

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, DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Mayfield, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, Sidney Main, Bryan Slade, Linda Moeller, Larry Summers, Jessica Campbell, Alicia Meredith, Krystina Jarboe, David Hall 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. Nancy Stein re: Street light at 1310 Grand Avenue

Ms. Stein stated that she was present on behalf of her neighbors that live on Grand Avenue. She explained that Grand Avenue is a very short street and has four addresses and she is present specifically for her sister and daughter who live there. She said that there are three street lights on Grand Avenue with one being on each end and the third one is in the middle. She stated that they are requesting to have the one in the middle turned off. She said that she has talked with Duke Energy and they are ready to turn it off but they have discovered that it is the city's. She also said that she has 15 signatures from neighbors including the four that have Grand Avenue addresses.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked why they want it turned off.

Ms. Stein stated that it shines into their homes and they are not crazy about street lights and would rather see the stars.

Mr. Thompson stated that he spoke with Ms. Stein and suggested that she get a petition signed to make sure that the surrounding neighbors felt the same. He said that he did also mention that the board would want the police department to weigh in just because we wouldn't want to turn a street light off and create a situation where some things that the police would rather not happen start happening. He stated that they don't want to create that environment where it could. He also stated that given the fact that there is a street light in the alley towards the end of Grand and one on Highland, he doesn't know if it would be better to ask Duke Energy turn it off and then let the police look at it or if they could look at it before and see if there is enough light from either end.

Assistant Police Chief Fudge stated that he would probably send someone up to look at with it on and see how much light it provides. He said that it looks like the two on each end would help prevent any criminal activity or anything like that.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it is turned off and then one of the neighbors decides they don't like it, what would happen then.

Ms. Stein stated that they would all want to get along and work together. She said that all the people around it right now are absolutely for it, so she doesn't anticipate that happening.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to take this item under advisement until the police can report their findings back to the board, **Mr. Brewer** second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Ms. Amy Yeker stated that she wanted to request a dumpster permit for 2221 E. Oak Street.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how long she will need it.

Ms. Yeker stated at least 30 days, if possible, maybe 15 at the least.

Mr. Thompson stated that the board typically approves them for two weeks and then you would have to come back to ask for an extension if you need it for longer. He then asked if there is nowhere on the property that it could be placed?

Ms. Yeker replied no and stated that they actually just purchased the property and the people that had ownership before just had a dumpster set there. She said that they could probably get the carpet pulled out in 14 days if need be. She stated that in the back of the property, there is a garage and car port so there is nowhere to place it on the property.

Mr. Thompson asked when she wanted to place it.

Ms. Yeker stated that they close on the property on Friday and she hopes to set the dumpster on Friday.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what dumpster company she is going to use?

Ms. Yeker replied that they typically use C.C.E.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what date she would like to have it placed.

Ms. Yeker stated that she would like to have it there by Friday, December 16th.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that if it is placed on the 16th, it will need to be moved by the 30th. She then told Ms. Yeker to please have cones or reflective tape around it so that it can be visible at night.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the dumpster request for 2221 E. Oak Street beginning Friday, December 16th and to be removed on Friday, December 30th, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: Emergency sewer repair at 148 E. Main Street

Mr. Thompson stated that the emergency repair is actually at 148 E. Market Street. He said the email he was sent said 148 E. Main Street but this is at Brooklyn and the Butcher and is on the Bank Street side. He stated that the work has already been done.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Vicki Glotzbach re: Handicapped parking space request for 1606 Culbertson Avenue

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that traffic division has approved the handicapped parking space request for 1606 Culbertson Avenue and it now needs approval from this board.

Mr. Thompson stated that he didn't make a site visit on this but he did look at it on elevate and there is a structure at the back of the property that could be a garage.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Assistant Police Chief Fudge if he knew anything about this considering who it is.

Assistant Police Chief Fudge replied no.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she knows the lady that lives there and she believes that her husband is ill.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to take this item under advisement until Mr. Thompson can do a site visit, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

3. Larry Summers re: Main Street Project Update

Mr. Summers stated that MAC is continuing to install the storm lines and storm structures along the southside of Main Street and they have already started working at the southwest corner of 3rd Street. He said that once they finish in that area, they are going to go down to the 4th Street area and lay the pipes in that area as well. He stated that they've already reached out to Agave & Rye to let them know that they will be working in that area. He said that once they finish that portion of the storm line, they are going to move back down to State Street and start removing the material that is in the roadway to do the soil stabilization underneath the road as part of filling the road bed back up.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that last week she brought up that whoever on the project makes contact with anyone in a business should get the name of the individual they spoke with and asked if that has been taking place.

Mr. Summers stated that he made that abundantly clear to both the inspector and to MAC so that is the way that they are to proceed moving forward. He said that they have already made contact with the folks at Boomtown because in the area in front of Boomtown, there are a few coal chutes that they are going to have to cover to be able to move forward on the sidewalk so the Boomtown folks are aware and okay with it.

Mr. Thompson stated that they put Christmas lights on the fence.

Mr. Summers stated that he didn't know that.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that they put signage on the fence as well.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is pretty well lit.

Mr. Summers stated that they have ongoing conversations with the Boomtown folks on a regular basis so they are aware of that as well.

Mr. Thompson stated that he may want to let them know that in response to some of the issues that the businesses are having, the city has added additional signage to let people know that the businesses are open and also added signage that directs the public to park behind city hall. He said that he believes they are working on something for the entrances to the businesses.

Mr. Summers stated that they are looking at different options to limit the amount of tracking that is done inside of these businesses and they are also looking at some potential lighting options to make Main Street better lit at night time because they do realize that the lighting has changed since the beginning of the project.

4. Larry Summers re: Paving Update

Mr. Summers stated that he knows that Libs was out and did quite a bit of the patching last week as well as yesterday. He asked Mr. Christmas if he had heard any word on the striping.

Mr. Christmas stated that all of the patching associated with the Community Crossings grant is complete now and the only outstanding portion of Community Crossings is striping and he doesn't have a date on that. He said that there are a couple of small surface patches that aren't Community Crossings related that need to be done right here at Bank and Market streets and there is one in the alley too between 3rd and 4th streets.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the section on Green Valley Road got paved.

Mr. Summers stated that as part of their Community Crossings application, they denoted areas in the city on arterials or collectors that needed patching work and that area close to the overpass was deteriorating a little faster than he liked, so they went above and beyond on the patching to make sure the surface was in good condition.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks they must have been striping out there yesterday and they had Green Valley Road backed up pretty good.

Mr. Summers stated that they haven't striped out there yet but they did pave the other side because it was in pretty bad shape as well.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they are done paving out there.

Mr. Summers replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked about the sidewalk work on Green Street?

Mr. Summers stated that is part of the CDBG work through redevelopment and they are actively working in that area. He said that notices did go out to all of the property owners so they have been made aware of that.

5. Mickey Thompson re: Emergency sewer repair on Green Street

Mr. Thompson stated that as a result of that sidewalk work, they identified some voids under the sidewalk and the dye test showed that it was getting into the sanitary sewer, so they had to do an emergency sewer repair on Green Street between State Street and Bono Road. He said that they are going to try to get to it today because we are expecting rain so if they can get a contractor in there and get it done before the end of the day, they will do it today. He then requested approval from the board.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they don't get it done today, will they still try to do it this week.

Mr. Thompson replied yes and stated that it would probably be Thursday or Friday.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to getting a contractor that can get the work done today before the weather moves in, **Mr. Brewer** second, motion carries.

6. Mickey Thompson re: Request for closure of parking lane on 16th Street

Mr. Thompson stated that the request is to close the parking lane on 16th Street between Dewey Street and Main Street because there is a tree on private property that needs to be trimmed and for safety reasons, they want to block off the parking lane so that nothing falls on anyone's car, etc. He said that they will be done today if the board approves it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, **Mr. Brewer** second, motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following ARP claims for 12/13/22 in the amount of \$166,387.13:

ARP CLAIMS (BANK 6)

Grand Total: \$166,387.13

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the above claims, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes for December 6, 2022, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk