

**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 5th 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 13th 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 29th 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.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

READING

R-14-15	Resolution Regarding Scanning of Prior Ordinances And Records	Gonder
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Mr. Gonder introduced R-14-15 for approval, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gonder explained that there are historic documents stored at Data Vault right now which will be scanned into a PDF format and put on a disc while the physical books continue to be maintained at that offsite facility. He stated that the cost is about \$9,600.00 and they have that in their budget.

Mrs. Benedetti asked what line item they would take that out of.

Mr. Gonder stated that it would be contractual services.

Mr. Gibson stated that they will be doing this in two phases and the first will consist of the ones from 1940's and later that are not handwritten and that first phase is what is going to cost \$9,600.00. He explained that they want to do this for preservation but the main purpose is accessibility because this will allow the clerk's office to search these documents by key words instead of having the books delivered each time.

Mr. Zurschmiede asked if the documents would be destroyed after they are scanned.

Mr. Gibson stated that they have to be kept and part of this is to change the storage to plastic containers to preserve the books.

Mr. Phipps asked what happens once they get up to date and if they would have to keep scanning current books or would they do it in house.

Ms. Milburn explained that they try to keep five years' worth at the office and they would ship other books back to them and ideally they would continue to maintain the scanning process because they can do it in a way to make the files searchable and the clerk's office doesn't have that capability.

Mr. Blair asked if we are legally obligated to keep these documents.

Mr. Gibson explained that we are and stated that he thinks at some point they could go to the state archives but he can't imagine that they would accept them. '

Mrs. Benedetti asked if they would stop using the publishing company that they currently use.

Mr. Gonder stated that they would still use them because this is for minutes as well as ordinances and resolutions. He explained that the handwritten ones can be scanned as well.

Mr. Gibson stated that the handwritten ones would be the second phase because the later documents are referenced more so they are doing that phase first.

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.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk