

NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of January 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Deputy City Manager Debra Mecozzi, Police Chief Greg Jones, Finance Director Chad Fuller, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly, City Engineer Ed Ferris, Public Service Director Mark Nemecek, Public Information Officer Scott McAfee, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Council Member Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Spalding	P
CM Colleen Briscoe	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Glyde Marsh	P
CM Michael Mott	P
CM Steve Pleasnick	P

ACTION ON MINUTES:

December 15, 2015 minutes:

Council Member Pleasnick moved, Council Member Marsh seconded, and Council voted with six yes votes to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

HEARING OF VISITORS:

NONE

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No report.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No report.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No report.

BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS: No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No report.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Spalding reported that Clerk Mason received an email from resident Lloyd Welker and asked that Clerk Mason distribute that email to the members of the Council Rules Committee.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-49-2015

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A 0.056 ACRE EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOTS 1 AND 2 OF NEW ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB SECTION 17, WATERSTON, AS REQUESTED BY EMH&T.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly explained this resolution would vacate an electrical easement located between two lots owned by a single property owner who is building an addition onto their home. The property owner received confirmation that AEP approved of the vacation and that a new line would be run around the planned addition.

Council Member Pleasnick asked and Deputy Director Joly confirmed that there was an existing home on one of the lots and that no home would be built on the other lot.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Fellows moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and Council voted with six yes votes to approve Ordinance O-49-2015.

ORDINANCE O-50-2015

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 1501 OF THE NEW ALBANY CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "BOCA NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE" WITH NEW CHAPTER 1501 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE "OHIO FIRE CODE."

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler explained that New Albany had been already using the 2011 Ohio Fire Code as required by law. This Resolution was a housekeeping measure to make New

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Albany's Codified Ordinances consistent with the State standard. The Resolution also updated the Code by adding references to Licking County, the Johnstown Monroe Fire District, and the West Licking Joint Fire District.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Briscoe seconded and Council voted with six yes votes to approve Ordinance O-50-2015.

ORDINANCE O-51-2015

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 1321.08(b) OF THE NEW ALBANY CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "OTHER LAWS."

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler explained that this ordinance was a companion piece of legislation to O-50-2015. It updated New Albany Codified Ordinance 1321.08(b) and made that subsection consistent with the terms in Ordinance O-50-2015 just passed.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Mott seconded and Council voted with six yes votes to approve Ordinance O-51-2015.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-01-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND TO ISSUE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES.

Finance Director Chad Fuller explained this was a housekeeping measure involving some small items that occurred in early 2016. Items included a final invoice on the Healthyorigin New Albany construction, transfer of monies from the Bond Improvement Fund to the Debt Service Fund, and payments to Daimler and Frost Brown & Todd.

Mayor Spalding scheduled this for Second Reading and Public Hearing on January 19, 2016.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-01-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STORM SEWER CULVERT ON HARRISON ROAD LOCATED PARTIALLY IN THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY APPROXIMATELY 425' NORTH OF COBBS ROAD.

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler explained that this Resolution was for improvements on an existing culvert which was inspected by the Licking County Engineer's office and New Albany's Service Department. Both found the culvert unsafe which resulted in the closure of a section of Harrison Road. New Albany would be responsible for this culvert under existing maintenance agreements. An Intergovernmental Agreement was reached by New Albany, the Licking County Transportation Improvement District, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT issued a grant in the amount to replace the culvert. The construction project would be managed and administered by the Licking County TID. New Albany would advance the amount of project which would be paid back by the ODOT grant through the Licking County TID. This Resolution would allow the City Manager to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement, authorize the City to front the money for the work, and set the parameters for the repayment to the City of New Albany from the ODOT grant.

Mayor Spalding asked and Director Chrysler confirmed that construction should be completed by May 29th of 2016. Construction would likely start by March.

Council Member Pleasnick asked and Director Chrysler confirmed that the Intergovernmental Agreement obligated the Licking County TID to directly pass through the ODOT grant funds to New Albany.

Mayor Spalding asked and Director Chrysler and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that the funds were available in New Albany's Economic Development budget.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Briscoe seconded and Council voted with six yes votes to approve Resolution R-1-2016.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: No report.
- B. Safety Committee: No report.

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- C. Public Utilities: No report.
- D. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- E. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- F. Administration Committee: No report.
- G. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: No meeting.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No report.
- B. Representative to Plain Local Schools: Council Member Fellows reported that the Plain Local Schools did not have gas heat on that day at the Elementary School.
- C. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: No report.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason let Council know of an update to Ohio liquor laws that allowed a license holder to apply for extended serving hours during a qualifying event.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reported that the lowest and best bidder for the Johnstown Road water tank repair was Central Painting and Sandblasting for \$396,200 base bid. Public Service Director Mark Nemecek also recommended the alternative bid #2 for ultraviolet protection added to the paint for \$2,000. No action was necessary by Council.

Council discussed color and logo options.

- E. City Attorney: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Mayor Spalding noted that an Executive Session was scheduled on the Agenda for this item, however, Clerk Mason prepared and circulated a Memo to Council that was originally prepared for Council Member Fellows reporting that the majority of the current appointees have agreed to be re-appointed to their positions.

Council Member Fellows moved that those agreeing to be reappointed per the Memo be reappointed for new terms and read aloud the names of the boards and commissions and the appointees. Mayor Spalding seconded and Council voted with 6 yes votes to reappoint those members.

Architectural Review Board:

Shirli Billings – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

Alan Hinson – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

Board of Construction Appeals:

Jack Schmidt – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Matt Shull – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

Parks and Trails Advisory Board:

Char Steelman – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

Planning Commission:

Trudy Bartley – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

David Wallace – 1/1/16 to 12/31/18

Public Records:

Glenn Reddick – 1/1/16-12/31/18

Joint Parks District:

David Demers – 1/1/16-12/31/18

Mayor Spalding stated that the Board of Construction Appeals and Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord had open positions. Council Member Fellows solicited nominations for those boards.

Holiday Lighting: Council Member Fellows reported receiving positive responses from residents for the holiday lighting that went up this year at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Council Member Fellows requested that Staff prepare a proposal for \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 worth of lighting for consideration and a possible incremental increase in coming years. He requested that the focus be on the Main and Market corridor.

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Council Member Briscoe proposed that local businesses could get involved with the cost and effort of holiday lighting. Council Member Marsh objected to increasing the amount spent on holiday lighting each year and preferred to encourage residents to light their homes. Council Member Fellows clarified that he is asking for proposals from Staff, not approval, and preferred a coordinated effort by the City and businesses.

Council Member Fellows moved to request proposals from Staff for holiday lighting in the amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000. Council Member Mott seconded. Council voted with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote (Marsh opposed) on the motion. Motion carried.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Marsh recognized and appreciated Mayor Spalding's preparation and ability as a speaker.

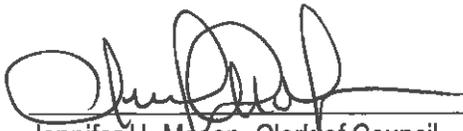
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding noted that the Executive Session was no longer necessary.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Council Member Fellows moved and Council Member Mott seconded to adjourn the January 5, 2016 Regular Council meeting at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor


Date

