficient and cost effective.

Leslea Townsend Cronin stated that they have formed the core of their board including members outside of the agency. He explained that Jeffersonville has signed on to fund them next year for \$75,000.00, they have some meetings with private foundations, and they have someone will to write grant for them. She stated that the goal is to have an executive director and case manager hired by January but the money from Jeffersonville is not going to sustain that. She explained that they would like to establish a baseline for the homeless population in New Albany and Jeffersonville and figure out exactly what they need and what services will reduce homelessness 10 % by 2017. She stated that they will look at where the people are coming from and what services are needed in that area to keep them from traveling to New Albany. She explained that they have officially become a corporation and they are working on their 501c status.

Mr. Caesar asked if the board is all volunteers

Ms. Townsend Cronin replied yes.

Mr. Caesar asked if Bob Lane is involved at all.

Ms. Townsend Cronin stated that he has been invited to the table.

Mr. Caesar asked what other agencies are involved

Ms. Townsend Cronin stated that Center for Women and Families, Lifespring, Salvation Army, St. Elizabeth's are all involved as well as their board members that bring their experience.

Mr. Caesar asked about Clarksville

Ms. Townsend Cronin explained that they did approach Clarksville but they were unable to handle it in their budget but they do plan to continue to pursue them.

Mr. Caesar stated that Clarksville has an equal share in this as far as he is concerned and they have to get back with them.

Ms. Townsend Cronin explained that they have not given up on them and have a plan in place on how to approach them again.

Mr. Caesar asked if they have bi-laws set up

Ms. Townsend Cronin replied yes.

Mr. Caesar asked if the money would be given to them January of 2016

Ms. Townsend Cronin replied yes.

Mr. Caesar asked if **there are any other agencies that would be important to the effort that aren't involved.**

Ms. Townsend Cronin stated that there are agencies that aren't involved but they have been made aware of what is going on.

Mr. Blair explained Hope is missing tonight.

Ms. Townsend Cronin stated that Hope is very active in this program.

Mr. Caesar stated that being on the board is one thing but having everyone involved is another.

Mr. Gonder stated that he enjoyed the presentation at IUS and asked if supportive housing in an initiative of NAHA and would it become a member of the coalition where they would place individuals.

Ms. Townsend Cronin replied yes and explained that their goal is to fill a niche that hasn't been filled and not to take over anyone's services.

Mr. Gonder asked if they have a target date for the supportive housing would come online.

Ms. Townsend Cronin explained that they would hope to be working with them as soon as they have an individual in need.

Mr. Caesar asked if they are looking at this money tonight as seed money or yearly funding.

Ms. Townsend Cronin stated that their goal is to be self-sufficient but they will probably need help for the next few years while the program is getting up and running. She explained that they will be happy to give them progress reports and keep them updated on where they are.

Mr. Blair stated that he looks at this as a replacement for the funds that they allocate to Salvation Army, St. Elizabeth's and Haven House every year.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that she thinks Haven House will be back to ask for money.

Mr. Coffey stated that he doesn't want to say that because they are allocating this money that they won't help any other organization.

Mr. Blair stated that if he votes to allocate these funds then he probably will not vote to allocate more funds to the separate organizations on their own.

Mr. Gonder asked about their current expenses.

Ms. Townsend Cronin explained that they do not have any expenses now.

Mr. Gonder stated that he thinks it would be unfair to take away from any organization that is currently operating to help the homeless just to get this off the ground.

Mrs. Baird stated that she would agree with that.

Z-15-04 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Baird 1&2
Of New Albany, Indiana Title XV, Chapter 156
(Docket P-02-15: JFN, LLC, by Brian Foxworthy)

Mrs. Baird introduced Bill Z-15-04 for first and second reading, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair who recused himself and Mr. Zurschmiede who was absent.

Mrs. Baird explained that this is the northwest corner of Daisy Lane and GreenValley Road.

Mr. Wood stated that the Plan Commission reviewed this last month with no direct opposition from the neighbors. He stated that they have a copy of the stipulations and explained that Mr. Caesar expressed concerns about the curb cut/exit on Green Valley road to which they could consider a south bound exit only.

Mr. Gonder stated that he thinks he was on the Plan Commission when this first came about and he remembers a lot of opposition to commercial zoning, he asked Mr. Wood what has changed.

Mr. Wood explained that the character of the area has changed. He stated that there are professional office surrounding the area with two cemeteries, the fire house and the pool, so these two lots aren't going to be redeveloped for single family. He explained that they aren't going to be retail which would have a much more significant impact.

Mr. Coffey asked if there was any discussion about taking some of that property and putting in another lane.

Mr. Wood stated that they haven't talked about that specifically with the City Engineer.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that there was a study done by Jacobi Toombs and Lanz that said that another lane wasn't necessary.

Mr. Wood stated that Daisy Lane has been reconstructed with designated turn lanes and signals so there really isn't a need for an additional passing lane. He explained that they can bring up that issue during the secondary PUD.

Mrs. Benedetti asked what type of tenants will be in the building.

Brian Foxworthy explained that they don't have any tenants but their target will be someone who is going to take about 65% of the square footage such as an accounting firm or large medical office.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if they have any lease agreements

Mr. Foxworthy explained that they don't have anything in place at this time.

Mr. Caesar recommended that they look at the Green Valley Road entrance and take into consideration the drainage issues that they have had in this area.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if this is going to be locally owned.

Mr. Foxworthy relied yes.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if they have any requirements for water retention

Mr. Wood stated that a large area of the paving will be pervious paving so it will migrate through it and the rest of the calculations all seem to make sense but it has to go to the storm water board.

Mr. Coffey stated that this would be a good time for the storm water department to get involved and get that area fixed while this work is going on.

Mr. Wood stated that he will relay that to Mr. Ham.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Mary Lou Byerley Floyd County Solid Waste District, passed out a chart of the tonnage that they take in at their locations and explained that they can see where it started to drop off. She stated that the county council has cut her budget in half so he had to take the sites down to one day and week and if she doesn't get funding by December she will have to close all the sites but one. She discussed the different types of items that they take in at their locations and explained that she is here tonight to let them know what they do and if they don't get any funding she will no longer be able to do that.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if she is down to one site now.

Ms. Byerley explained that she has four sites operating but they are running one day a week.

Mrs. Benedetti asked to clarify if she is asking for them to subsidize the funding for the rest of 2015 only.

Ms. Byerley replied yes and explained that they county council has budgeted her the full budget of \$250,000.00 for 2016.

Mr. Benedetti asked what amount she would need to get her to the end of the year.

Mrs. Byerley replied \$25,000.00

Mrs. Benedetti asked how that would be spent

Ms. Byerley stated that it would help keep the other three sites open one day a week.

Mr. Blair asked if there was any way to identify where the people live that use her facility.

Ms. Byerley stated that they are so busy to ask for identification to identify where the items are coming from. She explained that if they have to close down the other sites people will just stop recycling and will leave it out anywhere they can.

Mr. Coffey stated that her staff has been cut to bare bones and they have worked really hard to keep this department going without coming to the city to ask for help and he knows the city uses the services.

Mr. Caesar asked if the money is mainly for salaries.

Ms. Byerley stated that she pays to get rid of the items and even though she charges for that it costs more to get rid of it. She explained that she is going to look into imposing a levy to help funding their department starting in 2017.

Mark Cassidy stated that he isn't necessarily against helping them out but it bothers him that they are saying city people are using it and should be paying it but they city people do help pay for it because they pay county taxes so the reality is that this would mean the city residents are paying for it twice.

Stephanie Watson with Blessings in a Backpack explained that they have started a local chapter in New Albany. She explained that they goal is to organize communities and

resources to provide food on the weekends to elementary school children. She stated that they are asking for the continued support of the Blessings program for next year and future years as well. She explained that they feed about 2,000 students in Floyd County at the cost of about \$80 a child pre year. She stated that as a teacher she can't stress how important this program is because she is tasked with teaching these kids how to read and write and their most basic needs aren't being met and they should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

Mrs. Baird stated that she plans to introduce a resolution regarding this at the next meeting.

Mr. Blair asked how much there are asking to allocate.

Mrs. Baird replied \$35,000.00

Mrs. Benedetti stated that she though that the first three years was \$30,000.00 and this year was \$35,000.00

Mr. Blair asked where their funds come in from other than the city

Ms. Watson explained that the Horseshoe Foundation is their main contributor but they have had a couple other major contributors pull out so they are pushing to get more corporate sponsors because they are at a deficit. She stated that they would like to get Floyd County to step up and provide some funding as well.

Mr. Blair asked about the school corporation.

Kathleen Palmer stated that as volunteers they are constantly trying to make sure they don't have to always come to the city for a handout and one way they did that was to try and get several of the school to self-fund. She explained that Floyd Knobs supports their own program as well as Greenville and Georgetown is moving towards that as well. She explained that the problem with the kid in the city is that there are so many that they can't self-fund the program so they have to look for other options

Mrs. Benedetti asked if they every address the child's home to see if they are getting any type of assistance.

Ms. Palmer stated that all they look for is if the child is on free/reduced lunch and their organization is not meant to address the root problem but to address the immediate need.

Ms. Watson stated that their main goal now is to get the word out so that people know about this program and can help out however they can. She stated that their organization has no cost because it is all volunteer work so every penny they raise goes to the kids.

There was a lengthy discussion about the content of the food provided and some changes that they are making to the menu.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk

