

**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, NOVEMBER 17,  
2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein and Mrs. Glotzbach.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Dickey** mentioned that Veteran’s Day was last week and stated that Thanksgiving is coming up next week and as a city, he thinks that we have a lot to be thankful for but as we do enter the Christmas Season, he does want to remember those that are less fortunate. He said that he also wanted to remind folks about Light Up New Albany which is on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and this is obviously a time for all of us to come together and enjoy a festive season. He stated that he would like to encourage the public to come on out and enjoy that time. He said that Santa will be there again and it is going to be a really good event.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he just wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mrs. McLaughlin** stated that she concurs with what Mr. Dickey and Mr. Phipps has said and she would like everyone to have a wonderful Thanksgiving and be safe.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he wanted to congratulate Dr. Knable on his election victory. He said that Dr. Knable has been there for him well before he got into politics and he was, in fact, the first person he met with when he thought about running. He told Dr. Knable that he has helped him out a lot along the way and his victory is well deserved. He then stated that leaf pickup is going pretty well and he has gotten a lot of calls about it but he has been telling people that because the weather has been so extreme over the last few weeks, there are more leaves coming down than normal and asked them to please be patient while they work through it and they have. He said that on December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon, Reach Across America is having their annual event at the National Cemetery where they lay wreaths on the soldier’s graves. He said that in their mailboxes they received a letter from the lawyers for Floyd County about animal control and he thinks it might be a good time for our animal control committee to possibly meet again. He stated that he doesn’t think they have met since 2020 when Mr. Caesar was still around, so it might be a good time to maybe in good faith meet with the council and see what’s going on. He added that they have some demands in the letter but he hasn’t read through all of it.

**Mr. Blair** congratulated Dr. Knable on his election win. He then stated that the sewer department presentation was very good last week and Mr. Wilkinson did a very good job and provided a lot of high-level information. He said that he appreciates the job that the sewer board has done, the administration has done and that the staff has done because they have all really positioned us well as a community as far as our utility fees for sewer.

He stated that the one thing that he was really encouraged about was that we have \$8M of improvements that we will be able to pay for with cash flow which is very significant. He added that we will continue to pay down the \$25M in debt and it looks like things are sustainable, so we won't have even a discussion about a rate increase anywhere in the near future. He stated that we also have plenty of capacity at our sewer plant as far as bringing on new communities into the sewer. He said that it is a great job done by all involved and it is a selling point for the city and we need to market that because other cities on the river are not doing nearly as well as we are. He then mentioned that the storm water department is supposed to do an annual presentation to the council as the sewer department did. He said that he would like to get that scheduled if it isn't already in the works. He stated that they have a survey out and he would like to hear the same type of presentation from them.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he wanted to thank Dr. Knable for a nice job done and he hopes that he does a good job where he is going. He then said that he hopes everyone has a great Thanksgiving with their families and friends and that everyone stays safe.

**Dr. Knable** thanked everyone for their support. He then stated that he did reference a letter from a concerned constituent who lives near E. Spring Street and E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the first regular meeting of November. He said that he did hold back on forwarding the letter to Mrs. Glotzbach until he got back permission from the author of that letter and he did receive that so he gave that to her earlier in the week. He then asked Mrs. Glotzbach how she thinks that should be disseminated?

**Mrs. Glotzbach** stated that she could scan it to all of the council members and reference in the minutes that the letter is on file in her office.

**Dr. Knable** stated that would be perfect. He said that there were a lot of details in the letter and it was a very thoughtful letter so it is a very worthwhile read. He stated that he is glad that we have people who live in New Albany that care that much to put pen to paper in a very thoughtful and respectful manner as Ms. Kim Kehoe did.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that she also wanted to congratulate Dr. Knable on his election win as well as wish everyone a wonderful start to the holiday season. She said that she will convey to President Applegate that there is an interest in getting the animal control committee together as well as getting the storm water department in to do their annual presentation to the council. She then stated that she would like to address the last meeting and the press release that River Heritage issued. She said that she is very disappointed because River Heritage immediately declined our suggestion to go into mediation and this board is made up of Democrats, Republicans, an Independent and a Libertarian and we unanimously supported that mediation effort. She stated that the fact that they are unwilling to further that conversation and explore some things that really need to be explored is very disheartening in her opinion. She said that she honestly feels that they are not only doing our citizens in New Albany a disservice, but also citizens in Clark County by not explaining those options because there are too many unknowns at this stage.

**Mr. Blair** asked where the press release was posted?

**Mrs. Collier** stated that she will actually be distributing that to the council members tonight. She said that she doesn't know where they actually published it but she does have a copy of it in what she will be distributing shortly.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mrs. Collier** passed out a letter and some other information on behalf of the mayor's office. She stated that although the press release is included in this, at this time because it is communications from the mayor, she is only going to read what the mayor wants to convey to the council. She then read a two-page letter from the mayor to the council

members re: Information Regarding Ongoing Efforts at Historic Glenwood Park Dam.  
Said letter and press release are on file in the city clerk's office.

**COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: READING**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Jennie Collier, Vice President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk