

**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, APRIL 1, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by President Pat McLaughlin at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, Mr. Zurschmiede and Mr. McLaughlin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Duggins, Mr. Rosenbarger, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Prestigiacomio and Ms. Glotzbach

Mr. Gibson presented a handout detailing EDIT/Rainy Day and Riverboat and reviewed the document with the council. He explained that it shows cash on hand, estimated budget and estimated expenditures for the year. Said handout is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Caesar asked if the future liabilities include monies that have already been approved to be spent out of communications.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Mr. Gonder asked if that has the sewer in it as well.

Mr. Gibson stated yes and explained that it is everything that has been budgeted.

Mr. Blair asked if this takes into account that they may stop funding sewer with EDIT.

Mr. Gibson explained that this is assuming no changes with the SRF.

Mr. Coffey asked if the projections coming in were conservative.

Mr. Gibson explained that they receive \$215,000.00 from EDIT monthly so they feel comfortable projecting that number. He said they were conservative with Riverboat and used 90% of what they had last year, and they are comfortable with the Rainy Day projection.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wanted everyone to see that Rainy Day was a stagnant fund and they probably want to use that as their reserve funds.

Mr. Blair asked if it would be safe to assume that in future years they will be somewhere around \$2.6M out of EDIT.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would expect that conservatively.

Mr. Gonder asked if they are back to where they were before the recession.

Mr. Gibson replied no. He stated that he would get them the handout he compiled of the last five years of EDIT so they could see the patterns.

Mr. Coffey stated that he would not count on any extra money coming in but know that they are going to have one huge project coming up soon that will have an impact.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wanted everyone to have an idea of the real money that is available and address the fact that they really need paving work done, sidewalk repair, and alley repair. He explained that he really did not want to do the bonds for paving.

Mr. Coffey stated that they need the bonds because they have spent a lot of money in certain areas and they need to focus on the rest of the city as well.

Mr. Blair asked why they don't put together a budget of what needs to be done and then look at what money is available.

Mr. Gibson stated that the handout shows that to a degree by showing what is available.

Mrs. Baird stated that with KY and OH changing their laws allowing more riverboats on land she thinks it will hurt them.

Mr. Coffey stated that he agrees and doesn't like to count on Riverboat at all.

Mr. Blair asked if it is possible to show for the last couple of years by line what these expenditures went towards.

Mr. Gibson stated that they could use budget-to-actual in a spread sheet. He stated that the budget for Riverboat has been about the same for the last five years and EDIT has as well except for communications last year.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if Communications gets longevity or raises, does it go up in EDIT.

Mr. Gibson replied yes and he would have to come back for additional appropriation.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if they are ever going to take that out of EDIT.

Mr. Gibson replied that it all depends on their growth. He explained that they budgeted \$400,000 in the General Fund for MVH

Mrs. Benedetti stated that she doesn't feel like Rainy Day, EDIT and Riverboat should fund a department.

Mr. Coffey stated that he agrees and would like to get away from it.

Mr. Gibson stated that he understands what they are saying but he doesn't agree with regards to EDIT. He explained that other communities are doing the same thing but he wouldn't recommend a commitment from Rainy Day or Riverboat for something like that.

Mr. Caesar stated that for the rest of 2013 they will need to spend some money on paving and then start to budget it in for 2014.

Mr. Coffey stated that it is not going to work because they will spend \$2 - \$3M on two roads and the rest of city will not get touched. He asked Mr. Gibson if they have to have a 911 fund or if that is the responsibility of the county.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is a county but other things fall under it that they would probably need to have a work session to talk about.

Mr. Coffey asked how much they are spending out of EDIT towards 911.

Mr. Gibson replied \$700,000.00.

Mr. Coffey stated that is \$700,000.00 they do not have to be spending.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wants to see all of the roads paved not just roads in his neighborhood.

Mr. Phipps stated that they do need to get something built into the future but they also need to get caught up and according to Mr. Thompson that is going to be a very difficult task because some of the roads that were considered mediocre before are now in bad condition.

Mr. Thompson stated that the numbers that they are looking at are the numbers that were from that study and it is now five years later so there are streets that need to be done now that weren't shown in that study and the streets that needed to be done that were never taken care of are probably going to cost more now.

Mr. Phipps stated that they are going to have to do some bonding to get caught up and then put Mr. Caesar's ideas into place for the future.

Mr. Gonder asked if they can only do \$2M in one year why would they bond out.

Mr. Thompson replied that they can do it one of two ways which would be to hire more than one company or stipulate when they put the project out for bid that the company has to have enough crews available to get all of the paving done.

Mr. Gibson stated that they could get several different projects going at one time as well as several contractors but they also run into issues with blocking multiple streets.

Mr. Coffey stated that once they start those bridges there is no company that will be looking at New Albany for these small projects and the cost is going to go through the roof.

Mr. Phipps stated that the traffic will go through the roof too.

Mr. Blair stated that he really believes that they need to put together a budget and do projections and if they decide to go with a bond issue the projections are even more important.

Mrs. Baird stated that they need to find out what streets they can do.

Mrs. Benedetti asked if they could break the streets down into districts.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the alleys are also in terrible shape.

Mr. Caesar stated that if they want to do the bond issue for five years he wants a stipulation that the council has final approval on what streets get paved.

Mr. Coffey asked how long the streets will last when they are paved.

Mr. Thompson stated that he hopes seven years but there is no maintenance program in place and that is something they really need to have to keep the roads in good repair.

Mr. Caesar stated that there are places that need to be milled out five to eight inches and Mr. Thompson can't go back and recheck that but it needs to be done because it will make the roads last longer.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have been putting it in the bid for patch work to be done but the problem is that they don't have an inspector out with them to identify these areas. He explained that they really need to have someone out at the location to oversee this.

Mr. Gonder stated that if it is going to be bid out then they need to find out about a two year warranty.

Mr. Coffey stated that he still thinks that it goes back to hiring an engineer.

Mr. Thompson stated that they do ask that someone from the city go out and mark these locations when they put the bid out but there really does need to be an inspector for before and after the milling process.

Mr. Caesar asked if we could hire a consultant.

Mr. Thompson stated that when they had the \$2M they did hire an inspector.

Mr. Gonder stated that they should have a City Engineer not a consultant.

Mr. Zurschmiede asked when they could expect to get a budget to actual through the end of March.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would try to get it to them by the end of the week.

Mr. Zurschmiede stated that the budget to actual appeared to be 3.5% over budget and asked if he could take a look at it and explain why.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would take a look at it and get back with him.

Mr. Coffey asked if they could get a price unit that was guaranteed for 18 months.

Mr. Thompson stated that they come in with unit prices per ton.

Mr. Coffey asked if they could get a range of time on that.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is built into the price.

Mr. Blair stated that he looks at it as we have \$2.5M in EDIT this year and another \$2.5M next year.

Mr. Coffey stated that it is great in theory but it never works.

Mr. Blair stated that it is their fault if it doesn't work.

Mr. Coffey stated that it needs to be built in the budget and include sidewalks.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding using a bond.

Mr. Coffey stated that he would like to seriously look at the communications.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that would require another work session.

Mr. Caesar stated that he just wanted to have a real discussion about what kind of cash they have available and what the best way to utilize it would be.

Mr. Gibson stated that what the council has in front of them is a good picture of 2013.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk