

**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, NOVEMBER 21, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Stein, Police Officer Grant, Mr. Staten, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

**Vice President Caesar** 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. McLaughlin** moved to approve the **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2019, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey and Mr. Blair who were not present.**

**Mr. Barksdale** moved to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2019, Mr. Aebersold second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey and Mr. Blair who were not present.**

**Mr. Barksdale** moved to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2019, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Nash who abstained and Mr. Coffey and Mr. Blair who were not present.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Caesar** announced that 1 Southern Indiana would not be presenting tonight because it was decided that it would be better for the new council to vote on that instead of this particular council. He added that they will present at the second meeting in January.

**Dr. Knable** presented information on 1 Southern Indiana Economic Development Council's most recent meeting to the clerk. He said that included in that will be a schedule for next year's meetings that she will probably want to make available to everyone. He also said that he wanted to point out to everyone that the Clark/Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism Bureau of Southern Indiana had sponsored a conference center market study for feasibility, site selection & project marketing planning services. He explained that for some reason or another the City of New Albany has opted out of that and he would like an explanation because it seems like it was a missed opportunity. He then stated that the integrity of the recent election was called into question which is very, very serious. He said that he had someone call him that night who said that he voted for him and the machine did well but then he tried to vote for Mayor Gahan twice and the computer switched to Seabrook but eventually he was able to correct that. He recommended that they report that to the county clerk and suggested that anyone else that had such questions begin that conversation with the county clerk. He

added that he has no reason personally to doubt the integrity of the process and that was the only person that he spoke with about the process that had any issues.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that there were about 4-6 of them at Sojourn Church.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it is a serious issue obviously and he feels that the only thing this body can do is report it to the county clerk and then she can pass it on to the state folks. He also stated that he wants to be on record saying that it seems that the issue was equal opportunity because it was going any which way and thankfully there were very few of them.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that the machines have to be calibrated and he assumes that the way this was caught was when the machine showed who was voted for. He also stated that with six people it was easy to check but if it would have been more, it could really be a problem.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that he spoke with a constituent about Cherry Valley Golf Course and asked if we have gotten any further word or update on that.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he knows that there is no plan yet but the issues are being looked into.

**Mr. Barksdale** asked Mr. Staten to stand and announced that he is the 2019 1 Southern Indiana Ace Award recipient.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if anyone else got any phone calls from a lady complaining about the bridge tolls. He said that she said was visiting her son who lives in Louisville and she was from Saskatchewan and was upset because there wasn't anything to tell her that there was a toll on the bridge. He added that he knows there are big digital signs.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that some of the signs start out at Sellersburg.

**Mr. Caesar** said that if she was coming down I-65 there are plenty of signs.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mr. Hall** stated that Mayor Gahan wanted to invite everyone to Light Up New Albany on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Bicentennial Park at 6:00 p.m. He then stated that the city is undergoing CPR training for most of the staff and Mayor Gahan wanted to extend that offer to the council members as well. He said that if anyone is interested they should contact Alicia Meredith or Jake Barnes with the fire department and they can help get that set up.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

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

**1 SOUTHERN INDIANA – Not Present.**

#### **PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps**

**Mr. Phipps** stated that they approved an eight lot subdivision off of Kenzig Road and a preliminary and secondary plat approval for the new houses in the 800 block of Vincennes Street. He said they also did a renewal on the transitional housing facility out

on Grant Line Road because it was originally a temporary thing to see how it was going to go and it has been going well.

**Mr. Barksdale** asked where that is on Grant Line Road.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that it is the old Key Communications Building where the Veterans have the transitional housing.

**Dr. Knable** asked what the occupancy is on the transitional housing.

**Mr. Phipps** said he believes there are 12-16 Veterans currently there and the maximum capacity he believes is 20.

**Mr. Nash** asked about the development on McDonald Lane.

**Mr. Phipps** said that they approved it and their next step is BZA.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: R-19-09 Young Cimtech**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: R-19-09 Young Cimtech**

**Mr. Matt Hall** stated that Cimtech was founded in 1975 and moved to New Albany in 1992. He explained that they recently purchased two Louisville companies and they have the ability to grow the New Albany operations or the Louisville operations but we would love to see them grow their New Albany location. He stated that they recognize that their employees are the team responsible for their success and they believe that in order to be engaged, a team member must be valued and included and they make every effort to ensure that. He said that they currently employ 32 people at their New Albany operations earning an average wage of \$20.98 per hour and if they expand their operations here then they would add six positions to their payroll and also add \$422,000.00 in new taxable capital. He said that this also sets the stage for New Albany to become the home of Young Cimtech's future growth as well.

**Mrs. Jessica Young** stated that she and Jarrod purchased Cimtech on July 12<sup>th</sup> of 2018 so they just celebrated their one year anniversary by expanding and purchasing two other well-known brands which do reside off 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Louisville, Kentucky. She explained that as proposed with this expansion, they would not only create six new jobs but plan to build an empire and would love the support of the city to help them continue to grow that. She passed out material that includes their diversity statement that they find so important because no one person is above or below our team and thinks it is also important to note that their average tenure within their team is 20 years. She said that they just took a tour of Prosser today and took eight of their team members that were Prosser graduates so they have really grown to make New Albany their home and would like to continue to do so. She stated that they do precision machining and fabrication as well as assembly and have included a site map in the information that she passed out. She felt it was important to note that when they did their acquisition back in 2018 it did include the real estate as well as the 3.7 acres that they sit on so there is a lot of opportunity for growth there as well. She stated that they currently have 32 production stations and are looking to expand that.

**Dr. Knable** asked what other two brands they just acquired.

**Mrs. Young** stated that it is Access Machine & Tool and Action Material Handling. She noted that Access Machine & Tool was a southern Indiana company that was purchased by Mr. Matt Oakley and moved to Louisville but they would love to get them moved back over to the sunny side.

**Mr. Barksdale** asked about the average salary of the new employees.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that the wage is \$20.98 per hour.

**Mrs. Young** stated that it is skilled positions but wanted to note that with this phase in of the expansion the administrative side would grow as well. She said that they would also like to grow their department of finance as well as their business development side.

**R-19-09                      Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits                      Caesar  
for Young Cimtech LLC DBA Cimtech, Inc.  
by the Common Council of the City of New Albany**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he was supposed to introduce this resolution but turned it over to Mr. McLaughlin.

**Mr. McLaughlin introduced R-19-09 and moved to approve, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey and President Blair who were not present.**

**Mr. Staten** stated that he and Mr. Matt Hall had the privilege of going in one morning and speaking to Mrs. Young and learned about everything they have going on and what they are planning to do. He said that this is a company that we really look forward to expanding in our industrial park.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that he wanted to welcome the six new employees when this goes through. He added that he is very pleased that Cimtech wants to stay in New Albany and call it their home.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that he appreciates that Cimtech wants to stay with New Albany.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Bob Caesar, Vice President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk