

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Nash, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President Blair.

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Stein, Police Officer Miller, Linda Moeller, Shane Gibson and Vicki Glotzbach

President Blair 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 September 5, 2019, Mr. McLaughlin second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Coffey stated that he passed out a newspaper article from 2014 and said that he brought it forward because it seems that every year the city gets slighted by the county's mismanagement of their funds. He said that the City of New Albany had to pay off the bonds for Georgetown that were floated for their sewer which we were supposed to be paid back for but that didn't happen. He stated that it just seems that every year there is mismanagement and he's tired of it. He said that we are the council and we are responsible for the money and it has nothing to do with politics. He explained that we pay accumulative tax for our parks but that money was going to the county because they wouldn't pay their part back when it was a joint parks department. He said that there needs to be an investigation to see what is rightly owed the city. He then asked Ms. Stein if there is anything that can be legally done about it.

Ms. Stein said that she can look into it.

Mr. Coffey stated that the county needs to come up with some answers because he is sick of hearing that it is all about politics because it isn't. He also stated that this is cash that is owed the city and if we do what we can to have a good budget then they need to do the same. He said that it is time to get our revenue back and he is tired of it being blamed on the smallest employees working there because it is not their fault. He said that this is not political but it has come to a head and we can't allow it any longer.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Gibson stated that he and the mayor wanted to express their appreciation for the council's work on the budget.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

**REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS
REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:**

HORSESHOE BOARD – Mr. Caesar and Mr. Aebersold

Mr. Caesar stated that they talked about the new logo that will be coming out for Caesars and the soft date for opening the new casino is December 12th of this year and

that could change but that's when they really want it to open. He said that they are sending a letter to the INDOT Commissioner regarding the bridge repairs and the financial burden that will be put on the casino. He also said that they received the fall grant requests but haven't really done anything on them yet.

Dr. Knable stated that they received word that the foundation replenished \$250,000.00 in the small business revolving loan fund and that arm of Horseshoe just approved two new loans.

Mr. Caesar said that it has been a very successful program.

PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps

Mr. Phipps stated that they tabled the Autumn Grove Subdivision on Kensig Road because there was quite a bit of opposition against it and there were some issues about drainage. He said they approved preliminary and secondary lot subdivision at 2107 Ekin Avenue which is the old M&J Market building that Landmarks is in the process of acquiring. He explained that there was room to cut an additional lot on the east side which was a deal breaker that allowed that property to be sold to Landmarks. He said that they approved a childcare center in Colonial Manor in the old Subway portion. He stated that they also approved a Norton Healthcare Emergency Room in the Purdue Technology Center and that will probably require the city to vacate a portion of Technology Avenue. He said they approved an addition to the Community Montessori School where they are adding a theater center in an area that was once a parking lot and he thinks that the month before they approved extending the parking for this addition that they are proposing. He stated that they also sent a favorable recommendation to BZA for the proposal of six two family dwellings on McDonald Lane near the roundabout. He said they will make sure that they cut the entrance in well away from the roundabout so that it won't interfere with it.

Mr. McLaughlin said he always remembered watching that area flood.

Mr. Phipps said that they did need a special exception on it because a corner of it is in the flood plain but they assured that the way it is set up, that will not be an issue.

Mr. Nash asked if he had an address on that.

Mr. Phipps replied 1829 McDonald Lane.

Mr. Coffey asked if Landmarks is purchasing that property at 2107 Ekin Avenue.

Mr. Phipps stated that they are purchasing it and already have a buyer to resell it to.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there is a buyer who is a contractor so it will become a single family resident again and the vacant lot to the side is being kept by the owner of the property.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-19-02 (Salaries/Elected Officials)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: A-19-02 (Salaries/Elected Officials)

A-19-02	An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year 2020 for Elected Officials	Caesar 3
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Mr. Caesar introduced A-19-02 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill A-19-02 becomes Ordinance A-19-04.

Mr. Caesar stated that this is for the mayor, city clerk and council members.

Mr. Aebersold asked what was decided about raises for council members.

Mr. Blair stated that it is 2% just like the other employees.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-19-03 (Salaries/Non-Bargaining)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: A-19-03 (Salaries/Non-Bargaining)

A-19-03 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Caesar 3
Year 2020 for Non-Bargaining Unit
Employees

Mr. Caesar introduced A-19-03 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill A-19-03 becomes Ordinance A-19-05.

Mr. Caesar stated that we have been through this and asked if there are any other questions.

Mr. Blair stated that he is very happy that we can provide raises for the employees.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-19-04 (Non-Reverting Budgets)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: A-19-04 (Non-Reverting Budgets)

A-19-04 An Ordinance to Fix the Non-Reverting McLaughlin 3
Budgets for the Year 2020

Mr. McLaughlin introduced A-19-04 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill A-19-04 becomes Ordinance A-19-06.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-19-05 (General Fund/Other Budgets)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: A-19-05 (General Fund/Other Budgets)

A-19-05 An Ordinance to Fix the General Fund McLaughlin 3
and Other Budgets for the Year 2020
As Amended

Mr. McLaughlin introduced A-19-05 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Nash second, all voted in favor. Bill A-19-05 becomes Ordinance A-19-07.

Mr. Gibson stated that the spreadsheet didn't pull all of the numbers over so he passed out a new spreadsheet with correct numbers. He explained that the original sheet had \$400,000.00 less than it actually is so they transferred \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to EDIT to cover communications expenses so that it is all in one place and can be properly tracked.

Mr. Coffey stated that basically it was there but not in the right spot.

Mr. Gibson replied yes and stated that it didn't pick up that number to show the correct balance.

Mr. Blair asked if we need to amend it again.

Mr. Gibson replied no.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Scott Blair, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk