

**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 THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024
AT 7:02 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mr. FitzGerald, Mrs. Gohmann, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Unruh and President Dickey.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER: President Dickey 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:

Mrs. Griffith moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2024 with a correction, Mrs. Gohmann second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. FitzGerald stated that today celebrates the 4th anniversary of the opening of Legacy Pizza. He said that it is a wonderful place in the 4th District and hopefully everyone has been there at least five times. He stated that he would love to see them continue to grow and be a vital little gem in the city. He then said that on the last Saturday of April, Purdue is hosting their Pollinator Festival, so if you want to have some wildflowers for wonderful birds and bees and learn more about how vital pollinators such as the flowers and the wonderful bugs that help us survive, it will be a great day. He stated that he had some scheduling and weather barriers of getting his community walk done, but he is quickly resolving those and will hopefully have something scheduled soon.

Mrs. Gohmann stated that next Saturday, April 27th, they are doing paper shredding at the library. She said that it is a really good time to get rid of all of your extra stuff. She stated that she had written down to mention Pollinator Day as well. She then said that the state police are doing an expired medicine collection on Saturday, April 27th and you can drop off any old or expired medications.

Mrs. Griffith stated that she has a couple of save the dates. She said that the first one is June 25th which is the Caesars 25th Anniversary Celebration, so mark your calendar so that you can save the date for that. She stated that Develop New Albany announced that they are doing their annual meeting on Thursday, May 16th, so that is another one to save the date for. She said that Farmer's Market opens this Saturday and she thinks that Ms. Pat Harrison is giving away her free trees. She stated that a couple of merchants such as Laura with the Wine Shop and J. D. with Regalo have joined forces and come up with First Friday, which is awesome. She said that they are doing it regardless that it is Oaks Day, so they are going to start that consistency and make sure that every First Friday there is going to be some kind of art something happening downtown that will go with the concerts and everything else. She stated that if you can save that date, that would be great and they are encouraging other businesses to come in and join them with that. She then mentioned TARC Ride Share and wanted to make sure that everyone knows that is a free service through the month of April and then it will just be a couple of dollars, so we are kind of like the test market for that. She then reminded everyone that voting polls have opened, so our primary is up and going.

Ms. Murphy stated that the solar eclipse celebration at Silver Street Park was a lot of fun and there was a good turnout for family fun that day. She said that she did go to the first

Friday on April 5th, and what a wonderful way to highlight our downtown. She said that there were a lot of activities going on and on May 3rd there will be another one as well as June 7th and July 5th. She stated that she had a chance to go to the Chancellor's Medallion Dinner for IUS and what a treasure we have in IUS. She also said congratulations to Mr. Gary Libs and Mr. Danny Huber. She had a zoom meeting with Head Start today and she passed out to the council members a handout from that meeting. She said that they are looking for non-federal share contributions and that can be done through volunteering through Head Start, in-kind donations or monetary contributions, so if you are interested in volunteering with kids, that is available to do that. She stated that she did have a JRAC meeting on Monday and if anyone wants any of that information, she would be happy to email that to them.

Mr. Unruh stated that Legacy Pizza is also available at the concession stands at New Albany High School basketball games and has been very well received. He said that he wants to continue with the tree theme this evening so there is an Earth Day event on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church lawn on Market Street. He stated that they will have activities for kids, a tree walk and also a tree giveaway.

Mrs. Collier stated that the Public Health & Welfare Committee has not met for a while and she has not been able to meet with Mr. Gibson, but she has talked to him so hopefully at the next council meeting, they will have met and she will have more information and get that going again. She then said that the kid's day at the Farmer's Market will be starting up next month, but she is not sure which Saturday it is going to be each month during the summer. She just wanted to make sure that everyone knows because that is a fun day at the Farmer's Market, and you can come see her because she is their kid's day person. She also stated that they have the Kids Pop Program which it is super easy to sign up for, and every time the Farmer's Market is open, they can get their little certificate for \$2.00 in produce. She added that is every Saturday and Wednesday through the summer, so people that participate in it can get quite a bit of produce for the kiddos. She said that they always have little goodies for the kids and it is really fun.

Mr. Dickey stated that we have minor river flooding and the Greenway trail is temporarily closed by the amphitheater unless it has receded today. He said that they have the signs out but other parts of the trail are very much accessible. He stated that it has not inundated the entire riverfront area, but a note to those who may be interested, the boat ramp is well under water but the other boat ramp appears to still be functional, although debris keeps washing up that folks have been pulling away as they try to launch. He then said that he wanted to recognize that the RDA was awarded \$45M from the state and we will be participating in READI 2.0. He stated that the next step in that is that the RDA will meet on May 10th and they will be releasing an RFP that will go to the communities that will actually be the submission for projects. He added that he knows the administration is working on that. He then said that the Arbor Day Celebration is April 26th from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and he is on the tree board, and Mr. Hall put out a release about this earlier this week. He stated that the celebration will be at the Michael C. Kerr pocket park, which is the small park across from Mansion on Main all the way at the end of E. Main Street. He said that the celebration does include a tree planting, pruning, a tree walk to educate the public and a free tree giveaway. He stated that there are lots of opportunities to get free trees over the next few weeks in this city. He said just make sure that you plant them responsibly and away from power lines, sewer lines and things like that.

Mr. FitzGerald said to call 899.

Mr. Dickey stated that he wanted to echo what Ms. Murphy said about the Chancellor's Medallion Dinner. He said that it was a great evening and supports our local university. He then stated that he has been in conversations with Ms. Claire Johnson regarding the TARC rideshare, and we believe that TARC would be interested in being invited to come and make a presentation about that program at our next council meeting. He said in order to do that, he just wants to make sure that we follow the rules and he gets an approval to go ahead and issue that invitation to them. He stated that he is looking for a quick motion.

Mrs. Gohmann moved to authorize President Dickey to invite TARC to the next council meeting for a presentation, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Dickey stated that he would go ahead and invite them to the next meeting to give that presentation. He said if for some reason they can't attend, we will obviously work on the scheduling.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that he loves hearing all of the tree talk, and as you know, we were designated Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation a couple of years ago, so it's wonderful hearing all of the different events and support for a healthy tree canopy in our city. He then said that as Ms. Murphy stated, we did have a wonderful solar eclipse event at Silver State Park and there were over 800 people that attended. He believes the next total eclipse is just around the corner in 2099. He said that we had Kentucky FamFest down here on the riverfront and it was a wonderful family event, and he just wanted to thank Kentucky Derby Festival as well as Caesars Foundation of Floyd County for their support of that event. He said that we received some state grants recently and one was the READI Grant that Mr. Dickey spoke about a little bit that will be coming down soon. He stated that we also received the Community Crossings Grant for our annual paving program, and he believes that we got the maximum which is close to \$1M on that. He said that it is very exciting to see that and he wanted to thank the state and the governor's office for getting that support down to us. He then stated that he wanted to invite everyone to the Arbor Day Event. He said that there is a little bit of high water at the riverfront but he doesn't think that it has reached flood stage, and he doesn't think that it will reach any kind of severe flood stage. He stated that with Thunder coming up, we do expect some visitors down there because we have people that hang out there and watch the air show every year. He added that the police are going to have some extra patrols out down at the riverfront as well as throughout the city just to make sure that everyone has a great weekend.

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:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Adam T. Dickey, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk