

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A WORK SESSION IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE
CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by Vice President Greg Phipps at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder and Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Coffey, Mr. Zurschmiede and Mr. McLaughlin were not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Shane Gibson, Police Chief Bailey, Linda Moeller, Shane Gibson, Alicia Meredith, Michael Hall, David Hall, David Duggins and Vicki Glotzbach

Police Chief Bailey stated that he and Mr. Brad Walker are present to update the council on software transition for the police department. He explained that he is on the administrative end and Mr. Walker is on the IT end and passed out information on the Interact Software Transition and reviewed it with the council. Said information is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Caesar asked how this will be charged.

Chief Bailey explained that there will be a reoccurring maintenance charge annually which is similar to what they are already doing.

Mrs. Benedetti asked what that charge will be.

Mr. Phipps asked if this charge would be budgeted in their 2016 budget.

Chief Bailey stated that the annual reoccurring charge is \$46,000.00 annually beginning in 2017 and it is part of the budget.

Mr. Blair asked if they worked with the county to maybe talk about a partnership on this.

Chief Bailey explained that they currently have access to one another's system but the county has no interest in transitioning from their old system to this new system. He stated that their needs are very different from what works for the city and the system that they are currently on may work for them, but it doesn't work for the city.

Mrs. Benedetti asked what the cost of the system is.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the latest proposal is \$254,000.00.

Mr. Phipps explained that they budgeted \$405,000.00 and it will only cost \$254,000.00.

Chief Bailey stated that they are reviewing a hardware piece to see if it is necessary so that might be an additional cost.

Mr. Walker stated that they may also need to have a web based server to support the program.

Mrs. Benedetti asked how much that would cost.

Mr. Walker stated that it should be under \$10,000.00.

Chief Bailey stated that they have done extensive research on different software and the reason they kept coming back to this one is because it is the one that the State of Indiana uses almost exclusively and is the product that has the state bid.

Mr. Caesar asked if this would merge with the 911 or if it would only be in the police department.

Chief Bailey stated that it is computer aided dispatch (CAD) and records management for the police officers and their records clerks.

Mr. Caesar asked if they will be able to find out things about unknown people.

Police Chief Bailey stated that there are many components to this system with the two sides being records management and the CAD side. He explained that the in-depth nature of this program is so that they can work a case from beginning to end that includes evidence and photographs.

Mrs. Benedetti asked where the parent company is.

Chief Bailey stated that he works with a vendor out of North Carolina but he thinks that the parent company is in Wisconsin.

Mr. Blair asked about merger with the 911 group and communications and if this software would be beneficial.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he isn't in a position to comment on any type of merger but he can say that this is a superior product to what the city and the county currently has.

Mr. Walker stated that it is very easily expandable.

Mr. Phipps asked if they have any indication on how long this system will be sufficient and how long they have had their current system.

Chief Bailey stated that they have had the present system since 2005 and they are operating off the same hardware server with a few updates. He explained that his would be hosted via the web.

Mr. Walker stated that the maintenance agreement covers updates and subscriptions.

Mrs. Benedetti asked Mr. Walker if he recommends this program.

Mr. Walker replied yes.

Mr. Caesar asked what the public components are.

Chief Bailey stated that they could do things like blast out public information messages and alerts.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if the devices that are in the cars now will support his program.

Chief Bailey replied yes.

Mr. Gonder asked if the data is live in this program.

Chief Bailey stated that it could be if they chose to use it for that.

Mr. Blair asked if there is a website they could go to in order to research this.

Chief Bailey replied Caliber Interact.

Mr. Caesar asked if they are going to be able to talk to a lot of the country with this.

Chief Bailey stated that we will be able to talk to anyone that uses the Caliber system which includes the Indiana State Police.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if this is just informational or if they need to take action.

Chief Bailey stated that this was just to let them know where they are in the process.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks that this is supposed to come back to the council according to the resolution.

Mr. Phipps stated that they already budgeted for it so they will need to check the minutes to see.

Dave Duggins stated that they have been working with Boyce.net to provide Wi-Fi coverage for the downtown area and Anderson Fields. He explained that they appropriated \$300,000.00 for the repair of the lights but they didn't have to do that because Duke took ownership so that money is still there. He stated that this project would cover that area for \$160,000.00 which includes the hardware and maintenance for three years and it is beneficial for the city.

Mrs. Benedetti stated that she thought this was appropriated for 2016

Mr. Duggins stated that the downtown lights were budgeted for \$300,000.00 for 2015 and he would like to switch it to be used for this project. He explained that they would have to bring back a resolution to switch it out but he wanted to present it to the council and get their feedback before they went forward.

Michael Hall stated that it is six blocks by six blocks in the downtown that covers the riverfront and they asked them to look at the ballfields.

Mr. Duggins stated that it would be a great thing for the city and a good use for the money that was appropriated.

Mr. Michael Hall stated that it won't replace businesses and residences downtown that already have their own service.

Mr. Phipps stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to look at covering all of the parks and it is a great addition to the downtown.

Mr. Duggins stated that is something that they will look at and once they get it set up and see how it works.

Mrs. Benedetti asked what the monthly cost is.

Mr. Duggins stated that the yearly fee for Time Warner Cable is \$6,000.00.

Mr. Blair stated that he would personally like to see a strategy on how to use the EDIT and Riverboat funds because they are talking about some significant expenditures and they need to plan for this.

Mr. Duggins stated that the \$300,000.00 was already appropriated.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks they need to prioritize their projects before they reallocate this money.

Mr. Duggins stated that they had \$250,000.00 appropriated for the second phase of the dog park and explained that Alecia Meredith and David Hall are present to answer any questions they may have. He stated that they are underway with phase I which is fencing and electronic key coding and it is located in Cannon Acres Park. He gave a brief description of the area including those that were off limits because of historic restrictions. He explained that they are estimating that they will only use \$150,000.00 in phase II which includes a fences in water feature, a water line, a walking path, and 9 holes for Frisbee golf.

David Hall stated that the biggest thing that he is excited about is the water feature and since that will be separated by the fence they can alternate the time that people can come in and utilize that section so it is a very unique feature.

Mr. Phipps asked how large is the area that is going to be the water feature.

Mr. Duggins replied 100 feet in diameter.

Mr. Duggins stated that this is phase II and they are looking to look into bathroom facilities and other amenities down the road.

Alecia Meredith stated that this is already a park that is maintained and it has the most open space available so it is a perfect fit. She explained that they want to include more projects out in that area to draw citizens out to the park and to that area of the city.

Mr. Phipps asked about the removal of the manure.

Ms. Meredith stated that there will be pet waste station but they will also maintain this.

Mr. David Hall stated they will offer memberships since it is an off-leash park.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if the membership costs.

Mr. David Hall replied yes and stated that it is a way to make sure that the animals have proper vaccinations so that they can interact.

Mr. Caesar asked if there will be a walking path.

Mr. Duggins stated that there will be a walking path through the woods and explained that it is a highly visible and a heavily trafficked area.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if it is lighted.

Mr. Duggins replied no.

Mr. David Hall stated that it is only open from dawn to dusk.

Mr. Caesar asked Mr. David Hall if he thought people will use this.

Mr. David Hall replied that he not only thinks that people will use this but they haven't tapped all the resources that they can to make this a level above what it already is.

Mr. Blair stated that he is an advocate of the dog park and thinks it is a great addition to the community, but asked why they aren't looking at the greenway because that seems to be the logical location for something like this. He explained that he is also concerned about the fact that they only have one soccer field there because it makes it hard for any soccer club to use if they are scattered all over the city, so they are taking away a space that was intended for a soccer field.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the appropriations for the dog park and whether or not they had to come back to the council for final approval.

Mr. Duggins stated that they have spent a lot of time looking at multiple locations to house this dog park and this was chosen because it is available, it is already being maintained, and the dog park isn't included in the greenway master plan.

Mr. Blair stated that they never talked about other areas besides the dump.

Mr. Duggins stated that they looked at facilities that are being underutilized and that is why this was chosen. He explained that that they have spent over \$1M on soccer and have done more for soccer in the city than has ever been done in the past. He stated that the bottom line is that if they have to remove it down the line it is just a matter of taking out the fencing.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Greg Phipps, Vice President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk