

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016
AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Wood, Mr. Gibson, Police Officer Davidson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2016, **Mr. Blair** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Phipps** who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

Ms. Debbie Mefford stated that she is with the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Abused Children) Program which advocates for the abuse and neglect of children and is a volunteer program. She wanted to make the council aware of the numbers that they are dealing with. She said that they are looking at 382 children that have been appointed to their program and only a small fraction have a volunteer right now. She tells people that it is not just her problem at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities and that it is all of our problem. She explained that if you have kids that go to school in Floyd County then it is your problem too because these kids that go to school are very well versed. She said they understand what sex, drugs and alcohol are and some have been sexually molested. She added that some have even killed animals and all of the kids are going to school with your kids and we are trying to combat the problem by advocating for them and recruiting volunteers. She stated that right now the biggest problem is drugs and she is also on the Floyd County Cares Program and they are trying to figure out what the answer is because there is nothing happening right now to make this problem any better and it is actually getting worse. She also stated that she received the numbers for Floyd County for October and there were 99 assessments by DCS which is very alarming. She thinks that if we can do something about the drug problem then that will help a great deal but right now it is only getting worse. She added that she just wants to make the community aware of what's going on and is looking for support in the program and trying to get some answers.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Barksdale stated that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday, November 12th and Ms. Cotner-Bailey in the mayor's office is selling tickets which are \$8.00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. He said that it is one of the oldest Mayor's Prayer Breakfasts in the nation and he thinks it began during Mayor Tuffy Inman's administration. He encouraged all of the council members to try to make it and said that it is a very uplifting experience.

Mr. Caesar stated that we have a 74 score on walkability in our downtown rating which is really good. He then commented that on upper Spring Street he thinks there are some people that don't want to accept that there is just one lane of traffic there but he has found going through there that everything is working very well. He said that there is some more signage that needs to go up before you get to Spring Avenue to let you know that it is a right hand turn only but he thinks it is working out fantastically for the city.

Mr. Phipps stated that he would concur with Mr. Caesar since that is in his district. He said there was some confusion when the construction was going on and the lanes were a little bazaar for a few days but now that it has been striped properly, the bike lanes and crosswalks have been working very smoothly and he doesn't see traffic backups there. He also said that he agrees there needs be a turning arrow well before you get to Spring Avenue maybe at Woodrow Avenue or Cost Avenue to let people know that is a turning lane. He has been told that the traffic signals will be updated in the next couple of weeks so hopefully there will be additional turn arrows at the intersections there.

Dr. Knable stated that he had an informal discussion with the mayor about substance abuse. He explained that the mayor would like for him to proceed with getting the police and fire committees together with representatives from the fire and police unions and personnel as well to discuss how our city should go about supplying Narcan or not supplying to first responders and men and women in uniform. He said that he is going to try to organize those meetings and that Mr. Blair and Mr. Aebersold are on the police committee and that he, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Caesar are on the fire committee. He added that he would try to get some dates together that accommodate everyone within the next few weeks.

Mr. Caesar stated that it is a serious problem that needs to be looked at and feels that is the right way to go about it.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that everyone should have gotten an email which included a phone number for Brandon of state board of accounts so if anyone would like to meet with him or has any questions, they can call him.

Dr. Knable stated that he indicated to him that his availability would be the first or second week in December.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that WiFi is currently being worked on at Bicentennial Park and the Farmer's Market. He explained that the numbers came in at \$27,500.00 for both which is much smaller than they thought they would be so they are very happy with that. He added that the goal is to have the work completed by the Jingle Walk and Holiday Fest which are coming up in about a month so we should be able to enjoy that soon.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he received a request that the council infuse a couple of people on the 20 year plan. He said they are on the first draft so far so there will be more meetings and asked if anyone is interested in being a part of that or attending the meetings. He also said that he figures we could have two or three council members attending.

Mr. Blair asked if they would be part of the committee or just attending meetings.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that it would be to have input.

Mr. Blair stated that he would definitely be interested if that is the role.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks the whole idea is to have representatives from the council to have some input on this before it hits their desks on December 15th so that we don't start the entire process over and drag it out. He also stated that they have had a meeting or two as well as a public meeting and another public meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

Mr. Wood stated that the public meeting of the plan commission is scheduled for the 29th of November.

Mr. Nash asked if the one public meeting they are speaking of is the Calumet Club meeting.

Mr. Wood replied yes.

Dr. Knable explained that there has been one and the second one is on November 29th and it will then be brought before the council on December 15th.

Mr. Nash asked if there have been committee meetings.

Mr. Wood stated that there have been steering committee meetings.

Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Nash volunteered to be on the committee.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

Z-16-03	Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of New Albany, Indiana Title XV, Chapter 156 (Docket P-03-16 Greg Andres requests a PUDD at 4402 Grant Line Road)	Phipps 1&2
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Mr. Phipps introduced Z-16-03 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Phipps explained that it received unanimous recommendation from the plan commission this month and is the area where Taco Bell is and there is already a curb cut there and they are proposing a cul-de-sac with five lots and are thinking about some fast food restaurants or small retail establishments in that area.

Mr. Blair asked if it is a cul-de-sac or just a road.

Mr. Caesar stated that it is not a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Phipps stated that he thought it went around to a curve but didn't connect.

Mr. Wood stated that there is Save-A-Step, Taco Bell and then Arby's and it will meet up with that development.

Mr. Copperwaite explained that it is four lots and there is one lot along the south side that is 25 ft. that will either go with Taco Bell or the lot north of that. He stated that there is an existing curb cut that was approved by INDOT and during construction it changed over to Floyd County and now the city maintains it. He explained that the road does connect around Arby's and the site is bounded on the north & east by multi-family and by Taco Bell and Arby's on the south. He stated that lot 3 is proposed to be mini-storage but it isn't written in stone.

Mr. Wood explained that there was a typo in the ordinance and it says that lot 5 is designated for the mini storage but is in fact lot 3 and they will have that corrected prior to the third reading.

Mr. Phipps stated that Mr. Wood suggested putting 18-month expiration on it as well.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he wonders how many storage facilities are too many because there are 14 that he has come up with in New Albany and 4 in the immediate area on Grant Line.

Mr. Copperwaite stated that storage areas are in a huge growth mode right now. He explained that if the movement towards tiny houses continues as well as the downtown development they can expect to see even more. He stated that Mr. Andres isn't saying that this will definitively be storage but it is a possibility.

Mr. Nash asked if the single tree that has been sitting there a long time going to stay.

Mr. Copperwaite stated that it will be taken out. He added that he has a letter of intent on one of the lots but he isn't at liberty to disclose the name.

Mr. Caesar stated that he likes this a lot better than the multi-family housing.

Mr. Aebersold asked what the next step to get things built is.

Mr. Copperwaite stated that the next step is to design the roadway and by next spring they should be ready to build.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

**R-16-15 Resolution Establishing a Moratorium in Regards Phipps
to the Issuance of Any Improvement Location
Permit for Clinics for the Treatment of Opiate
Addiction in the City of New Albany or the
Unincorporated Two Mile Fringe Area as Amended**

Mr. Phipps introduced R-16-15 and moved to approve as amended, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

Dr. Knable moved to amend the resolution to define treatment center as dispensing medication but counseling services would be free to go through the process of opening, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Phipps stated that this a proactive addition because the city code doesn't cover certain types of business and new businesses are always emerging. He explained that the code hasn't been updated since 1971 and while they are in the process of doing so this action will put a moratorium on those clinics so that it can be included in the new zoning descriptions.

Mr. Coffey stated that he is getting tired of people saying not to put something in their neighborhoods that they will put somewhere else. He explained that this was not very well thought out and asked how long the moratorium would be.

Mr. Wood replied six months.

Mr. Coffey stated that we are saying that we don't want those kind of people in our neighborhoods but the fact is that there is a huge need for treatment and this moratorium is just the same old stereotype. He added that this is just another stumbling block to allowing local government to get involved and help. He stated that instead of passing something like this the council should be asking what they can do to help the situation and to help the people out that need it.

Mr. Phipps stated that they are not trying to keep these establishments from going in they are just trying to regulate them to certain areas just like they would other businesses. He explained that Mr. Coffey said he doesn't want it around Green Valley School or Holy Family and that is the same thing as saying "not in my neighborhood."

Mr. Coffey stated that he feels that way because of the safety of the kids.

Mr. Phipps explained that he isn't saying it is unsafe but if there is concern for the children then it isn't a stretch that people would feel the same way about it being near their homes.

Dr. Knable stated that he can see both sides of this issue. He recommended putting a moratorium for the 6 months on any dispensing facilities so that they can get a long term handle on where the best fit is within the city. He added that for the next 6 months if they have someone that wants to set up a counseling/referral service that entity would be open to doing so.

Mr. Blair stated that four years ago they passed a resolution limiting methadone clinics to the industrial park.

Mr. Wood stated that it was pain management clinics.

Mr. Barksdale stated that the timing is perfect since the strategic plan is going to be taken care of within 6 months but he didn't like the idea of singling out one specific organization or clinic.

Mr. Coffey asked that the council take a look at what they can do to try to get help to the people that need it in the community.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

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

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk

