

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, AUGUST 15, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Council Members, Mr. Coffey, Ms. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Ms. Baird, Mr. Gonder and President McLaughlin. Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Zurschmiede were not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Hall, Police Chief Knight, Major Whitlow, Colonel Pennell, Mr. Duggins, Mr. Robison, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Glotzbach.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Coffey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2013, Ms. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Zurschmiede who were not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Coffey stated that he has looked at some of the equipment at the street department and some of it is in pretty bad shape and feels that Mr. Thompson needs to come in and let the council know what equipment he needs. He added that some of the salt trucks will have to have wood put in the bottom of them because they are just totally rusted out.

Mr. Gonder stated that last night at the Tree Board meeting they discussed several trees that are dying along Spring Street that need to be taken out and they leave behind the stump. He thinks that Mr. Thompson rented a stump grinder and it didn't work. He said that they asked the arborist how much it would cost to just buy one and he said the he thought it would be around \$20,000.00. He added that the cost to hire it is about \$400.00 per stump so that is about 50 stumps and you would have it paid for.

Mr. Thompson stated that the one they rented was just too small so it took a very long time to get three done that day.

Mr. Gonder asked if a stump grinder would be a good piece of equipment to have.

Mr. Thompson replied it would be better than renting them.

Mr. Blair asked approximately how many stumps there are.

Mr. Thompson replied there are at least 25 trees that they have taken out.

Mr. Coffey stated that there are more trees that need to come out.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks they should get an estimate for a contractor.

Mr. Gonder stated that it is \$400.00 per stump.

Mr. Thompson stated that is per stump and doesn't include taking the tree down.

Mr. Blair stated that you still have to consider the wages for the street department employees and so forth.

Mr. Gonder asked how many stumps there would be in a given year.

Mr. Thompson replied that it is between 25 and 30.

Mr. Coffey asked how long it takes to take one out if you have the right equipment.

Mr. Thompson replied that with a commercialized stump grinder it would be about 45 minutes to take one out.

Mr. Coffey stated that you could figure about two weeks to get all of them.

Ms. Baird asked how long the equipment would last.

Mr. Thompson replied quite a while because it is not like they would be using it every day.

Ms. Benedetti stated that it was released that we are to get about \$605,000.00 more in streets and it also stated that you could purchase equipment and asked if we will get that in 2014 and 2015.

Mr. Thompson stated that \$605,000.00 would be the total amount for 2014 and 2015.

Ms. Benedetti asked if we could use that money to purchase more trucks or equipment.

Mr. Thompson replied that he is not sure.

Ms. Benedetti stated that the way it was listed in the paper, you could do equipment and maintenance. She also stated that the council is getting ready to do budgets so it could be put in next year's budget.

Mr. Coffey agreed but asked what they are going to do about the salt trucks this year.

Ms. Baird suggested taking the money from paving and then replacing it.

Ms. Benedetti stated that the budget process should start within the next week or two.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he spoke with Ms. Moeller and the administration will go through the end of this month with the budgets with the department heads and he would like to shoot for a budget work session before the first meeting in September.

Ms. Benedetti asked Mr. Thompson if he could take an inventory and put something together for the council.

Mr. Thompson replied yes.

Mr. Gonder asked if he is thinking of new salt trucks or just new beds in the back.

Mr. Thompson stated that they are old trucks and they take the spreader off at the end of the year and clean them but the salt is so corrosive that they can't get it all off.

Ms. Benedetti asked what year the trucks are.

Mr. Thompson stated that they are at least ten years old and he will find out exactly how old they are.

Mr. Gonder asked if the beds are replaceable.

Mr. Thompson replied that they are but the frames are rusting out too.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he saw in the paper that Clarksville Police Chief had donated some grow lights to the Endres Center and it just reminded him that he has been through there and it is a remarkable place and encouraged anyone that hasn't been there to do so.

Ms. Baird asked if the place in New Albany that we are planning could be turned into something like that.

Mr. Gonder stated that he thinks that we need to step back and look at what was going on in the parks department prior to splitting up because Ekin Avenue maintenance was under control of the parks department and basic maintenance was ignored. He also stated that it is a very neat building and was told that it was the old hosiery mill so it has historical significance as well as a great resource for the kids and it is a shame that it was let go to that shape and we should do something about it.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that Alicia Meredith is the new parks director and she is a 2006 graduate of Ohio State University and went on to get her master's in sports administration in 2008 from University of Louisville. He said that she was the assistant facilities and events coordinator at California State University in Bakersfield and she was also the event management coordinator for the University of Mississippi. He stated that while there, she managed the event facility operations for 13 different sports, served as school tournament director for all SEC conference tournaments and all NCAA regional tournaments, and was instrumental in implementing new policies and procedures for daily usage of the school's facilities. He the stated that there are two more shows at Bicentennial Park and Matt Duncan is the headliner for this week with the American Authors as the opener.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

Morency Real Estate, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-02-35

VTI of Indiana Doors, INC. DBA Ideal Door,
Compliance with Statement of Benefits referencing R-09-17

John B. Shine, Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-06-11

Lumley Enterprises, INC., Compliance with
Statement of Benefits referencing R-04-36

Ms. Benedetti moved to approve the above CF-1s, Ms. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Zurschmiede who were not present and Mr. Gonder who voted no.

Mr. Duggins stated that these are some of the best ones that they've had.

Mr. Gonder asked if Morency and VTI are the same company.

Mr. Duggins replied that it is two abatements. He stated that they fill out a CF-1 for real property and one for personal property.

Mr. Gonder stated that under description of property it says to see copy on file and he didn't see that.

Mr. Duggins stated that he could get the resolution for him but usually no one fills that out because all you will see in the resolution is if it was manufacturing equipment or in the original SB-1 if it's a 30,000 sq. ft. building.

Mr. Gonder pointed out that Shine and Lumley filled theirs out.

Mr. Duggins stated that the main thing he focuses on is the employment and the estimate on wages because that's what they rate them on.

Mr. Gonder stated that on one they don't even have the estimated start date filled out.

Mr. Duggins stated that these are filed every year and the only one that it matters on is the very first CF-1 and SB-1. He added that in the auditor's office the computer handles the abatements so when that goes in, it calculates what year it is in.

Mr. Coffey asked about Morency Real Estate because it started in 2002 and this is for 2014 and they are ten year abatements.

Mr. Duggins stated that you have to remember that it doesn't begin until it is assessed so this will be the final year for the abatement.

Mr. Coffey stated that needs to be noted.

Mr. Duggins stated that on the spreadsheet it has the year that the abatements came in. He added that the assessor assesses in March and that gets put in the computer and then the following year is when the abatement hits so there is almost a two year span between when the resolution was done and when it was assessed and entered.

Ms. Benedetti asked if that is the same thing with Lumley because it says estimated start date was in 2004.

Mr. Duggins explained that even if it is passed today and the ten year period has passed then the computer in the auditor's office would reject it and say that there is no abatement on it.

Ms. Benedetti asked Mr. Duggins if he looks at the employees to make sure that they are going up.

Mr. Duggins replied that the contractual agreement is basically that they need to be at or above what they said in their SB-1. He then recommended that the above CF-1s be approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: READING

A-13-03 Ordinance for the Establishing and Coffey 3
Appropriation for Demolition of Unsafe
Buildings

Mr. Coffey stated that this item needs to be tabled because there was not enough time between meetings to advertise the public hearing. He said that it will be voted on at the September 5th meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):

IN COMMITTEE:

TABLED ORDINANCES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk