

**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 MONDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Nash, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President Blair. Mr. Coffey was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Stein, Police Officer Miller, Linda Moeller, Shane Gibson, Mickey Thompson 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 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey who was not present.

Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Barksdale stated that he received several emails from businesses at the Underground Station area where the carnival rides have been set up and he is just wondering if Harvest Homecoming or the city should look into an alternative spot for those because it will be almost impossible to get into city hall next year.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that it is probably rough on the businesses down there as well.

Mr. Barksdale stated that it is very rough on the businesses.

Mr. Aebersold stated that the railroad crossing at 15th Street is still a big mess and asked Mr. Thompson if he has any information on it.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is their intent to have that railroad back in service by the end of the year.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that goes along with the Sazerac crossing as well.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he went up and over the crossing at Beeler Street the other day and they have the signal laying across the track.

Mr. Caesar stated that there are some tracks missing there.

Mr. Blair stated that Mr. Ed Wilkinson will be at the next meeting to do his annual report to the council on the sewer utility so if anyone has any questions, please forward them to him beforehand.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he spoke with Mr. Wilkinson about a month ago and he is looking forward to presenting to the council.

Mr. Blair stated that everyone received a letter from the county council about the animal shelter and he personally believes that the timing is not good because we have already set our budget and doesn't feel it would be practical to have a meeting with them now. He said that he doesn't have a problem meeting with but feels it needs to be in a timely and organized manner. He then asked Ms. Stein to pass out the letter that she drafted in response to their request.

Mr. Caesar stated that he has understood that this agreement was written by the mayor and the county commissioners so he doesn't feel that the council has a whole lot to say.

Mr. Blair agreed and said that he read the interlocal agreement but it does include "if necessary and appropriate for the timely joint approval of the budget" so that would be the only roll that the council would have. He added that for the council to ask us to meet after the fact, he feels is inappropriate.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there has been a county council person at most all of our meetings so they knew we were done with budgets.

Dr. Knable stated that he feels we lose an opportunity for better communication if we just shut a door. He then asked if we sent a letter to their president letting them know that we were going through the budgetary process or did we just rely on the appearance in the paper for that or for one of their members to know that from being here. He said he doesn't think it is the end of the world if we send a delegation to listen in on the meeting and that he would volunteer to go. He then stated that it would benefit the average taxpayer if we had better communication between the two bodies because everyone in the city and at this table is a taxpayer in the county as well. He added that Ms. Stein's letter is very flat and just says no.

Mr. Blair stated that he doesn't have a problem with the meeting but just feels that the timing is bad. He also stated that the meeting is actually after they submit their budget as well. He said that he does agree with Dr. Knable on having cooperation but he doesn't see making any decisions on this.

Dr. Knable stated that it may put us on better footing for 2020.

Mr. Aebersold suggested putting in the letter that the council would be happy to meet before we approve our 2021 budget next year.

Dr. Knable stated that he plans to attend in an observing capacity.

Mr. Caesar stated that he doesn't think we should do this now but if we do have a meeting, it should be done no later than the spring just in case there are things that could be worked out.

Dr. Knable asked about having a congenial legal letter.

Ms. Stein said she can adjust the tone on the letter if that is what Dr. Knable is asking.

Dr. Knable said that is what he would like to see.

Mr. Blair stated that he is okay with asking Ms. Stein to revise the letter and bring it back at the next meeting.

Mr. Nash stated that the animal shelter budget is approved by the board so he feels the proper venue would be at a regular board meeting.

Mr. Blair agreed and stated that they can suggest having it at one of their board meetings.

Mr. Blair asked if everyone is in agreement that we are willing to meet at a regular board meeting next year sometime prior to our regular budget sessions.

Mr. Barksdale asked if we have a representative on that board.

Mr. Blair stated that we just have a liaison to the board.

Mr. Phipps stated that he is agreement but also wants them to come with some data on the years where we ended up paying more than we were supposed to pay because they didn't pay their portion.

Mr. Blair stated that the council is the fiscal body so we should be able to ask Ms. Moeller to provide that information so we have it before we go into the meeting. He then stated that he will add this item to the agenda for the next meeting to vote on.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Gibson stated that Mayor Gahan hoped everyone had the opportunity to come to the parade this past weekend which was great and invited everyone to come to booth days this week.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Thompson reported that the Market Streetscape project is finished except for a couple of punch list items. He said that Mt. Tabor is scheduled for surface tomorrow so that project is also getting close to wrapping up. He stated that the utility relocations are finished on Slate Run Road and the contractor has started working on some of the drainage work that is being done as part of the road project.

Mr. Nash asked if he has a timeline on Slate Run Road.

Mr. Thompson replied no and stated that they got started a little late because we wanted to get Mt. Tabor and Grant Line a little farther along before they started because there will be some shutdown with it because of the culvert work. He then stated that the citywide paving is close to wrapping up and they are waiting on a schedule for some of the smaller alleys and local streets that they have left. He said that the signal at Bank Street and Main Street is in and there are some minor punch list items that have to be done but he has asked them to wait until after Harvest Homecoming.

Mr. Phipps asked if he knows offhand which alleys are slated to be paved this year.

Mr. Thompson replied no and stated that there is a list that they have but it will depend on how much money is left as to what they can get to.

Mr. Phipps asked for a copy of the list.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would get it from Mr. Christmas.

Mr. Phipps stated that he just received a complaint on the alley in the 1800 block of E. Oak Street and wanted to see if that is going to be taken care of. He then asked if he should email Mr. Christmas directly about it.

Mr. Thompson suggested that he get it to him and then he will check to see what Mr. Christmas has.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that they have been receiving reports from board of works and he believes that alleys were included in it.

Mr. Caesar stated that there is a new stop at West Street and Cherry Street and asked if there are any other new stop signs in the city.

Mr. Thompson replied no.

Mr. Nash asked about the signal at Mt. Tabor Road and Bells Lane.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is not operating correctly because when they paved, they must have gotten into the loops.

Mr. Nash said that Mr. Summers told him that it is on the lowest setting right now so that it doesn't change for long. He then asked when it will be fixed.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is on the punch list so after they finish the majority of the paving, they should be able to free up a crew to get on that.

Mr. Barksdale stated that at 115 Spickert Knob Road the pavement is giving way and falling into the resident's yard.

Mr. Thompson stated that he can talk to Mr. Ham about it to see if something can be done.

Mr. Caesar stated that there are a couple of places coming down Mills Lane off Green Valley Road that are not up to snuff.

Mr. Thompson stated that someone on Village Pines has requested paving so that whole area going down Glenmill will probably be done next year.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Barksdale if it is on Spickert Knob all the way to Glenmill Road.

Mr. Barksdale replied yes.

Mr. Blair asked if the final pavement on Mt. Tabor Road includes E. Oakwood.

Mr. Thompson stated that anything they did at the radius will be paved.

Mr. Blair asked what the work is that is being done on the corner at E. Oakwood and Mt. Tabor.

Mr. Thompson stated that there was a drainage issue there.

Mr. Blair stated that they discussed W. Oakwood where the water is draining and asked if that is fixable.

Mr. Thompson stated that he thought it was happening from where they were watering the sod so it shouldn't happen all of the time but he did ask storm water to look into it.

Mr. Blair stated that rain would cause the same thing because it definitely pools in that corner. He then asked when the speed tables are going to be put back in on Rainbow Drive.

Mr. Thompson stated that he does not know but he does know that it was discussed that they wouldn't be put back in immediately because they are not part of the paving process.

Mr. Blair stated that the paving company is not real good at staying off of private property.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has discussed that with them at almost every progress meeting because he is still getting complaints about it.

Mr. Blair stated that he has spoken with three supervisors and their pattern is just to say they are sorry but continue to do it.

Dr. Knable asked for the name of the paving company for the record.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is MAC Construction.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if there is a timeline on Grant Line Road.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is November now because they are being penalized for being past the deadline but he has seen a big increase in productivity out there.

Mr. Phipps thanked Mr. Thompson for putting the signs up at E. 6th and E. 18th streets at the riverfront but they say Water Street when you come down but not E. 6th and E. 18th and he is concerned about people on the Greenway knowing what street they are on. He asked if the signs are on order maybe.

Mr. Thompson stated that he can find out.

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

HORSESHOE BOARD – Mr. Caesar and Mr. Aebersold

Mr. Aebersold stated that they have a meeting on Wednesday.

REDEVELOPMENT – Mr. Barksdale

Mr. Barksdale reported the following:

- Approved a project agreement with SBG Development for seven owner-occupied town homes at the corner of Vincennes Street and Ekin Avenue. (price point of \$182,000)
- Approved the proposal from SBG Development for three single-family, owner-occupied homes at 702-706 W. Market Street. (price point of \$155,000)
- Approved the donation of property located at 252 Jackson Street to the City of New Albany’s Redevelopment Department (would need demolition and cleanup)
- Approved the project agreement with Shireman Real Estate & Development, LLC for the road extension and sidewalks along Technology Drive in the Purdue Research Park. This is for the \$10,000,000 facility that will be built for American Health Network and other tenants.
- Approved the proposal for 624 Vincennes Street from the Carter Management Co. LLC that will include the restoration of the historic building with commercial on the first floor and two upper-end apartments on the second. In the future, the attached, vacant lot to the south of the building could become another commercial building or an owner-occupied residence.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-19-01 (Police Cars)

COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: A-19-01 (Police Cars)

A-19-01	Ordinance for Appropriation for the Police Department	McLaughlin 1&2
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Mr. McLaughlin introduced A-19-01 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey who was not present.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they are requesting an appropriation of \$450,000.00 for the replacement of 15 police vehicles. He then passed out a list of the 2019 vehicle trades and notes regarding the 2019 fleet replacement. Said lists are on file in city clerk’s office. He stated that there are 15 vehicles to be replaced and 13 are 2014 models and 2 are 2015 models and all of these vehicles are problem vehicles or vehicles with mileage issues. He explained that he leans towards V6 models over V8 models for the sake of

efficiency and that he has had good luck with Dodge Chargers and Dodge Durangos which are specifically made for police departments because the function of the vehicle requires a certain electrical service to be present. He then stated that there is a lot of idle time on these cars which is hard on valves and the upper end of the engine so one of the problems with the 2014 models, which has been resolved with the newer Charger model, is the upper end problems. He went over some of the problems with the cars that are being retired and said they are the worst of the bunch. He said that he replaced 11 cars with last year's appropriation but this year they are asking for the full appropriation because they have added staff which requires a vehicle and they also lost a couple of cars due to incidents. He said that he is often asked if there will come a time that he will ask for fewer cars and the answer to that is yes. He stated that he should be able to keep the cars on a 6 to 7 year rotation. He talked about the Crown Victorias and how they just don't make cars like that today but they take care of them as best as they can. He explained that he has a full-time mechanic that maintains the cars but the cars are like any commodity and are going to expire.

Mr. McLaughlin asked what a rear end cooler is.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the cars heat up because of the quick take offs so they require a specific cooler for that which is added to every police package.

Mr. Blair stated that he recalled in the past that we were replacing cars that had over 100,000 miles but now he is seeing a range from 52,000 to 78,000.

Police Chief Bailey stated that these mileage numbers are probably not completely up to date because they audit it once a month so these are based on last month. He also stated that when you're dealing with V6 versus V8, the wear and tear on these cars is more significant than on the Crown Victorias so he feels 80,000 miles is going to be the top of the mark.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he noticed during last year's parade, they left the cars running all of time and he assumes they have to so they can keep their computer and radio running.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they link up to a records management system in the cars and the process for loading that is time consuming so if they have to jump in their car and go then they have to leave them running. He did add that if he catches one of them running their car unnecessarily, they will hear about it from him.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he was just thinking that it wouldn't take anything to run the battery down.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the police car is the officer's complete work space.

Mr. Blair asked if the council could see some of the cars that need to be replaced.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they could but that he wouldn't waste their time by coming here and asking for an appropriation that was unnecessary. He added that there is probably another 15 that could be gotten rid of just because of maintenance issues. He stated that they take extraordinary care of their fleet. He also stated that the reason that they had Crown Victorias with 100,000 miles on them is because predecessors of yours didn't invest in this fleet very well so they had to keep a lot of cars for a long time because they didn't have a choice. He said that the investment is appreciated by the police department that this council has made to make their fleet appropriate.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Crown Victoria was the car that usually got all of the bids and early on we were not getting the 100,000 to 150,000 miles out of them.

Police Chief Bailey stated that it wasn't that they just lasted it was because they rebuilt engines and transmissions on Crown Victorias and worked on them constantly to make them last for 100,000 miles.

Dr. Knable asked if these numbers are assigned to individuals or patrol areas.

Police Chief Bailey stated they are individuals and other specific assignments such as the Ps are pool areas which are the reserve cars that we have right now.

Dr. Knable asked if he has one officer per vehicle right now.

Police Chief Bailey replied yes.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if the cars are parked outside the shop does that mean they need to go in to be worked on.

Police Chief Bailey said it just depends because they have cars coming in and going out of the shop everyday just due to basic maintenance and upkeep.

Dr. Knable asked if the car stays with the officer for the lifetime of the vehicle.

Police Chief Bailey replied yes and stated that they are held accountable for their vehicle.

Dr. Knable asked if some of the patrol areas are notorious for requiring more mileage.

Police Chief Bailey stated that is pretty safe to say because if you're working the east end you're probably going to use more mileage than the west end just because of geographical reasons.

Dr. Knable stated that he knows we have acquired some vehicles for the flood wall area and asked if that required any patrol cars.

Police Chief Bailey replied no. He stated that they only have the Polaris for the greenway and the rest are just bicycles.

Dr. Knable asked if he has any data on what the V6s are saving on fuel versus the V8s.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they did that math a few years ago but he can't remember what it was. He said that he could tell them that they used to have to come to the council over and over because they would go over on their gas line item but that hasn't happened since he started buying Dodge Charger V6s.

Mr. Blair stated that he is just reacting to the expense of having to replace a car every four or five years.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he feels they can get into the seven year or so rotation despite the mileage as long as they keep doing what they are doing to maintain the cars.

Mr. Caesar asked if he has looked into electric cars or energy efficient cars because he thinks that would be a good move to look into for 2021.

Police Chief Bailey said that he has not looked into that because to put safety equipment on police vehicles, you have to really have a specific wiring harness for that and it draws a lot of power.

Mr. Caesar stated that he doesn't feel that we are at that point today but we are getting closer. He then asked him to keep an open mind.

Mr. Barksdale asked what his plan is for next year.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he is looking at 12 cars next year.

Mr. Barksdale said it is going to be a few years before we get to that seven year goal.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the seven year turn around would be about 12 cars. He also stated that the idle time is what kills these cars.

Dr. Knable stated it would be nice to have a mechanism to document how long an engine is running on a police car.

Police Chief Bailey said they probably do have a meter built in somewhere to it.

Dr. Knable said that would give a truer value for usage.

Mr. Caesar asked if the money was to come out of EDIT or Riverboat.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Gibson if it was in the projections in EDIT.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Scott Blair, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk