

**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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6,  
2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members: Mr. Dickey, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate, Mrs. Griffith and President Collier.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein, Fire Chief Juliot, Deputy Fire Chief Kron, Deputy Fire Chief Baylor 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. Applegate moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2023, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2023, Mr. Applegate second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Dickey** stated that there have been a lot of good events since our last council meeting. He said that he wanted to give a shout out to the folks that helped with Trunk or Treat. He stated that it is always good to see the community come together for that event. He also reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and they want everyone to go and do their civic duty and cast their vote in the election regardless who they cast it for.

**Mr. Phipps** reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and Saturday is Veteran's Day, so please remember our Veterans. He wanted to thank the board of works and the street department for installing the signs in the middle of Spring Street at the intersections of E. 4th Street and E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street at the pedestrian crosswalks, as well as, the one at W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Main Street. He said that they are greatly appreciated.

**Mrs. McLaughlin** stated that she just wanted to concur with what the other two council members have mentioned about getting out to vote tomorrow and good luck to all of those who are running.

**Mr. Turner** stated that as he has been knocking on doors, one thing that is still a concern is storm water and flooding. He said that it has been a while since the council has had an update on the Storm Water Masterplan. He stated that Mr. Aldridge came to a council meeting three or four months ago and said that it was almost complete and he hasn't heard anything back. He said that it is something that he thinks is pretty critical and he doesn't know if anyone has heard any more about it but it is a hot topic. He then asked if anyone has heard anything? He stated that he would inquire about that.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he went down to the inauguration of the new rescue boat at the boat ramp and it was pretty nice. He said that there were some speakers there and they had a nice little crowd, and he got to see the very expensive boat. He stated that he is glad that everyone got behind them to do that project and he thinks it turned out great.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that it is Election Day tomorrow so get out to vote and for those of you here that are running, good luck. He said that he knows it is a stressful day so give grace out there to everyone while you are going to the poles and especially for people that

are waiting in line, the election workers and all that kind of stuff. He stated that the election workers are all volunteers and it can be a trying day for a lot of people, so give some grace tomorrow and good luck to everyone.

**Mrs. Griffith** stated that she was able to go to the climate workshop to talk about what the problems are for the city. She said that they came together this past Friday, and unfortunately, there weren't as many in attendance at that one but it was really good. She stated that storm water was on there, so hopefully that kind of helps us push to get something out to work on the storm water control. She said flood water too, because with the gates and all, we have aging flood water gates. She stated that the whole thing with the climate is that we know the Ohio River is going to increase and swell, and we are going to continue to have flooding throughout New Albany since we have more flood zones. She said they discussed how we can get in front of that and she was excited to be a part of that. She stated that another fun fact is that we had 23 days on average since 1990 that were 90 degrees or above and that will double within the next couple of decades, which is just part of it. She said that we are just going to keep getting hotter where we are here, so how do we combat that? She also said that any streets that have tree canopies makes a huge difference in the temperature. She added that is one thing that they are really going to be focusing on and will be coming in front of this council to pass soon, and she looks forward to seeing it. She stated that she just wanted to give the council a heads up. She then said that Develop New Albany has their Jingle Walk coming up and she thinks tickets are on sale now. She said don't forget that is in two weeks and they are doing it a week early before Small Business Saturday, so there will be two good shopping days downtown.

**Mrs. Collier** reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

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

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that some of you may be aware that they had a ladder truck that broke down yesterday. He said that there were some posts on social media and they are just here to clarify. He stated that they are not 100% sure of the damage yet but a drive shaft failed the U joints, and when that happened, the drive shaft went up into the truck and grabbed a bunch of electrical wires and hydraulic wires and wrapped them around the shaft. He added that this is their newest fire truck that is housed at headquarters and is Truck 1. He said that there were some pictures on Facebook where people were criticizing them and saying that we do not take care of our equipment. He stated that they do have their trucks DMT inspected every year, we do maintenance twice a year and if anything breaks on them, we fix it. He said that it is not like they are not doing their job. He added that it is a \$1M truck and if they ordered one tomorrow, he thinks it is \$2M. He said that Deputy Chief Baylor and Deputy Chief Kron are present and Deputy Chief Baylor heads up all of their maintenance for all of their stations, equipment and vehicles, so if you have any questions, he can answer them.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if we will get help from Clarksville or Jeffersonville if we need help in our fire department?

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied yes but we have another aerial on Grant Line Road, so we still have a ladder truck in the city.

**Mr. Blair** asked if this is a manufacturer flaw or is just a freak incident?

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** stated on his personal vehicles, he has had he doesn't know how many U joints go out. He said that it is something that happens and is not due to lack of maintenance. He stated that a lot of U joints that come from the factories don't even have grease settings on them, but everything is greased on these settings. He said that they are made by man and subject to failure, that's just a fact.

**Mr. Blair** asked if he has a cost to repair?

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** stated that he doesn't because it has to be towed to our local repair shop and then they will get into it a little deeper on what the cost is going to be. He said that at the beginning stage, it was just a busted hydraulic line and they didn't really know how bad it got into it. He added that it happened on a Sunday so they had to get it towed back to the station.

**Mr. Blair** stated that it also sounds like we are fortunate that no one was hurt.

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** said yes and it is just like a motor failure or a transmission going out. He stated why they go out, he doesn't know. He said that if they didn't do maintenance on them, it would be one thing but they do maintenance on everything. He stated that he is very, very strict and on top of that. He stated that it was just an unfortunate thing and social media runs amuck, so they just wanted to head it off and let the council know.

**Mr. Turner** asked how old that truck is?

**Fire Chief Juliot** said it is a 2013-2014.

**Mr. Turner** asked what the status is on the replacements that we have coming?

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** stated that the first one is coming sometime here in November and the other one is, like it is any place, three years. He added that he is specking another aerial at this point and it takes three to six months to go through all of the paperwork.

**Mr. Turner** asked if that it is the replacement for Quint 2?

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** replied yes.

**Mr. Turner** asked about Engine 3 and Engine 4?

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** said that 3 and 4 are on order as well as the replacement for Quint 2, so we have three on order.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that if it is going to be a longer down time or a really expensive repair, let the council know because he knows their budget is pretty tight on maintenance and everything else. He said that if there is something that the council needs to be involved in for those types of things, let them know. He stated that the council appreciates all that they do.

**Mr. Dickey** stated that he wanted to echo Mr. Applegate on that because we have Rainy Day and other funds for this type of contingency, so let's make sure that we get it back to top condition.

**Mr. Turner** asked if they were given his schedule to get trucks replaced when the council had the budget sessions? He said that it was basically a pathway in perpetuity to rotate our trucks out, so every 15 years we would get new trucks. He also said that they actually came close to actually finding funding for it too.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that he thinks he did. He also stated that he has worked on one with Mr. Gibson.

**Mr. Turner** stated that we've replaced three really quickly and those are expensive. He said that if they can get to where they are planning for it, that would be great. He said that is obvious though.

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** stated that there is no doubt that Covid was such a hit to everyone. He said that is what killed the industry as far as being three years. He stated that the truck due to come in this month, he initially ordered in November and it was supposed to be delivered in six months, and because of all of the delays, we are still waiting on the truck. He said for him to order that same truck today, is now three years

instead of six months or a year. He added that it is that way across the board for every manufacturer.

**Mr. Turner** asked if they lock you into pricing for today?

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** replied yes, when he bids it out. He stated that there were increased charges during Covid but they just couldn't control that because they just couldn't get parts. He said that they said if he wanted to wait until parts come back down, they would just take his out of line and let it wait, but part prices are not going to come back down.

**Mr. Dickey** said that the other problem with waiting is that you may be waiting a while and your need is going to not go away.

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** agreed and said that then someone makes another order and it just backs you up. He stated that these companies typically make 200-300 trucks a year and when they take 1,000 orders in, it's not they can't get the parts, but that they can't build but 300 trucks a year. He said that they are not going to spend billions of dollars building plants and hiring people, and turn right around in five years, lay everyone off and then have a billion-dollar plant sitting there.

**Mr. Dickey** stated that the manufacturers do intend to get caught up at some point.

**Deputy Fire Chief Baylor** said oh yes.

**Mrs. Griffith** stated that she just wanted to say that anytime she stops by one of the firehouses, you all keep your equipment in very neat order so she would never think that you were not maintaining it. She said that she appreciates everything that they do.

**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. Dale Bagshaw, 85 Galt Street,** stated that this might be petty, but he really wished that he knew about things like the new boat at the boat ramp beforehand rather than hear about it afterwards, because he loves to do stuff like that. He said that he didn't know a thing about until after the fact and it was the same thing with the firehouse on Charlestown Road. He suggested that maybe the press release could be a couple of days before the event instead of the day after the event. He then stated that obviously there is going to be a little different makeup of this board after tomorrow and he just wanted to sincerely thank everyone for serving the community for the last four years that they have served. He said that it takes a lot to put your name on the ballot and get out there and work, meet the public and take requests from the public.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Jennie Collier, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk