

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,  
WILL HOLD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR  
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by Mr. McLaughlin at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Council Members, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, Mr. Zurschmiede, and President McLaughlin. Mr. Caesar was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Lorch, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Robison, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Milburn

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2014  
Mr. Gonder second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey and Mr.  
Zurschmiede who abstained.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mrs. Benedetti** apologized for coming to the work session late and explained that she was in a meeting next door regarding the homeless issue in the surrounding counties. She stated that Melissa Fry is putting together a plan for Clark and Floyd County and would like to give them a short presentation at the next meeting to let them know where they are with their work and what they will need in the future.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that should be fine.

**Mrs. Benedetti** stated that she will set it up for 7:00 p.m.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they will be bringing an appropriation at the next meeting to replenish the stockpile of salt to get them through the winter at t

**Mrs. Benedetti** stated that she heard the price went up a lot.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they got locked into the state whenever they were able to.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that on Grantline Road and McDonald Lane the turn arrow has been covered up with plastic and asked what was going on with that.

**Mr. Thompson** loop connector is messed up and they are waiting to get a quote for it to put it back in.

**Mr. McLaughlin** asked Mr. Thompson about Vincennes and Charlestown Road and explained that since they put in the light to make it a 4-way intersection the white line in

the middle was taken out and asked if they are going to put that back in to have a right turning lane.

**Mr. Thompson** explained that there is a turn signal there but they didn't stripe it because it was too close together and there wouldn't be room. He stated that they are getting ready to do some work there because of the base failures and he can have them put the stripe back in but he thinks they will find that the lane is so narrow that they cars will still straddle both lanes.

**Mrs. Benedetti** asked if they have gotten anything more on paving and striping.

**Mr. Thompson** explained that with the weather being so cold they have had to put it off but they do have the list and will get started on it as soon as they can.

**Mr. Phipps** asked if any of them are on one-way streets that could be affected if they go to two-way

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he will check to make sure.

**Mr. Zurschmiede** asked what section of 5<sup>th</sup> was converted to two-way

**Mr. Thompson** replied from Culbertson to Main.

**Mrs. Benedetti** explained that the problem was that you couldn't get into some of the establishments with the new medians.

**Mr. Gonder** asked if anyone has thought of painting off the parking spaces on Pearl to direct people where to park.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that it has been brought up but they haven't done it mostly because people don't pay attention to those either way but they could go ahead and do it for those that do.

**Mr. Blair** thanked Mr. Thompson for the work on the snow removal and asked about a square cut in Plaza Drive by the New Albanian and explained that it looks like it was dug up for testing and was never patched back and it is a safety hazard.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he will find out who did the work and have them come out to fix it.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he got a complaint on 13<sup>th</sup> between Market and Main regarding a hole that drops down 2-3' and the barricade that was over it has been knocked down.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that it is the water company and they have called them more than once on it but he will get a hold of them again.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Michael Hall** stated that the Mayor wanted to invite then to Holiday Fest on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> which starts at 1pm with the Jingle Walk. He explained that there will also be kid's events at the YMCA and the night events will start 6pm with the light-up ceremony at Bicentennial Park.



**Mr. Phipps** stated that maybe they could scanned photos of the council members every four years so that they can look that up as well.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals**

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that they have two individual that are interested in the position open on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the council needs to make a decision

**Mr. Gonder** asked if they could do the vote by paper ballot.

**Mr. Lorch** stated that they can't vote by ballot.

**Mr. Zurschmiede** stated that they should have the opportunity to speak and say why they want to serve on the board.

**Mrs. Benedetti** thanked both participants and stated that they need to get more participation from the community to get new blood on all of the city boards.

**Mr. Pacciano** stated that he submitted a letter of interest for the council's consideration. He explained that he is a 29 year resident and worked here for 34 years. He explained that he has been involved in many different civic activities and community minded projects, as well as a consultant with 6 different section 106 involvements. He stated that he has some time now to devote to this and has the same imitative to get involved and he has the ability to communicate.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he approached Mr. Feiock and asked him if he would be interested in this board and what impressed him the most was his ability to understand the issues and what can and can't be done, especially around storm water.

**Dennis Feiock** stated that this isn't something he wanted to politic for but and once Mr. Blair brought it up he thought he could definitely do it. He explained that zoning is of interest to him and he has been to several meetings fighting for the neighborhoods. He stated that he has lived in New Albany all his life and knows the neighborhoods and would be honored to do it.

**Mrs. Benedetti** stated that they need to keep whichever one doesn't serve on this board in mind for future boards.

**The council voted to appoint Mr. Pacciano to the Board of zoning appeals**

**Mr. McLaughlin** thanked them for their interested and stated that the council selected Mr. Pacciano. He thanked Mr. Feiock for his interested and asked if they could keep him in mind for future appointments.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):**

**Mark Cassidy thanked Street Department for the removal of the snow.**

**IN COMMITTEE:**

G-14-01      Ordinance Adopting the International Property      Zurschmiede 1&2  
Maintenance Code Standards for the City of  
New Albany

**TABLED ORDINANCES:**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Pat McLaughlin, President

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Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk