

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, JANUARY 27, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Phil Aldridge, David Heeke, Linda Moeller, Brad Ramsey, Mike Wallace, Michael Mifflin, Ryan Hensley, Larry Summers 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. Adam Dupre with Fastsigns re: Sign approval for Underground Railroad Visitors Center

Mr. Dupre stated that he was present on behalf of Friends of the Town Clock Church for the Underground Railroad Visitors Center. He said we are proposing doing a hanging sign from the bottom of their awning that goes over the sidewalk. He stated it is going to be made out of 080 aluminum and will be mounted to the support beams on the bottom of the awning. He added they will use a beam clamp for that which will be bolted onto one of those support beams.

Mr. Thompson stated that he talked with Mr. Streips about this and the only thing he asked about was if they had a certificate of appropriateness because of the historic district, and they do already have that.

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

2. Lewen Line Construction re: Request to install underground fiber to 120 W. Spring St.

Mr. Thompson stated this is the permit that is in the packet and it is for boring fiber in from the county building over to Chase Bank and photos are attached to the permit application. He said they are still working with the state to get permission to bore under Spring Street, but this permit is for a panel of sidewalk they will need to take out because the federal building won't let them do anything on their property. He stated they will take a panel out of the city's sidewalk and bore down to and across Hauss Square, and another panel will have to be taken out somewhere in the area by where the steps go up to the county building.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the steps belong to the county building?

Mr. Thompson stated he would have to look at what the footprint of the county building is and how far it goes out, but it is not in the steps and will be the sidewalk right at the base of those steps.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey said they are going to the Chase building.

Mr. Thompson said yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated in that case, has the county requested to use this particular company?

Mr. Thompson replied yes and stated that Lewen doesn't typically come to us. He said they do work in the city and are a sub-contractor under Spectrum, but this is a job that they are doing for the county. He added it is not related to Spectrum because the county has their own fiber and they reached out to Lewen and contracted with them to do it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated she is guessing that the snow is going to impact the dates that they want to do the work.

Mr. Thompson stated that was another thing. He said the county is wanting it as soon as possible, but they still have to get a permit from the state in order to get across Spring Street from the Chase Building to the county building. He added if this is approved by the city, they may go ahead and do the city's portion of it because the state has already told them that they are going to issue the permit, but they just have to get the logistics worked out. He also added he has been in touch with their bonding agent because they contacted him to see what they needed.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Mickey Thompson for Josh Howard re: Request for dumpster permit at 1515 E. Elm St.

Mr. Howard stated he was present to request a dumpster at 1515 E. Elm Street for a remodel project.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what dumpster company he is going to use?

Mr. Howard replied Riley's Dumpster Rental.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what dates he wanted it placed?

Mr. Howard stated he was shooting for this week, but with the snow and stuff, it will probably be the beginning of next week like Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Brewer asked if the temperature is supposed to go up next week?

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if he was going to be able to dig a spot out of the snow to place the dumpster? She said if there is snow piled up on the curb, we can't have that dumpster out in the driving lane.

Mr. Howard stated he is going to have to wait until all of this stuff clears up.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey said she wonders how much better it will be next week.

Mr. Summers stated that the temperatures are not going to be warm enough to melt it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated it may be up to Mr. Howard to shovel a section big enough for the dumpster to be placed in the parking area. She added the board can't allow him to place it if there is a lot of snow piled up so that it impedes traffic.

Mr. Howard said he can clear out a spot for it.

Mr. Brewer asked if the board approves this and you can't place it next week because of weather, can you coordinate with Mr. Thompson on the dates?

Mr. Howard replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if two weeks will be long enough to complete the work?

Mr. Howard replied yes, he thinks so.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve subject to Mr. Howard coordinating with Mr. Thompson on when he is going to place it, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Mickey Thompson re: Placement of POD at 417 E. 11th Street for fire damage

Mr. Thompson stated this request is due to a fire and the resident's belongings had to moved out of the house in order for repairs to be made. He said there is nowhere on the property to place it.

Mr. Brewer asked if the POD is going to be left there while they are making the repairs?

Mr. Thompson replied yes and stated that the resident has the POD reserved for a month so he explained to her that the board typically only approves it for two weeks, and then she would need to contact us before that runs out to request an extension. He is hoping that it doesn't take a month but the POD is set up.

Mr. Brewer stated that smoke damage usually takes at least that long.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve POD placement for two weeks, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Mickey Thompson re: Snow removal at intersections

Mr. Thompson stated that CCE, Inc. is working with the city in removing snow at the intersections between State Street and Vincennes Street from E. Elm Street to E. Main Street. He said they have barricades and they will temporarily block the end of the streets as they move that snow away from the intersections. He added it is snow that has built up at the end of those side streets from where the city has been plowing the main streets.

4. Mickey Thompson re: Sanitation Schedule

Mr. Thompson stated that sanitation did not run on Monday but they are running today with the intent to get whatever they are able to. He said obviously, the city hasn't gotten to work on alleyways yet so there will be some places that they won't be able to get to. He stated the intent is to get to those next week if the roads are in better shape, but they are a day behind this week with Saturday being the makeup for Friday.

5. Mickey Thompson re: Snowstorm this weekend

Mr. Thompson stated that the city departments that worked the snowstorm this weekend put a lot of hours in and did a great job.

6. Mickey Thompson re: Paving Update 2025

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Nick Pierce with Clark Dietz if there was any work done?

Mr. Pierce said there was no work done due to the weather.

6. Mickey Thompson re: Signage regarding overnight parking in city parking lots

Mr. Thompson stated we have had some calls about overnight parking in the city's parking lots so the board will need to look at some language that would allow us to post signage in those parking lots, so the police would be able to enforce that overnight parking. He asked the clerk to put that on next week's agenda.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2026, **Mr. Brewer** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Mickey Thompson, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk