

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, APRIL 25, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Brad Fair, Phil Aldridge, Sidney Main, Sean Payne, Krisjans Streips, David Duggins, Linda Moeller, Larry Summers, Bryan Slade, Conner Slade, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, Tonya Fischer, David Rake, Councilman Dickey, 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. Andrew Johnson, AT&T re: ROW Encroachment Permit for 201 Clay Street

Mr. Thompson stated that they want to install fiber which will require that they bore under Clay Street up through the grass along Pearl Street. He added that this is to service the new development on Pearl Street.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

David Duggins, Executive Director, New Albany Housing Authority, requested a closure of the sidewalks along Beechwood between the railroad tracks and Lopp Avenue as well as the sidewalks between Lopp Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue. He stated that their demolition contractor is removing all of the old entrances to make way for the new entrances so they will be working in the sidewalk. He stated that it will connect better to the roadway when the project is complete and it is estimated to be closed for a 12-month period.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did a site visit and there is gravel where they have removed the old sections and the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street has not been affected and is safer for ADA purposes to use.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked when this work will begin.

Mr. Duggins replied ASAP.

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

Mr. Rickey Frank, Mr. Nice Guy 201 E. Market Street, explained that they are looking to create a community atmosphere around their little corner and would like to add a picnic table out front along with a couple of bike racks, a park bench, and a dog watering station. He added that if approved they would be installing everything over the next couple of months.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what kind of business he has.

Mr. Frank stated that it is a corner convenience store that sells a little bit of everything including art, candy, sodas, and candles.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if he wanting to place these things himself or is he asking the city to provide them.

Mr. Frank stated that he isn't asking the city for anything but if the city wants to help, they are open to it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that they just want to make sure that anything placed in the city right-of-way looks nice and is sturdy, while maintaining ADA compliance in the area.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did a site visit after he spoke with Mr. Frank regarding a picnic table and bench.

Mr. Frank stated that the bike racks aren't absolute but he would love to have a watering station for animals. He added that with the hiking and biking trail coming along in the future, he thinks it would fit in perfectly to add a bike rack.

Mr. Thompson explained that he did look at the area regarding the first two requests but didn't look to make sure it would be ADA compliant for the other items. He added that he would like to go back out to do another site visit to look at the area he is requesting for the bike rack and watering station. He stated that if Mr. Frank is planning to supply the amenities, he would request that he get the board some information on what he is looking to place in the right-of-way so the board can review that as well.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to take this item under advisement so that Mr. Thompson can look at the bike rack area and contingent upon Mr. Frank providing the board with information on any amenities he plans to place in the right-of-way for review, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Vicki Glotzbach re: Handicapped parking spot request at 2205 E. Oak Street

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that her office received a request for a handicapped parking space at 2205 E. Oak Street, traffic division approved it on 04/19/23, and it now needs this board's approval.

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

2. Krisjans Streips, Tree Board re: Tree Trails Signage

Mr. Streips stated that the city lost their arborist, Greg Mills in January and the tree board has come up with a way to honor Mr. Mills. He explained that they would like to rename the existing tree trails the "Greg Mills Memorial Tree Trails". He provided a rendering for the board to review. He requested the board's approval to formally change the name.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she thinks this is a very nice gesture.

Mr. Streips stated that they talked about several ideas but this was something he was informally involved with every year so when the tree trails were formalized, it was an easy plan.

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

3. Mickey Thompson for CenterPoint re: ROW Encroachment Permits for 1111 Crystal Avenue, 2034 Jaycee Drive and 1533 Chartres Street

Mr. Thompson stated that 1111 Crystal Avenue is to retire a gas service and the picture that he put in the application is where they put in a new service.

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

Mr. Thompson stated that 2034 Jaycee Drive is for a valve box replacement. He added that it was recently paved but that is the reason they have to do the repair because their valve box was paved over and damaged.

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

Mr. Thompson stated that 1533 Chartres Street is for a service retirement and they will take the entire panel out and replace it.

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

4. Mickey Thompson for Dixie Plumbing re: ROW Encroachment Permit for 616 E. Elm Street

Mr. Thompson presented a request for Dixie Plumbing to repair an existing sewer tap on Elm Street. He stated that the panel is marked where they will take the section of sidewalk out.

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

5. Phil Aldridge re: Lane shift request at 2441 State Street

Mr. Aldridge stated that the storm water department would like to request the above lane shift on April 29 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for repairs to a drainage channel. He added that they are trying to do the work on a Saturday to minimize interference with school and regular workweek traffic.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he has reviewed the plan and it looks appropriate for that time of day and date.

Mr. Aldridge stated that they would also like to request a rain date for May 6.

Mr. Summers stated that he doesn't know if it makes any difference but May 6 is Derby.

Mr. Aldridge stated that he didn't account for that so they would like to move that to May 13.

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

5. Larry Summers re: Main Street Project Update

Mr. Summers reported that the contractor continues installing the electrical outlets and tree lights on the south side of Main, beginning storm structures at the Bank Street and Pearl Street intersections, removing sidewalks on the south side of Main starting at the east end of the project working their way west, continue forming up and pouring bases for the wayfinding bollards that will be at each intersection and as they are pulling up the sidewalks, they will be digging the trenches for the electrical conduits. He reported that the subcontractor will be removing the pavers on the north side of the street while finishing the installation of the new pavers on the south side.

6. Larry Summers re: Community Crossings Grant

Mr. Summers reported that the City of New Albany was chosen again this year to receive \$1,000,000.00 for the Community Crossings Grant and as such, they have begun the process of advertising for paving bids. He stated that the bid openings are scheduled to be on May 9.

Mr. Thompson congratulated Mr. Summers on getting Community Crossings again.

Mr. Summers stated that this is one of the few communities in the state that have been blessed to be chosen as often as they have and he feels really good about the work they have done.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the following ARP claims for 04/25/23:

ARP Claims (Bank 6) \$80,759.00

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

Mrs. Moeller presented the following claims for the period of 04/11/23 to 04/24/23 in the amount of \$1,732,418.66:

General Claims (Bank 1):	88,432.92	
Fire Department:	46,424.18	
Police Department:	28,489.34	
Street Department:	45,111.07	
Parks Department:	121,676.99	
Medical/Drug Fund (Bank L):		
Payroll Claims (Bank 2):	891,717.82	
Sanitation Fund:	-	
Thursday Utility Claims:	510,566.34	
	Grand Total:	1,732,418.66

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes for April 18, 2023, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey 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