

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN ROOM 100 AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Brewer, member, Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, and Mickey Thompson, president.

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Mayfield, Sandy Boofter, Phil Aldridge, Brad Fair, Sidney Main, Krystina Jarboe, Jessica Campbell, Sean Payne, Bryan Slade and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mara Schmidt, The Earl re: Request to close parking spots for food truck on October 28th

Ms. Schmidt stated that she has a food truck coming on Friday, October 28th and while normally she would ask the bank to park it in their parking lot, they are expecting over 500 people. She requested permission to close off the parking spots from the alley at 109 East Market to the corner. She added that the people that are eating at the food trucks would be able to eat at the picnic tables and chairs that already exist at that location.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what time the salon closes on Friday and if she has talked with them about this.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she doesn't know and she has not talked to them but their employees and customers utilize the bank parking lot, so they actually lose more parking if they place it in the bank's parking lot.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if she has already asked the bank and they declined giving them permission.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she hasn't asked them yet because she thought it would be better to have them parking on the street, but she isn't opposed to asking them.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that anytime there is anything blocking a parking spot or sidewalk area there is always a safety concern for those that will be utilizing the area, so the board generally prefers these types of things to be off street if possible.

Ms. Schmidt stated that the parking lot also has challenges with people pulling in and out where others are walking and eating, which would pose a bigger concern than those standing on a sidewalk. She added that the food truck will start serving at 5:00 p.m. and will close when they run out of food, which probably won't take too long.

Mr. Thompson stated that the board also tries to steer away from taking parking spaces from other downtown businesses if they can avoid it.

Ms. Schmidt stated that if they have it in the bank lot they will still be taking public parking that is utilized for public parking

Police Chief Bailey asked why they would need ten spaces.

Ms. Schmidt stated that the truck itself is large and it is pulled by another truck.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the bank’s website says that they close at 5:00 p.m. on Fridays so their business shouldn’t interfere with the food truck. She added that the board definitely wants to work with them on this and it sounds like a great event, but they have to do it in a way that is safe for that number of people. She stated that she would prefer that she contacts the bank to see if they can work with her on this event. She asked that regardless of what location the board approves they do ask that after hosting an event this size that they check the area to pick up any trash left behind.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she doesn’t have a problem with that. She added that she will be submitting paperwork to the ATC after the meeting to sell liquor wherever the truck is parked.

Mr. Thompson stated that if she is going to be selling alcohol the parking lot would be better because that will have to be fenced in.

Ms. Schmidt stated that the ATC only required a three foot tall barrier and if it is directly in front of her business it is considered part of her patio.

Mr. Thompson asked if the patrons will be able to use her back patio.

Ms. Schmidt stated that they can but they can’t bring the food inside the building.

Police Chief Bailey stated that she would still need this board approval to extend the floor plan on to the public sidewalk.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she doesn’t want to place anything on the sidewalk but the ATC told her that she could. She added that she has a space right at her front door and she wouldn’t be blocking anything.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she would like for Ms. Schmidt to have a conversation with the bank as it makes the most sense for the number of people she is expecting. She added that if they are not able to work with her then the board would be happy to entertain her alternative request, but they would need a layout of the parking spots requested, where the truck will be with sizes of the truck/trailer, locations of the alcohol selling points that are outside of her property, as well as a request that she has a conversation with the salon to give them a heads up.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to take this item under advisement, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Brad Fair re: Closing Water Street

Mr. Fair informed the board that they are going to close Water Street starting on Monday, October 24 for approximately 10 days to relocate the road ~six feet away from the skate park as part of completing the Ohio River Greenway Trail

Mr. Thompson asked where they are going to close it off.

Mr. Fair stated that it will be from the Sherman Minton Bridge to the other side of the parking lot by the skate park. He reminded them that Water Street will be blocked off this weekend for the Truck or Treat event as well.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the closure of Water Street, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

2. Mickey Thompson re: Paving Update

Blake Gies reported that they have two mills running today and they started on Brent Heights yesterday and are finishing Gordon and Denny today. He added that they have another crew out on Market, they finished Washington and Lafayette and they will be moving to West Spring. He stated that they will be patching over the next couple of days with intentions to pave Thursday, Friday, and possibly Monday. He passed out drawings of the plans for paving and striping the city hall parking lot for the board to review.

Mr. Thompson stated that the only questions he had is with the direction of the angled parking. He asked if the small concrete wall that separates the back row of parking from the sidewalk going to stay.

Mr. Gies stated that there are some areas that need to be patched but otherwise he hasn't planned on replacing it unless the board would like them to.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the very back will be striped also.

Mr. Gies replied yes and stated that it will be 90 degree striping.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if Mr. Summers said anything about letters going out to the businesses.

Mr. Gies replied no but added that he can make sure it happens.

Mr. Thompson asked if he knows when next week they are going to start the work and if it will be before Tuesday.

Mr. Gies replied that he doesn't think so.

Mr. Thompson stated that they could possibly approve this subject to Mr. Summers review because they wouldn't want to do so without some type of in-house review.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks the board needs to hold off on approval for that reason.

Mr. Thompson asked if Louisville Paving would be doing the concrete.

Mr. Gies stated that it will all be done by Libs Paving.

Mr. Brewer moved to table this item until the next meeting, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Cheryl Cotner-Bailey re: Trick or Treat hours on Halloween

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to set the trick or treat hours on October 31 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. noting that this is a recommendation only, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

4. Mickey Thompson re: Tree Removal at 611 East 8th Street

Mr. Thompson reported that there is a tree in the right-of-way and the tree board was notified regarding concerns with this tree. He stated that the board voted to have it removed and notices went out to residents in the area, and there were no responses expressing concern or objection.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve removal of the tree, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

5. Mickey Thompson re: Main Street Project Update

Mr. Thompson reported that the work continues between State and Pearl with milling crews on site this morning. He added that the plan is that once they get passed Pearl they will open that street and Bank Street will be shut down.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes for October 11, 2022, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk