

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16,
2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mr. Dickey, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate, Ms. Griffith and President Collier. Mrs. McLaughlin was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Wheatley, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Collier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Given by VFW District 8 Chaplain Darrell Neeley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2023, Mr. Applegate second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Ms. Griffith stated that if members of the council do not receive the SoIN Tourism’s newsletter, she highly recommends that they sign up for it because they have some different opportunities. She said that in their latest newsletter they do have cooperative marketing that will coincide with what we are doing today, and they just released their savory event. She stated that you can buy tickets to go get free appetizers and it will benefit the local businesses. She said that there are four that are located in New Albany and it is a great little thing.

Mr. Turner stated that one request he had since the last meeting is that the stop signs in the Main Street construction area need to be taller because they are hard to see, because they are so low. He said that if we could put taller stop signs in that area during the construction, that would be very beneficial. He then stated that he signed up and paid for a class called American Citizen Planner and it is a \$200.00 training, but it trains everyone on how planning works in the city. He said that it is designed for elected officials and municipal employees, and it basically goes through the planning process from start to finish, so that would be beneficial since the council has some oversight on the plan commission. He stated that they have a training line item in their budget and he would like to be reimbursed for those fees. He said that he had email communications with Mrs. Moeller and she would prefer that he bring it before the council first and that is fine with him. He stated that he believes it would come to them for a roll call vote for his reimbursement. He added that since he has been in office, they have not used training funds. He then said that he would also encourage all council members use this training because Mr. Andy Lemon in Greenville did, and he said that it was very beneficial to him for how they operate out there.

Mrs. Collier stated that she personally would like to look into the class just to see what it is about before she votes for something to be reimbursed.

Mrs. Griffith stated that she saw that program too and asked Mr. Turner if that is something that he is asking for all them to do?

Mr. Turner stated that he has already paid for it and if the council does not feel that they would like to reimburse him for training that pertains to something that they have oversight over, because they do have oversight over the plan commission ultimately, he is okay with that. He said that things that go before the plan commission do come before the council too, so it would make him a better councilmember for the citizens of New Albany.

Mr. Blair stated that the cost was \$200.00.

Mr. Turner stated that is correct.

Mr. Blair stated that if a council member feels that a training is applicable and beneficial to their role, he thinks that is a worthwhile purchase.

Mr. Applegate stated that just out of courtesy for the council, he would like for members to request this ahead of time because we could have other people who want to join. He also stated that if it wasn't an approved charge, then it kind of puts the council on the spot to say that we didn't look at it.

Mr. Turner told Mrs. Glotzbach that he will send the link for the program to her tomorrow so she can email it to the rest of the council, because everyone still has time to enroll. He added that it is a six-week course. He stated that if his reimbursement doesn't get approved, he is okay with that, but they do have training funds that haven't been used since he has been in office and this is a great time to use them.

Mr. Dickey stated that the only thing that he was going to add is that we have other programs too such as through AIM, etc. He said that they do want to make sure that they take advantage of these. He stated that with what he does, there are a lot of those that you can attend easily through webinars and other things and he thinks those are perfect. He said that he doesn't think there should be any objection to training dollars here for anyone that has a good program that can benefit us.

Mr. Phipps stated that he will vote for it, but he thinks that in the future those need to be brought before the council ahead of time, explain exactly what they are and maybe even have a handout on what it is about. He added that they do have limited funds and it is not like they can give them all to one person. He said that some conferences are quite expensive, so he would prefer in the future having those ahead of time. He then stated that the council doesn't have total control over the plan commission. He said that some of the things come to them, but there are other things that they vote on that the council has no say in whatsoever. He stated that the council has the ability to appoint someone to it, but his understanding is that it is an independent board.

Mr. Turner asked who wrote the ordinance to create a plan commission?

Mr. Phipps stated that he guesses that the council did many years ago, but he doesn't know that there is any stipulation in it that says they are beholding to us, or we have authority over them once we established that board, unless we rescinded the board or changed the ordinance.

Mr. Turner stated that anything is possible.

Mr. Blair moved to approve the reimbursement to Mr. Turner for the planning training that he paid for in the amount of \$200.00, Mr. Applegate second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

Mr. Turner then stated that the City of New Albany lost someone yesterday who, in his opinion, has been a very important part of the city. He said that Mr. Doug Hosier, who served on the plan commission, passed away yesterday. He had gotten to know him over time because he and his family lives in his district and he also worked with one of his daughters. He then read Mr. Hosier's obituary because he was a servant of New Albany

and definitely will be missed, and that was followed by a moment of silence to honor him. He said that Mr. Hosier is what every citizen in New Albany should be, in his opinion, and he is going to be greatly missed.

Mr. Phipps stated that he didn't know that he had died and would concur with Mr. Turner about Mr. Hosier. He said that he really enjoyed serving with him on the plan commission and thought that he was a really nice guy and he is so sorry to hear that.

Mr. Dickey stated that he thinks Mr. Mike Hall might bring this up, but he just wanted to note again that earlier this week the administration announced that all of our police officers will now carry Naloxone/Narcan which is a drug used to reverse opioid overdoses. He added that our firefighters already carry it. He said that he just wanted to remind the public that it has been announced and he thinks that is a good development and he strongly supports that for our city. He then stated that when the weather goes from 70 degrees in February and then drop to 20 degrees, we are going to have a little bit of storms and rain, so he just wanted to remind everyone about storm water issues. He said obviously if citizens can help us out by watching the storm grates and helping to clean those out, that is greatly appreciated. He also said that if there are larger problems, please let the storm water department know and report those concerns so that they can address those as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Collier stated that she wanted to let Mr. Blair know that hopefully at the April 3rd meeting, we will have Mr. Phil Aldridge in to give a storm water update. She then said that towards the end of the last meeting, Mr. Turner commented that he thought we were having some issues with our live-stream. She stated that it was brought to her attention that we actually weren't, and there were a few people that got in touch with her to let her know that it was working, and they even commented on how good the sound quality was.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that the City of New Albany has been at the forefront of the opioid epidemic and just recently the CDC confirmed that the number one cause of death for people ages 18-48 is unintentional overdose. He said that this week the mayor was pleased to announce that the New Albany Police Department will now be carrying Narcan, and as Mr. Dickey said, the New Albany Fire Department has been carrying it for some time. He stated that at this moment, nearly all of the police officers have been trained in the proper carrying technics and how to administer it. He added that there were a few that were still in line to get their training, but most all of them have been trained at this point. He said that he knows that the council has their committee set up for the Purdue Pharma settlement, so if there is anything they can do to assist with that, please let the administration know. He thanked the council for their support in this.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:

Mrs. Collier stated that last week they had two meetings for the appropriations that are on the agenda tonight and they decided that the Business Loan Program appropriation (A-23-01) would come out of riverboat funds. She said Mr. Gibson advised them, and said that he was comfortable with the language in that appropriation and felt it was good to move on as it was written. She stated that Ms. Griffith was in attendance of that, along with Mr. Gibson and Ms. Johnson and ultimately it did get a unanimous favorable recommendation from the committee. She said that for the Tourism Advertising appropriation (A-23-02), all of the same members were present and they did decide on using EDIT funds for that. She stated that they also had some discussions about who would ultimately be responsible for deciding how those funds were going to be spent. She said that they decided that Mr. Hall and Ms. Johnson would be the staff that would be designated to kind of oversee that project, and how those funds were going to be disbursed. She stated that they also asked them to provide some type of expenditure

report for it in a couple of months and then again near the end of that project. She said that they also asked the staff to reach out to Develop New Albany and ask for them to push any of the social media ads that might come from this campaign, as well as, have talks with Southern Indiana Tourism. She stated that she knows that they have a small amount of match right now and she wants them to see if there are any other opportunities for further match funds. She said that there was some updated language in this one which is set out in red.

Mr. Turner stated that when they have an ordinance on the table, he asked if the committee report could be given when they are going to actually discuss the ordinance because this kind of throws the flow off? He said that he doesn't believe that they should be talking about both ordinances before they introduce them.

Mr. Dickey stated that he totally understands Mr. Turner's point, but he thinks that what they are doing is just receiving the committee report and not actually acting on it. He said that the rules committee can look at that and see if they need to make that a little clearer.

Mrs. Collier stated that she was just trying to give the report and get on with the ordinances. She continued and said that the updated language is reflected in red. She added that this one also did get a favorable recommendation from the committee.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-23-01 Business Loan Program

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-23-01 Business Loan Program

A-23-01	Ordinance for the Appropriation of Riverboat Funds for Business Loan Program	Applegate/ 3rd Dickey/ Phipps
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Mr. Applegate introduced Bill A-23-01 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second.

Mr. Phipps withdrew his second.

Mr. Applegate introduced Bill A-23-01 as amended and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present. Bill A-23-01 becomes Ordinance A-23-02.

Mr. Turner moved to approve to amend the ordinance to add after "by the Sherman Minton Bridge Renewal Project", the Main Street Redevelopment Project, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

Mr. Applegate moved to approve the amendment of the appropriation to come out of Riverboat Funds, Mr. Dickey second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

Mr. Applegate stated that he is solid with taking the recommendations from the committee and amending this to use riverboat funds.

Mr. Turner stated that he is thankful that the committee did sit down and discuss using riverboat versus EDIT. He said that he feels like this is a problem that has been created by poor planning. He stated that riverboat funds are nontax derived, so for him, that is a good way to use these funds and he would not be in favor of using EDIT funds.

Mr. Applegate stated that the council has gone over this at length and it is a program that One Southern Indiana set up with zero percent interest and repayment will not start until January 2024. He said that the deadline for this program has lapsed so they are now reviewing the loan requests. He also said that we would be adding dollars to this program, and the last time they discussed other funds involved, so they let the Caesars Foundation know that they had funds in the account to be used for this. He stated that there was \$21,000.00 in that, so now there is \$71,000.00 total that is specifically in the account, and this would add another \$50,000.00 to the program.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Applegate if he has an update on the number of applications?

Mr. Applegate stated that the total amount ended up being 14 businesses that applied and it is roughly \$300,000.00 that was asked. He said, as he mentioned, that is what was asked and proposed but it has not been reviewed.

Mr. Dickey stated that it was 14 total applications and was \$303,985.00 but it was pointed out by Ms. Dant-Chesser that none of that has gone through review, so there could be individuals that listed things that don't qualify, etc.

Mr. Applegate stated that is correct and these are for operating expenses and those items, so if some of those expenses don't qualify, they will come off of the overall need.

Mr. Blair stated that one thing that they talked about in the committee was that there was a good pool of applications showing things that were pertinent to operating a business and if they need more funds, we can look at possibly bringing it back for an additional appropriation.

Mr. Aebersold stated that the funds are designed for the Central Business District and particularly the businesses on Main Street because the problem started there. He said that out of the people that are going to get these loans, if some of them are over on E. Elm Street or out State Street, this is not what the program was for. He stated that the problem is down here on Main Street, not Spring Street, Elm Street or State Street. He said that he is hoping that when One Southern Indiana looks at these, they really put the Main Street businesses out there first.

Mr. Applegate stated that he feels like because Ms. Dant-Chesser mentioned the potential need to prioritize these, he would assume that will be taken into consideration. He added that these businesses do have to show a loss of some sort whether it be due to a construction project or the bridge, etc.

Mr. Aebersold stated that the bridge has affected a lot of businesses, even the casino, but Main Street was the issue that was brought to the council weeks ago and that should be the top priority.

Mr. Turner stated that what he would like to do in the spirit of what Mr. Aebersold is saying is to offer an amendment in the third paragraph to add "the Main Street Redevelopment Project" after the Sherman Minton Bridge Renewal Project. He said that he would like to add that because the Main Street businesses were the genesis of all of this discussion. He added that they came here for several months with their passion and he thinks that project should be named in these two ordinances.

Mr. Dickey stated that if we are going to start to list these things for clarity, the water project that was done, that went onto multiple streets, should maybe also be included.

Mr. Turner stated that is fine with him, but there are no other projects that are impacting our city more than the Sherman Minton Bridge Renewal Project and the Main Street Redevelopment Project, which is going to go on for almost a year and a half.

Mr. Blair asked what the timeframe was on the water line replacement project? He said that it was relatively short versus the Sherman Minton Bridge Project and the Main Street Redevelopment Project.

Mr. Gibson stated that it was 90 days.

Mr. Phipps stated that he sees what Mr. Dickey is saying but he feels that if they start mentioning projects that are done by private companies, we open ourselves up to possible compensation later on. He said that he really thinks that the Sherman Minton Bridge Renewal Project is beyond our control as well, but it is a state project so it is at least a government project and ours is a government project. He stated that the other one is a private industry project and we have no control over that so that's different than the government doing it.

Mr. Turner stated that they discussed at the last meeting if there was a way that Caesars Foundation could, in an emergency scenario, contribute money to basically offer an incentive to get the Main Street Redevelopment Project done ahead of time. He asked Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Applegate if they had a chance to bring that up?

Mr. Applegate stated that these are moving targets right now and they discussed at the last meeting how the administration has pushed to get this thing done as soon as possible. He said that the Caesars Board recognizes what is going on but he doesn't think that there is anything on the table right now.

Mr. Turner asked what they said at the meeting?

Mr. Applegate stated that nothing was on the agenda so it wasn't a discussion item. He said that they were able to recognize that the funds that are in the One Southern Indiana fund would be used and that was an action item. He said that the agenda was out for the Caesars meeting before the last council meeting. He also said that there is some confidentiality to those meetings and he can't just disclose everything.

Mr. Turner asked if anything was discussed in the meeting regarding an incentive to get these guys to do the job faster?

Mr. Applegate stated that it was not on the agenda for that meeting. He said that when you get into incentivizing, you don't know what that number is.

Mr. Aebersold stated that they could go back to the next meeting and get it on the agenda but that will be another few weeks.

Mr. Turner stated that he would hope that they do. He said that he is not concerned about a loan because that is just a band aid. He stated that the real fix is getting the project done sooner, because as long as that project is going on, it is going to hurt our businesses. He stated that from what he can tell, Caesars in the past has done emergency funding to get a job done faster. He said that he would love, instead of loans, to see Caesars chip in some money to see if there is a way that the project can be done sooner.

Mr. Applegate stated that "just a loan" is a little hard to swallow because it is zero percent interest and a regular loan right now would be 12-14 points on your dollar and with risks involved, you may be even more than that right now. He said that it is a big deal that someone is offering this for these businesses. He then stated that this isn't a mandatory thing for anyone, but if we vote no to this, then we start micromanaging, in his eyes.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he thinks that if they are going to make that request to Caesars, they are going to need a lot of information such as the contractor, the terms of the contract, project details, etc.

Mr. Turner stated that just disregarding the work that has to go into it, is not a good excuse. He said that a loan is great and he is going to vote in favor of this and if we have to give Caesars the project data to help the project along, then yes, that is easy. He also said let's work to get that data for them and make them tell us no.

Mr. Aebersold asked who is going to get the data?

Mr. Turner replied the city and MAC Construction. He said Larry Summers, INDOT and MAC Construction. He stated that just saying it is hard to get and just not doing it is not the answer. He said let's try it.

Mr. Aebersold asked Mr. Turner if he had a plan on how to get that information.

Mr. Turner replied MAC Construction, the city and INDOT. He said they should be willing to provide it.

Mr. Phipps asked what the deadline is for items for the next agenda for Caesars?

Mr. Aebersold said the 8th of March.

Mr. Phipps stated that he concurs with Mr. Turner in that we need to get the data to them and see if we can get it done quicker.

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-23-02 Tourism Advertising for Businesses

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-23-02 Tourism Advertising for Businesses

A-23-02	Ordinance for the Appropriation of EDIT Funds for Tourism Advertising	Applegate/ 3rd Dickey/ Phipps
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Mr. Applegate introduced **Bill A-23-02** moved to approve the third reading, **Mr. Dickey** second

Mr. Dickey withdrew his second.

Mr. Turner moved to amend the ordinance in the third paragraph to add “the Main Street Redevelopment Project” after “by the Sherman Minton Bridge Renewal Project”, along with the amendment to change the fund to EDIT and add to the Therefore paragraph after “EDIT funds to be used by the” the language “City of New Albany with continued coordination through Develop New Albany and Southern Indiana Tourism Bureau for”, **Mr. Blair** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mrs. McLaughlin** who was not present.

Mr. Applegate introduced **Bill A-23-02** as amended and moved to approve the third reading, **Mr. Dickey** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mrs. McLaughlin** was not present. **Bill A-23-02** becomes **Ordinance A-23-03**.

Mr. Applegate stated that this is the same as on the previous one and he would like to take the recommendations of the committee and amend as reflected on the updated document.

Mr. Turner stated that he wanted to add “the Main Street Redevelopment Project,” to this ordinance as he did with the last one.

Ms. Griffith thanked whoever put the draft timeframe and plan together because it is awesome.

Mr. Turner thanked **Mr. Applegate** for getting it and stated that he knows that it is going to depend on the need and how things are going, but it is good to get some details on how

we are going to spend the money. He added that he knows this is non-binding, but it is good to see.

Mr. Applegate stated that he would like to take full credit on it, but the administration did the creative work to set it up and the videos. He said that he would recommend that they all look at this from a personal side because the more shares and positivity that gets out with these ads, the more impact that this will have.

Mr. Dickey stated that he just wanted to echo that because they asked Mr. Gibson in the committee meeting if he could work up a summary document and he, Mr. Hall and some others, as well as Ms. Johnson put this together. He said that this illustrates what they are trying to do and accomplish with this appropriation. He stated that he didn't know if Mr. Gibson wanted to add a few comments.

Mr. Gibson stated that the council received the draft timeframe and plan before the meeting and he thinks it is important to highlight a few things and to make sure that as we are talking about these, we get dates, numbers and things a little more accurate than what was proposed. He said that Main Street Project started in September and as of now, it is scheduled to be substantially done in late August. He stated that this is a year and a half project done by the city and is, unfortunately due to years of neglect and non-maintenance from previous state ownership, etc., a full depth fix which is not the same as a mill and asphalt job or just sidewalks. He said that he just wanted to point that out. He stated that what they have in place and what they have already done, from an administrative standpoint, is in November they did a video highlighting downtown businesses and Main Street businesses. He said that they did another one on December 7th and another one on December 16th as well as the most recent one on January 19th. He stated that is four videos that have gone out and they are looking forward to doing some more because they have creative people on staff that can help with doing that. He said that they also ran two campaigns in conjunction with DNA and SoIN which they are running and we are helping fund. He stated that one of them was a more regional marketing plan to help reach out a little bit further than just the city, and the other one is a little more local. He said that right now the digital billboard is running on I-265 showing the banner that you see and it is a pretty straight forward, clean and clear message and they felt that was appropriate. He stated that they have another static billboard going up on Elm Street as you come into downtown. He said that it is being made right now and they indicated to them that it will go up hopefully by next Friday and it will run for a month. He stated that we have about three weeks left on the digital billboard at this time and then we will have about a month once the Elm Street billboard goes up. He said that is what is going on right now so far, and they kind of laid out on the last page some things that you could do with the \$20,000.00. He stated that to compliment those things already going, and to follow this theme, they have set some things out on the second page. He said that they highlighted some Tribune ads to capture different audiences and he just talked about the digital billboard and static billboard. He said that they would look again at maybe another digital billboard and some more social media videos as well as some other things that are listed there. He added that it is a draft of a plan and obviously things will change as they are moving, but that is what they were able to put together after hearing the committee discussions.

Mr. Applegate stated that just from his experience with the nature of his business, they are saving us quite a bit of money by doing this work. He said that these items are their jobs, but we are adding to their day-to-day duties, and he just wants to recognize that because that does save us on the production issues which can drain a \$20,000.00 budget very quickly. He stated that he really appreciates that work that is being done on these items and that it looks very well thought out.

Mr. Gibson stated that the plan is to continue the partnerships that we have throughout this whole campaign, so they plan to continue work with DNA and SoIN.

Mr. Turner stated that he knows DNA has membership but he doesn't know about SoIN, but a concern he has is that he doesn't want to see these dollars used only for the

members of DNA. He asked if that is something that needs to be an amendment to the ordinance to say that these dollars need to be used for all businesses?

Mr. Gibson replied no and stated that the gameplan is to highlight downtown and Main Street in general. He stated that to be honest, he doesn't know which ones are members, but that is not intended at all.

Mr. Dickey stated that with just \$20,000.00, they are hard pressed to really do anything meaningful to pick and choose specific businesses. He said that he thinks the shotgun approach is the right way to go about it.

Mr. Applegate stated that he would like for the other organizations to do their own thing and add on to it. He said that he thinks while they have marketing and this type of thing, if DNA has a budget for marketing, and they can add onto a campaign whether it is for their members or not, the more the merrier in this situation.

Mr. Gibson stated that they don't intend to use any list to highlight anyone above anyone.

Mr. Turner told Mr. Applegate that he is the expert in marketing on this council and asked him if this plan is good?

Mr. Applegate stated that he is pleased with the pricing and the spread. He said that if they see that something is working better than other things, he thinks they can move and adjust because we don't know what that might be right now. He added that as everyone gets behind it, he thinks they can make this message a big deal.

Mr. Turner stated that if Councilman Applegate, who is an expert in marketing, says this is good, then it is good for him so he will vote in favor of it.

Ms. Griffith thanked the city because when she added up the second page really quick in her head, the total was right at \$19,500.00, so the city pretty much has been doing the advertising for everyone before the \$20,000.00 appropriation.

Mr. Gibson stated yes, everything beforehand has just been run through our normal budget.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

New Albany Historic Preservation Commission – Ms. Kate Berliner

Mr. Applegate moved to approve the above appointment, Mr. Dickey second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

Mrs. Collier stated that this is a mayoral appointment that the council does have to vote on.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Mr. Jeff Mayott, Fostered Up Art, stated that he saw the visual aid from the city engineer earlier in the meeting and asked if that is only for city employees or can anyone use a visual aid?

Mrs. Collier stated that she thinks that we have the option for others to use it, but we would need some advanced notice. She said that he would have to check with city staff on that to be certain.

Mr. Mayott then asked the council members who knows who he is or what business he owns? He excluded Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Turner from the question. He said that no one does. He stated that he is sure that each member on this council has someone in their district that has been affected by the Main Street Project. He said that he is curious as to who has gone downtown and talked to these businesses owners and asked them how they have been affected? He said that he hasn't seen any of their faces. He added that Mrs. Griffith was in a long time ago and he knows Mr. Turner, so that is why he excluded them from the question.

Mr. Dickey stated that he has been by several businesses and he shops in several of these businesses on a regular basis.

Mr. Mayott stated that every business is being affected and you are supposed to represent everyone in New Albany, but you can't tell him what business is his. He said that he can walk from here to his business in two minutes. He stated that his business is in Underground Station and he is there all of the time, but he hasn't seen any of the council members. He then said that his research shows that Mr. Applegate owns Extol Magazine and Mr. Turner keeps talking about how he is the resident expert in marketing and all of that. He stated that he did a quick scroll through and couldn't find any mention of small businesses being affected by the construction and Mr. Applegate has this huge platform. He also stated that the community voted for the council members because they felt that the members would vote for things that would protect the community and be improvements to the community. He said outside of here, you should represent what you want and he hasn't seen any articles about this. He stated that no one has reached out to them and he has heard rumors that someone from his organization has talked to businesses in a not so helpful manner. He then said that as far as the city and some of the stuff they have planned, it does matter because Develop New Albany does pick and choose who they do stuff for. He stated that they have volunteered stuff for Develop New Albany multiple times and we are never highlighted on their stuff. He said that the city also picks and chooses who they use. He said that his business, Fostered Up Art, has been promised a ribbon cutting four times, once from the mayor himself. He stated that they had to do the ribbon cutting themselves and thankfully the Underground Station people were very supportive of them, so they were able to do one and have a good turnout. He said that the council members come in here and make their votes and no one is actually standing by their community; you just want to make votes and go on about your day. He told them to go out there and get dirty and see them. He said that he shops at these places too. He stated that businesses do not have money to pay themselves and still donate stuff to RecBar because that is what is important to our community. He said it is us making donations when we can't make donations.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jennie Collier, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk