

**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 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16,
2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein and Mrs. Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER: 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:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2023, Mr. Applegate second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mrs. Griffith stated that someone told her that the council meeting livestream was cut off in the middle but it was back up when she checked it out later on in the week. She said that she thinks the budget was also livestreamed so it was the council meeting then the budget session and now it is the council meeting that was up earlier today. She stated that she likes to keep track of that because she knows that they are going to be paying attention to that soon. She then stated that she met with Prosser and she just wants to throw out there that if anyone is looking for interns, Prosser Vocational is a great place to help the students. She said that they have a program that they implemented in her salon where they take juniors and seniors, and they are really good. She stated that the wealth of knowledge that they have and being community leaders, she thinks it is great because we are embedding women into our community a little bit more, and teaching them skills to be able to mentor. She said it is a great way to give back so if you ever hear any businesses that are looking for additional help, please really think about the Prosser students because they do quite a bit out there. She stated that they are building houses and they are starting a daycare, which is going to be another great facility, so just always keep them in mind.

Mr. Aebersold stated that with all of the technology that we have we should be able to come up with something to change the lights to green both ways when there is only one car in the turn lane. He said that he has noticed so many cars being backed up and wasting gas waiting on the signal to change. He stated that the same thing happens on cross streets, especially 15th Street. He said that you have six or eight cars on Spring Street going each way and asked why they have to stop there for no cars to cross 15th Street? He also said that it is bad for the environment to use all of that gas to stop and run the car and then get going again.

Mr. Turner stated that this past week, he got a text message from a firefighter that the ladder truck was nonfunctioning at Community Park and they actually had to go up on foot to the apartments there and help someone that was coding. He said that these trucks are breaking down pretty often and they are getting old. He stated that it is something that they probably need to address in this budget session, but for them to have a truck that is nonfunctioning during an emergency situation where someone is coding is a problem. He said that he would like to have an update on the storm water master plan if they could. He stated that as he is knocking on doors, he is finding that there are some serious flooding

issues throughout the city and he would like to see what the strategy is for it. He added that he hopes there is a delay because they are using that Army Corp of Engineers Study that he mentioned that they were not aware of. He then stated that Knobs Fest is this weekend and is always a fun event. He would like to get an update on traffic calming also because it has been four years and it is still a top issue that he is hearing out there. He stated that he has knocked on a lot of doors and traffic calming is an issue.

Mr. Dickey stated that earlier tonight, he did make part of the Veteran's Court Graduation where four more individuals graduated from that program. He said that is a wonderful success and gave kudos to Judge Granger, Judge Carmichael from Clark County and the others that made that program successful. He stated that he was happy to be there to show some support. He then said that we have the Old Vincennes Road closure due to utility work and he wants to stress this is utility work and not our city crews. He stated that a couple of constituents have been confused but the road will not, as he understands it, be closed 24/7. He said that they will open it back up once they have finished the work day to allow traffic to go through. He stated that there was some confusion about that and he just wants to let folks know that in the evenings and early in the mornings, the road is supposed to be open. He said that they are installing new poles and a higher capacity line, so he just wants to make sure that folks are aware of that. He stated that he also had a request come in that he forwarded to Mr. Summers, our City Engineer, for the city to look at. He said that there was an accident on West Street at the Adams Street and Albany Street area that unfortunately led to a fatality. He said that a couple of the residents there had requested maybe looking at a stop sign somewhere in those intersections, so he sent that over to Mr. Summers. He stated that he is not sure if it is going to warrant a stop sign but they will do a review to see if it would warrant one and he wants to see what they come back with.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Dickey if he is aware of the circumstances of the accident? He asked if it was reckless driving or someone stepped out in traffic?

Mr. Dickey stated that he is not and hasn't had a chance to speak with Police Chief Bailey about exactly what happened and he doesn't know if there were extenuating circumstances. He understands that there was a younger driver involved.

Mr. Blair stated that it was a tragedy and he didn't know what took place. He said that it was early in the morning also.

Mr. Dickey replied yes, it was about 6:00 a.m. He stated that he doesn't think that anyone was arrested but don't hold him to that because he never got to talk to Police Chief Bailey about the particulars.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Dickey for looking into it because anytime we have something like that, you want to make sure that it doesn't happen again.

Mrs. Collier stated that she did talk with the administration earlier today, and unfortunately since we did reschedule our meeting, there was a conflict with staff so that is why there is no representation from the administration. She said that she just wanted them to be aware of why that was.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

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):

Mr. Jeffery Mayott, 110 Glen Mill Road, asked the council to picture a time when kids were freely riding their bikes on quiet neighborhood roads and walking around the block without a care in the world. He stated those are the days of simpler ways and genuine connections with neighbors. He said to fast forward to today where something has shifted dramatically. He stated at this age where everyone is glued to their phones, our streets have become race tracks. He said that our neighborhoods once serene and safe are now fraught with the danger of speeding vehicles that barely miss our children as they are playing. He stated that it is a far cry from the ideal scene that we remember. He said that it is not too late to make a change and to reclaim the safety and sense of community that defined our childhood. He stated that we have the opportunity to do something about to protect the future of our children and restore the tranquility that we once enjoyed. He said that is why he is urging them all to support the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Glen Mill Road and Glenview Heights. He stated that by doing so, we can slow down traffic, ensure the safety of our children and create an environment where they can play freely once again. He said let's bring back the simplicity, the connection and security we knew as kids. He stated that he doesn't want to be filled with fear when he teaches his kids to ride their bikes without training wheels. He doesn't want to do the dreaded release and watch his baby girl take off traveling just for someone speeding around the corner at 35 mph and hit her. He said that he is quick and will always protect his precious girl, but a car going 35 mph around the corner while the driver is texting is a little bit quicker and little bit stronger than him. He stated that together we can make a difference, so let's show that our community values the safety of our children.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Jennie Collier, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk