

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member and Warren V. Nash, President. Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Larry Summers, Pat McLaughlin, Fire Chief Juliot, Linda Moeller, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Jessica Campbell, Bryan Slade, Alicia Meredith 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. Israel Lanbin re: Alley way behind business.

Mr. Thompson stated that he spoke with Mr. Lanbin this morning regarding concerns about his trash not being picked up but he had the address of his business incorrect as he has moved to East 6th and Spring. He explained that because of the narrowness of East 6th Street between Spring and Market Rumpke can't make the turn to be able to get behind his business to empty the dumpster. He stated that Mr. Lanbin was requesting that the City make East 6th Street two-way so that the trash hauler (and other deliveries) could come in from Market Street. He express his concerns with this option because East 6th is so narrow it could cause issues with traffic turning in off of Spring and Market. He added that he needs to meet with Mr. Summers to see if he has any suggestions of solutions because he doesn't think two-way is a safe alternative.

Mr. Summers stated that as much of a proponent of two-way streets that he is, he sees difficulty in converting this section of 6th Street because it functions more like an alley. He added that he will look at it to see if they can come up with a solution to help Mr. Lanbin out but he doesn't see a conversion of two-way as an option.

2. Mickey Thompson for Dave O'Mara re: IN-AWC Cut requests at 315 Washington (retire service), 2103 Palmer Courte (emergency valve replacement), 724 Vincennes Street (hydrant replacement), 3900 Green Valley Road (water main break), 721 West Spring Street (replace meter), Ealy Street & Crystal Avenue (main break), Indiana Avenue & Fairmont Avenue (main break), 14 Wellington Drive (hydrant replacement), 2219 State Street (service retirement)

Mr. Thompson stated that this is work that has already been completed and were either emergency breaks, hydrant replacements or service retirement. He added that he will go out and confirm that the restoration has been done.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Blake Gies, Clark Dietz sent in the following update on the 2020 Annual Street Paving Project and Mr. Christmas reported on it:

Substantial Completion Date: 11/15/2020

Final Completion Date: 12/31/2020

Original Construction Contract Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Current Construction Contract Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Approximate % Complete: % this week; % total

Progress for the Week:

- MONDAY 11/23/20 Libs is holding off until Monday, 11/30, to begin full depth patching on the north side of the street because they are concerned with getting it covered back before the rain and holiday weekend.
- TUESDAY 11/24/20 Moved traffic on Ellen Ct. to the south side of the street where patching was completed.
- WEDNESDAY 11/25/20 **Rain Day**
- THURSDAY 11/26/20 **Holiday**
- FRIDAY 11/27/20 **Holiday**

Upcoming Activities:

- Finish pouring curb ramps at East side of 7th St. Finish pouring curb ramps at Market St. Finish the full depth patching and get Ellen Ct. buttoned back up.

Construction Issues:

- Finish the full depth HMA patching at Ellen Ct

Mr. Christmas added that they would like to also pave Blackiston Mill Road but in order to do that the contractor is requesting a closure from Charlestown Road to Silver Creek on for two days next week (best weather days). He explained that during paving/milling crews will be able to work around and get cars in and out of business but patch work will be all over the road so they will try to do it in sections.

Mr. Nash asked if they had already told businesses that they would be closing this for a period of time.

Mr. Christmas stated that they originally told them that they would be doing the work on a Sunday evening but they were told it would be postponed once they decided to extend the paving to the bridge.

Mr. Thompson stated that the City decided to extend the paving to the bridge and that is what is creating this traffic issue.

Mr. Summers stated that based on the weather outlook for next week and the ability to give a full weeks' notice, he would suggest Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there would be signage letting people know that the business are open.

Mr. Christmas stated that he anticipates the signage saying that the road is closed to thru traffic with local access or business access only. He added that they need to address those that will think they can go around the work through the parking lot.

Mr. Thompson suggested a sign that indicates that the bridge is closed.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there would be signage on the Clarksville side and what hours would they be working

Mr. Christmas stated that there would be signs and work hours would be 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with the road re-opening at the end of the day.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of Blackiston Mill Road on December 8&9 (weather depending) subject to the stipulations regarding local access, notification and signage, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Larry McIntire, Beam, Longest & Neff, sent the following update on Slate Run Road via email for the board to review:

Notice to Proceed Date: Commence on or before 4/15/2019

Final Completion Date: TBD (Duke may need 60 days to move pole and curb island)

Approximate % Complete: 97% (Revised due to anticipated additional work)

Progress for the Week:

- Contractor worked on preparation for working on current punch list items.
- RPR checked site during heavy rain event to look at drainage.

Upcoming Activities:

- RPR will continue working on final punch list items.
- Prime contractor will be working on some early punch list items.
- Railing fabricator to finish making the railing to be installed at south culvert.
- Prime contractor to install railing on box structure at south culvert.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Contractor will work on curb island in commercial area once pole is relocated.
- Contractor will be extending sidewalk on west side to south Lochwood entrance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Parking on Beeler Street

Mr. Thompson stated that he reached out to the school and they sent out an email requesting that all staff use the faculty parking facilities but he has photos of them continuing to park in front of the residents. He asked for the board's permission to reach out to the school officials again and share these photos with them to see if they can further address the issue.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: Utility Policy and Fee Schedule

Mr. Summers explained that several years ago he began working with individuals from adjacent cities to address issues with utilities working in public rights-of-ways. He stated that he re-wrote the utility policy using the Louisville Metros policy as a template detailing all of the requirements so that they know what is expected of them. He added that this includes restoration of the roadways and the application process.

Mr. Nash asked if this would affect IN-AWC who comes routinely before this board to address emergency main breaks and other issues like that.

Mr. Summers stated that emergency repairs are still allowed to move forward under this policy.

Mr. Thompson stated that this has been a long time in the works and does address a lot of the issues that they have seen come before them with regards to the utilities and the work that they have to do in the right-of-way. He added that this will also help with the influx of underground work that is being requested to lay fiber cable and will help preserve the roadwork that the City has been doing over the years.

Mr. Summers stated that fee schedule is something that will need to go before the City Council to amend the current ordinance.

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

2. Mickey Thompson re: Street Closure on Monroe Street

Mr. Thompson presented a request for a closure on Monroe Street from State Street to the alley at Pearl Street for four hours starting at 8:00 a.m. on December 10 to allow demo work on the corner building.

Mr. Nash asked that they make sure to notify anyone affected by the closure

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

3. Mickey Thompson re: request for no parking on Main Street

Mr. Thompson stated that 207 East Main is an apartment building over a business and they are requesting that it be marked “no parking” from 12:00-4:00 p.m. on December 4 to allow a moving truck in the area. He added that the no parking would extend from 207 Main to the alley between Bank and East 3rd streets.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 24, 2020, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk