

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, AUGUST 29, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Brewer, member and Mickey Thompson, president. Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Deputy Fire Chief Kron, Linda Moeller, Brad Fair, Bryan Slade, Phil Aldridge, David Rake, Jessica Campbell, Sean Payne, Councilman Dickey, David Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. William Scott Gabhart re: Permission to encroach on City ROW to replace fence on E. 18th St. side of property at 1802 E. Elm St.**

Mr. Thompson explained that Mr. Gabhart owns the property 1802 E. Elm and there is an existing fence that is in the grass plat that is the right-of-way for 18th Street and belongs to the city. He stated that he wants to upgrade the fence and given that the existing fence is in the right-of-way, he needs permission from this board to encroach on city property. He asked Mr. Gabhart if the replacement is going in the same location.

Mr. Gabhart stated that it is the exact same footprint.

Mr. Thompson stated that it will not be any additional encroachment and it is back off the road far enough that it isn't an issue for traffic. He explained that it was dedicated a right-of-way in case the city ever decided to install sidewalks on 18th Street and he told Mr. Gabhart that if at some point in the future the city did decide to install sidewalks, the fence would have to be moved if it was in the way and the encroachment would not longer be valid.

Mr. Summers stated that the other stipulation he would ask that they consider is having the city listed as an also insured given that it is on a right-of-way.

Mr. Thompson stated that he was going to have the legal department draw up a document that includes this as well as the stipulation regarding possible future sidewalk installment.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve with the stipulations that will be included in the legal agreement, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Thompson state that he will get with Mr. Gabhart once legal has that document ready for him to sign.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Mike Graut, 4210 Kamer Miller Road, requested a permit to remove a tree at 1624 Hedden Court that is that is dead on the bottom half and hanging out halfway over Charlestown Road on the top half. He and stated that in order to do the work he will have to stop traffic on Charlestown Road.

Mr. Thompson asked if he has a tree service and is removing the tree for a resident.

Mr. Graut replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked when he would want to do the work.

Mr. Graut stated that he will be using a crane to take the tree down but he doesn't have a date yet. He added that as soon as he gets a delivery date for the crane, he can let the board know.

Mr. Thompson asked if the crane would be able to fit in one lane and flag traffic around him.

Mr. Graut explained that the crane would be in the yard so stopping traffic would be because the tree is hanging over Charlestown Road. He stated that when they start making those cuts, he doesn't want anyone driving under it for safety reasons.

Mr. Thompson asked if he is asking to close the entire road.

Mr. Graut stated that he thinks he could do the work with one lane closed.

Mr. Thompson asked if he would have someone flagging traffic.

Mr. Graut replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked if he is taking the whole tree down and how long he thinks it the work will take.

Mr. Graut stated that they are taking the entire tree down and anticipate work taking a couple of hours. He added that the tree is in bad shape and will become a real problem if it is left much longer.

Mr. Thompson asked what time he would like to start the work.

Mr. Graut stated they would like to start at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve closing one lane on Charlestown Road for two hours starting at 9:00 a.m. with the stipulation that they contact Mr. Thompson with the dates and flaggers being present to route traffic around the worksite, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Thompson stated that with Mr. Graut gives him the dates he will email the board and contact emergency services.

Mr. Brian Saylor, KoKosing Construction, explained that he met with Mr. Thompson and Mr. Summers regarding city street work that is starting up with the Sherman Minton Project and they asked that he come to the board to give a brief update. He passed out the schedule for street work to reviewed with the board. Said schedule is on file with the City Clerk's office. He reported that work will start right after Labor Day with signal work at Elm Street and Scribner Drive and they will have temporary signals installed, and that will take them directly in to the 20-day closure at Elm Street and Scribner Drive. He added that this isn't really a closure but is the 20-day duration for which that work needs to be wrapped up within and will include ADA Ramps at Elm/Scribner, ADA Ramps at Elm/First, milling and paving of Elm Street Overlay (9/16 & 9/17), and installation of new signals at Elm Street and Scribner Drive. He reported that once this work is complete, they will start on Spring Street which includes ADA Ramps at First /Spring, Spring/Scribner, Spring/4th and 5th/Market as well as mill and fill work on Spring Street and 5th Street (week of September 24). He stated that everything will be wrapped up on the city streets by the first week of October, not to impede on Harvest Homecoming festivities starting on October 7. He included plans for the general area of Elm Street and Spring Street that indicates the different operations and intersection quadrants where they will be replacing sidewalks.

Mr. Thompson stated that there is an area by the I64 ramp on Spring Street that is washboard and the city has had to have it patched a couple of times.

Mr. Saylor stated that he will make sure that they look at that area. He explained that the bulk of the work is scheduled from 9:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. however given restrictions for getting concrete they will have to pour during the day. He added that there are a lot of utilities located at these intersection corners so some of the tear out will be done during the day and they will utilize parking lanes whenever possible.

Mr. Thompson stated that they are going to put out a notice to everyone and they will provide that to the city as well to get something out. He explained that the majority of the work is state highway so this board does not need to approve anything. He added that Mr. Saylor is here as a courtesy to let the board know about the work, and if they do anything on a city street it will require that they board be notified.

Mr. Brewer stated that he appreciates Mr. Saylor notifying them of the work and going over the schedule with them.

Mr. Thompson added that they city did the same process with their curb ramp work so he doesn't think it will an issue to do it during the day. He stated that they will coordinate it so that pedestrian traffic will still be able to flow.

Mr. Saylor stated that they will have the pedestrian detour set up and flagged so that everyone knows how to get around safely. He added that there will be a notice going out from their public information, but he wanted to talk with this board first to make sure there weren't any issues.

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Brewer brought up coordinating everything with the police department as well as with the new station.

Mr. Summers stated that he was able to get the plans for the front of the new station to them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Larry Summers re: Main Street Project Update and Paving Update

Mr. Summers reported that this week they will be installing trash cans, bike racks, sidewalk caulking and wayfinding bollards. He stated that the subcontractor is working on installing the signal traffic loops at both intersections and Atlantas has been painting the new lines. He added that there was a slight issue on the yellow lines so he had them stop and they will rectify that work today.

2. Larry Summers re: Paving Project Update

Mr. Summers reported that milling work will take place on Adams Street, West 6th Street, Dryades Avenue, Ridgeway Avenue, Old Vincennes Road, Church Street, West 10th Street, and both sides of West Main. He added that they will continue drive approaches, sidewalk and curb improvements on Oakwood Court.

3. Mickey Thompson re: Approved Alley Cut Pearl Street Realty

Mr. Thompson stated that the board approve a permit to possibly cut the alley but they were able to use the existing conduit so they will not need to make a cut in the alleyway.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2023 with corrections, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk