

THE SEWER BOARD MEETING OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN ROOM 100 AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 AT 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Ed Wilkinson, member, Nathan Grimes, member, and Mayor Gahan, president

ALSO PRESENT: April Dickey, Linda Moeller, Larry Summers, Mike Wallace, Rob Sartell, Councilman Dickey and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gahan called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Grimes moved to approve the **March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, Mr. Wilkinson** second, all voted in favor.

BIDS/CONTRACTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Mr. Darrell Neeley stated that on March 16 Councilman Josh Turner sponsored a resolution to make all public meetings streamed on the transparency portal. He added that it was shot down with only three votes in support for various reasons such as cost, extra work to turn on the already installed system, keeping a library of sensitive materials, legality and upcoming legislation. He stated that he is here today to respectfully request that this board stream their meetings because having transparency in government is a fundamental right of democracy and citizens should be able to view every public meeting, not just the council meeting. He added that not all citizens can attend public meetings and may not be able to watch when the meeting is live, therefore the city should provide a video bank to allow citizens to watch meetings at their convenience. He went on to say that our Founding Father's stressed the importance of each American being a responsible informed citizen, and by not streaming these meetings we are hindering citizens from attending meetings and being informed. He stated that communication is the key to success and for our city to be successful we must have constant communications between the citizens and representatives because the more citizens that are involved the better city government will be. He added that millions were spent to have an updated state of the art City Hall and when the plans were voted on Mayor Gahan stated that "this plan brings new economic development to Main Street, it adds more technology and efficiency to city government". He stated that the capacities are already install and city council has been streaming for a year, but very seldom can a citizen go back and view a meeting if they missed it. He added that it should not be any extra cost to stream these meetings as the citizens are already paying IT \$82,000.00 a year so one would think he can handle the extra load of flipping the switch and downloading the stream, plus it is covered in his job description. He added that the stream can be downloaded and stored on YouTube for free, and added that these meetings are important with some already attending and streaming. He stated that legality isn't a problem because sensitive material should not be discussed at a public meeting, so shame on them if they are doing so and it isn't the citizen's fault. He and he urged them to not wait for the state legislation to tell them what to do as they were voted in or appointed in to be leaders, not followers. He added that the citizens are paying for this building and deserve to see what is going on inside of it.

Mr. Andrew Nicholson stated that city hall currently streams city council meetings so the technology is available. He explained that this board is 1 of 18 boards that sit in this room that have the same capabilities. He asked as a citizen, who also livestreams any meeting he attends. He stated that he gets an average of 75 views before he hits end so that is 75 people that can't attend these meetings. He added that he is going to encourage the same from all 18 meetings that

happen in this room. He stated that he understands that it won't be the same capabilities at other meeting but they have no reason for the one that is happening right now. He stated that he doesn't see why the City of New Albany doesn't have a YouTube channel as it would make them easily uploaded and archived, so if anyone has any questions about what happened at a previous meeting they can go back and review the video. He added that to not want to do this is a red flag for all citizens of New Albany on how involved they want them to be in government. He went on to say that not everyone can attend these morning meetings and if he didn't have the privilege of working from home, he wouldn't be able to, but he would want to attend. He encouraged them to look in to at least turning on the livestream immediately.

Mayor Gahan stated that he appreciates them coming to the meeting today because they do take all of this seriously. He explained that they recently put \$750,000.00 in body cameras for NAPD so they are concerned about it, but in the meantime, today we have minutes on every meeting and it is the first order of business at every meeting to go over the minutes of the previous meeting. He added that all the actions are documented and the clerk does a super job of capturing this. He stated that the minutes are available with an action by any board documented so it isn't like they doing anything outside of a public meeting. He added that the public is welcome and can come and go when they want. He stated he does understand that not everyone can be in attendance and he hears their point be he wants them to know that they are working on it.

Mr. Nichols stated that it is nothing personal but the clerk is only required to transcribe and not record word-for-word.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Wilkinson reported that the billing for last month was \$1,369,000.00 and that's ~\$25,000.00 above budget which is leveling out the month before where they were above budget. He added that other than this everything is the same as the previous report.

TABLED ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clark Dietz

UTILITY REPORT:

Mr. Wallace stated that he will have the January 2023 report at the next meeting but wanted to talk about the collection system. He reported that their crews have successfully CCTV'd and cleaned the entire city. He stated that they will start back on the west end but that is ~215 miles of sewer pipe. He added that he wanted to recognize the team that did this work.

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for the period of 03/09/23 to 03/22/23 in the amount of \$325,921.70:

Sewer Claims	Amount	Dept
MALL DEVELOPMENT CORP	107.52	SEW
INFORMATION RESOURCES, INC.	81.22	SEW
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CROWN SERVICES INC	663.75	SEW
CROWN SERVICES INC	753.75	SEW
PIOTRSKI, ROBERT	156.00	SEW
KSTD DEVELOPMENT, LLC.	30.72	SEW
HARRITT, DOUGLAS	2.37	SEW

MOONEY, MARLENE	89.96	SEW
KNR HOLDINGS, LLC.	597.25	SEW
DN CULLEN PROPERTY FIVE, LLC.	70.32	SEW

Total 2,634.08

DAN CRISTIANI EXCAVATING CO.	4,726.91	WWTP
MURPHY ELEVATOR COMPANY, INC.	180.46	WWTP
CLARK-FLOYD LANDFILL LLC.	9,357.44	WWTP
CLARK-DIETZ	20,026.00	WWTP
MAC CONSTRUCTION ESCROW ACCT	7,125.00	WWTP
CULLIGAN WATER SYSTEMS	80.00	WWTP
EARTH FIRST	389.56	WWTP
STEMLER PLUMBING, INC	375.00	WWTP
BYRNE'S GARAGE INC.	87.50	WWTP
MAC CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATING	64,125.00	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	204.76	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	67.24	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	660.32	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	1,708.35	WWTP
USA BLUE BOOK	777.13	WWTP
BIOCHEM, INC.	13,593.96	WWTP
BIOCHEM, INC.	5,201.38	WWTP
DELTA SERVICES, LLC	795.00	WWTP
GRIPP, INC.	1,980.00	WWTP
GRIPP, INC.	1,778.00	WWTP
EYE-TRONICS	387.28	WWTP
AIRGAS-MID AMERICA	187.72	WWTP
PRO4MANCE CONTRACTING SERVICES	1,398.32	WWTP
RIVER CITY WORK WEAR	143.00	WWTP
TELEDYNE ISCO	1,565.00	WWTP
IUPPS	629.85	WWTP
SOURCE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC	5,880.00	WWTP
GOTTA GO INC.	(1,188.00)	WWTP
GOTTA GO INC.	891.00	WWTP
GOTTA GO INC.	2,304.00	WWTP
COVERALL SERVICE COMPANY	1,075.00	WWTP
ALLTERRAIN PAVING & CONSTRUCT	2,783.00	WWTP
ALLTERRAIN PAVING & CONSTRUCT	8,641.20	WWTP
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD	100.00	WWTP
ERS WIRELESS	750.00	WWTP
WESTERN FIRST AID & SAFTEY	57.65	WWTP
BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE, INC.	1,425.00	WWTP

Total 160,269.03

GIBSON LAW OFFICE, LLC	900.32	TU
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CLARK CO. REMC	1,087.91	TU
AMERICAN WATER	1,650.00	TU
FLOYDS KNOBS WATER	26.58	TU
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FLOYDS KNOBS WATER	28.37	TU
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AT&T	256.36	TU
EDWARDSVILLE WATER CO.	17.00	TU
DUKE ENERGY	149.17	TU
DUKE ENERGY	648.14	TU
KIGHTLINGER & GRAY, LLP	14,552.50	TU
WEX BANK	6,272.23	TU
POSTMASTER	756.00	TU
GIBSON LAW OFFICE, LLC	1,058.99	TU
SILVER CREEK WATER	2,740.40	TU
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CITY OF NEW ALBANY	104,000.00	TU
CITY OF NEW ALBANY	17,000.00	TU
VERIZON WIRELESS	2,029.84	TU
HARRISON CO. REMC	446.23	TU
HARRISON CO. REMC	217.30	TU
HARRISON CO. REMC	98.86	TU
DUKE ENERGY	1,682.63	TU
DUKE ENERGY	794.59	TU
DUKE ENERGY	2,993.80	TU
DUKE ENERGY	200.18	TU
SPECTRUM BUSINESS	724.90	TU
SPECTRUM BUSINESS	133.29	TU
SPECTRUM BUSINESS	1,428.94	TU
ARBUCKLE, ANDREW	36.13	TU

Total 163,018.59
Grand Total 325,921.70

Mr. Grimes moved to approve, Mr. Wilkinson second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

 Mayor Gahan, President

 Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk