

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, OCTOBER 17, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Hall, Mr. Gibson, Police Chief Knight, Colonel Pennell, Mr. Duggins, Ms. Moeller and Mrs. Glotzbach.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2013 (MVH), Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair and Mrs. Benedetti who abstained.

Mrs. Baird moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2013 (Traffic Study), Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair and Mrs. Benedetti who abstained.

Mr. Coffey moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2013 (Budget), Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair and Mrs. Benedetti who abstained.

Mr. Gonder moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2013, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair and Mrs. Benedetti who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Gonder stated that last Saturday his wife was walking the dog on Captain Frank Road and was almost hit by a car. He also said that at times he has seen kids have to jump out of the way of traffic on that road. He stated that he has brought this problem up at here and at redevelopment but has never heard one syllable as to whether this will ever be looked into. He said that he realizes that Captain Frank Road is not the only place that needs sidewalks but it is one that he is intimately familiar with. He thinks that priorities are messed up when we let safety issues like this go when we obviously have the money to do some of the larger ticket items.

Mr. Duggins stated that he and Mr. Rosenbarger met with JTL and they are putting together a cost estimate and an idea of design to get an idea of what the cost would be for sidewalks there. He said that it will be ready by the next redevelopment meeting.

Mr. Gonder stated that 39DN shows a 10-15 ft. wide right-of-way on the north side of Captain Frank Road for pretty much the length of the road.

Mr. Coffey stated that he checked with several concrete people about sidewalks by volume instead of linear ft. and they don't think that was wise. He added that he hopes that when we do this we will do it by linear ft. as opposed to volume.

Mr. Duggins stated that is fine with him and he has no issue with looking into it.

Mr. Coffey stated that by volume would be about one third more.

Ms. Benedetti asked about Slate Run Road.

Mr. Duggins stated that they are looking at the scope of the project and looking at maybe being able to phase it.

Mr. Caesar asked about Old Vincennes Road and stated that the curve is about ready to fall off into the ravine. He said that there are about 50 residents ready to come to a meeting.

Mr. Duggins said that he could meet with Mr. Thompson and they could talk about it on Tuesday.

Mrs. Benedetti asked about the Mt. Tabor Road project and stated that she knows that has been turned in to INDOT.

Mr. Duggins stated that they are reviewing the design and looking at it all.

Ms. Benedetti asked if anything has been turned in with the comments and the dialogue or anything else.

Mr. Duggins stated that the comments are part of the public hearing and they are reviewing that because they want to make a project that everyone wants out there but they haven't moved forward since the public hearing.

Mrs. Benedetti asked that if any meetings are scheduled or anything changes that he will contact Mr. Blair and her and have a meeting with them.

Mr. Duggins replied yes and stated that everything is public.

Mrs. Benedetti asked that he do that for Slate Run Road also.

Mr. Coffey stated that his granddaughter is doing extremely well. He then stated that he just came from the county council meeting and he explained to them that not all of their problems are due from the Camm trial. He said that they bought the Pine View property for \$1.1M and spent close to \$2M to renovate it and the deal was to move some of these offices out there and they found out by state statute that they couldn't move them out there. He also said that they said they are funding the animal shelter fully and that is not true. He stated that the council was telling department heads that they are going to do the layoffs. He also stated that he volunteered some of the council services, the controller's services and the mayor's services to help them work out their budget. He said that in his second year on the council there was a \$4M deficit and we didn't have to lay anyone off. He explained that they are talking about a special property tax that will be \$50.00 per year. He also explained that from 2011 to not quite 2013, they hired over 50 people knowing that they didn't have the money.

Mr. Caesar stated that there will be an 1869 rules baseball meeting on October 26th at the library at 11:30 a.m. He said that also on October 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Silver Hills Historic Society is going to have another trolley line tour.

Mr. Gonder asked if Mr. Caesar has spoken to Mr. Carnigan about expanding.

Mr. Caesar said that it is in the works. He then said that Living History Committee for Bicentennial is having a Governor's Ball on November 9th which is a re-creation of the

Governor's Ball that was held in New Albany in 1816. He also said that they are planning a Veteran's Celebration on Sunday, November 10th at Bicentennial Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Benedetti stated that the state auditors are in and they are wrapping up their conclusions and asked if there is anything that the administration needs to bring to the council's attention.

Mr. Gibson stated that the exit interview is at the end of the month and we are looking at mid-November for it to be published.

Mr. Gonder asked if there was something that normally happens in August.

Mr. Gibson stated that in the past it has sometimes been done earlier and sometimes later. He added that he does remember that one was done in August one year. He said that there is no true set time but earlier is always better for everyone.

Mrs. Benedetti asked about the Coyle property.

Mr. Duggins stated that it is in negotiation.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that the mayor wanted to thank everyone for being part of the Harvest Homecoming which was a total success this year and gave a special thanks to the Harvest Homecoming Committee. He also wanted to give special thanks to department heads for their dedication and said this year's event was something that we can all be proud of. He stated that the Arts Council of Southern Indiana is going to join the administration to unveil a famous Barney Bright sculpture titled "Landscape". He said that the unveiling will be at Bicentennial Park on Thursday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m. He explained that it will be on permanent display at the park and was donated to the Arts Council by PNC Bank and then the Arts Council has given it to the city on permanent loan. He stated that they are going to host the 2nd Trunk or Treat event with many activities for kids on Saturday, October 26th at 5:00 p.m. He added that they will be showing the movie "Hotel Transylvania" at 8:00 p.m. and encouraged the council to bring a car down and help pass out candy. He said that if the council is interested, let him know and he will get a spot reserved. He then said that the Mayor's 45th Annual Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 16th at 8:00 a.m. at New Albany High School and this year's speaker is the Wave 3 News Sunrise Anchor Jim Boel. He said that tickets are available in the mayor's office and the controller's office for \$8.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: READING

**A-13-06 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the
Year 2014 for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees Coffey 3**

Mr. Coffey introduced A-13-06 and moved to approve the 3rd reading, **Mr. Gonder** second.

Mr. Gonder withdrew his second.

Mr. Coffey introduced A-13-06 as amended to reflect the new exhibit, **Mr. Gonder** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Phipps** who was not present. **Bill A-13-06** becomes Ordinance A-13-18.

Mr. Gibson stated that the exhibit he passed out has the correction for the school crossing guards and he did verify the animal control salaries so the numbers are correct. He also stated that they should amend the ordinance to reflect the new exhibit.

A-13-07 An Ordinance to fix the General Fund and Coffey 3
Other Budgets for the Year 2014

Mr. Coffey introduced A-13-07 and moved to approve the 3rd reading, Mrs. Baird second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Benedetti who voted no and Mr. Phipps who was not present. Bill A-13-07 becomes Ordinance A-13-19.

A-13-08 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year Caesar 3
2014 for Elected Officials

Mr. Caesar introduced A-13-08 and moved to approve the 3rd reading, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps who was not present. Bill A-13-08 becomes Ordinance A-13-20.

A-13-09 An Ordinance to fix the Non-Reverting Budgets Caesar 3
for the year 2014

Mr. Caesar introduced A-13-09 and moved to approve the 3rd reading, Mr. Gonder second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps who was not present. Bill A-13-09 becomes Ordinance A-13-21.

Ms. Benedetti stated that Mr. Coffey went to the board of works to get \$1,000.00 for an event in his district and she thinks that all of the districts should get \$1,000.00. She asked if that could be set up as a line item out of board of works.

Mr. Gibson stated that it should be coordinated with the administration and he thinks that they would gladly entertain it.

Mr. Blair stated that he is very appreciative for the administration and the work of Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Moeller and Mr. McLaughlin for the budget process which was very professional and diligent. He also stated that he believes that the budget is very fiscally responsible and sound and that he is glad that the non-bargaining employees were able to get a modest raise this year.

Mr. Gibson stated that he thinks that the non-bargaining employees are very appreciative too.

Mr. McLaughlin thanked the council for the work they did on the budget and for putting in the extra hours.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Mr. McLaughlin remembered Mr. Larry McAllister who passed away and stated that he was on the county council for four terms and did a very good job.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):

IN COMMITTEE:

Ms. Benedetti stated that the insurance committee will meet on Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Caesar stated that his committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

TABLED ORDINANCES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk