

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 6, 2017

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday February 6, 2017 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL- Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Fraizer, Ms. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rolletta, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost

INVOCATION – Mr. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS

MINUTES of January 17, 2017 Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the January 17, 2017 Newark City Council Minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same, second by Mr. Fraizer. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

Safety- **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvement- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Stephen Johnson- operating report for the period ending January 31, 2017. - **Received & Filed**

City Income Tax Administrator, Barb Jobs- income tax revenue report for the period ending January 15, 2017. - **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Department of Agriculture- notice that a Gypsy Moth Treatment will be conducted in our area the month(s) of May and or June. - **Received & Filed**

Columbia Gas of Ohio- notice that they are going to request to continue their Infrastructure Replacement Program for an additional 5 years. The extension would allow the program to continue until December 31, 2022. - **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Jim Amore, 647 Elm Street- we are having our annual computer recycling event on March 31st and April 1st at 123 S 3rd. We will take any electronics, anything that has a circuit board but no T.V.'s and no big monitors. We recycle and refurbish them with the Licking County Computer Club.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rath, Mr. Fraizer

17-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND ABOLISHING THREE CAPTAINS POSITIONS.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to adopt Ordinance No. 17-01, second by Mr. Johnson

Motion by Mr. Bubb to amend Ordinance No. 17-01 to include the emergency clause, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Bubb- this is directly tied to some payouts retirements and transition of jobs. It is relevant to a financial piece and it is necessary to add the emergency clause.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-01 as amended passed by a vote of 10-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Johnson

17-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO RELEASE THE LIENS PREVIOUSLY PLACED ON THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT AND KNOWN AS 244, 247, AND 249 LAWRENCE STREET, NEWARK, OHIO, AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIENS PLACED ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY DARRELL ELLIS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 22, 2014

Held for a second reading

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Johnson

17-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6: GENERAL REGULATIONS; ARTICLE 7: NON-CONFORMING USES, BUILDINGS STRUCTURES, LOTS; ARTICLE 86: ACCESSORY STRUCTURES; ARTICLE 88: FENCES, WALLS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES; ARTICLE 115: PUBLIC & PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Held for a second reading

Referred to Planning Commission

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rath

17-01 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 17-01, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Floyd

17-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR REMITTANCE OF FUNDS, FOR LEASING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO OTHERS TO USE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 17-02, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Johnson

17-03 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. – EXPEDITE

Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the two day reading rule for Resolution No. 17-03, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Marmie- there is termination payouts that we need to expedite to get the employees there money.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 17-03, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fraizer

17-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE REFURBISHMENT AND REHABILITATION OF ONE FIRE APPARATUS AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Held for a second reading

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Johnson

17-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE REBUILD AND RE-INSTALLATION OF ONE SCREENING UNIT AT THE CITY OF NEWARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Motion by Mr. Rath to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 17-05, second by Mr. Fraizer

Mr. Rath- this is a unit that is in dire need of urgent repair. We are waiving competitive bidding because the parts being used are proprietary; they only come from one company.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 17-05, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

17-06 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION-CI

Held for a second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Callie Rucker, 130 Delmar Ave- I represent the Newark Think Tank, it seems we have a disconnect with our public servants. My main concern is that there is a drug epidemic all over the world. Our community is only as good as we make it. These are the kids that are going to be taking care of us and making decisions for us. We have to make sure they have the tools they need to go out into the universe. I'm sure everybody here knows somebody who was on drugs so our time is over for sitting behind closed doors and pretending it's not happening. I think that elections are coming up for some of you so you got to get out there and prove to us that you stand behind these kids. In 2017 I am going to doing everything I can to make sure that I am heard. I want to challenge you all to come to our meeting. There were questions about the location.

Mr. Blake- it is at the Denison Art Space, 23 West Church St. They have lunch at 11:30 and then the meeting starts at 12:00.

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Director- Ordinance 17-04 which was read tonight will actually be referred to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. After that public hearing it will come back to Council for a second public hearing. There will be two opportunities for public input or Council if anyone is interested in addressing any of the proposed zoning changes.

Mrs. Floyd- I hope that the County phone and computer system gets back and I'm sure that we all hope it doesn't come to this city. There are a lot of shows coming up at the Midland so go when you can.

Mr. Fraizer- I want to recognize our safety forces with the outage with the county with the dispatching for continuing the high level of services. I want to congratulate the Newark boys and girls basketball teams. The boys did have a heartbreaking loss at Pickerington Central away but the tournaments are about to start so hopefully they both win State this year. The Barnhart family suffered a tragic loss; their daughter was murdered last week so please keep that family in your thoughts and prayers. He called a Safety Committee Meeting. The drug epidemic is noticeable and it is telling. When you have young people who continuously lose their lives and you hear the record number of people who are perishing every weekend it is a call to action. When it comes to heroine, meth and cocaine, hard core drug abuse there has to be a resolution; it starts with our families and us taking interest in our neighbors. I look forward to stopping down there on Saturday and I know Jeremy will probably be down there as well. We should absolutely be engaged and we should absolutely care about the situation in our community.

Mr. Johnson- I am going to echo what Mr. Fraizer said and call a Capital Improvement Committee meeting. I'm thankful for the weather we have been having it feels like spring is coming but we know it's not.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee Meeting. There are a lot of good things going on in our community and I think that the Think Tank is one of those things that are occurring. I appreciate everything that it is occurring through that effort. I thought the conversation at the Ground Hog breakfast about the sliders was enjoyable. I never thought that it would be an interesting conversation about White Castle hamburgers but he really did a good job of talking about the family behind that business, what it means to this community, the county and Ohio in particular. I always like going to that breakfast. I think that it is another demonstration of how the communities come together. It is a county effort and it seems to get more crowded every year. There was a crowded line at 6:00 A.M. and normal you are fine at that time.

Skip Salone is well deserving of the award that he got. He has done a lot for Newark. He talked about his beginnings. I thought that was very humbling and he was very touched by it. It was well deserved of that, he is a good guy.

Mr. Rath- I went to the Ground Hog Breakfast too and I am thankful for all those that went at 6:00 A.M. because it made it a lot easier for me to get my breakfast at 6:30. He called a Service Committee Meeting.

Mr. Blake- Ms. Rucker did leave but I will take any opportunity to applaud our Police Chief because I think there is momentum in our city about dealing with our drug issues on a mental health level versus just a criminal. I know she is aware of it but I am just going to take the opportunity to applaud our Police Chief for supporting the Newark Addiction Recovery that he has initiated in our community. The volunteers that work with him Colleen and Patty to help them to get to recovery services when they wake up that day and decide they are done with the drugs and the life style they have had and are ready to make a change in their life. We need to get those people into recovery. One of the biggest issues in our community right now is detox beds. Getting someone in a situation where they can detox from whatever their drug of choice may be but then after they detox get them into a rehabilitation program. Shepard's Hill is at capacity. I also sit on the Board of Behavior Health and our services are maxed out. We need facilities and counselors for patients. I am thankful in our community that our law enforcement and mental health professional are coming together as a group to start addressing these things. I know that state resources are coming into play as well. I want to thank our Chief and stay behind him with the direction he has taken our department.

Mr. Bubb- I just want to remind fellow Council members about all of the bizarre emails that we get and to watch what you open, it can be quite a mess. I feel we are as responsible as all of city employees to be careful of that. I went to Pickerington Saturday night and it was very impressive to see a community that came together, it was three quarters full you felt like it was Newark West. It is nice to see a community get behind programs. Shumaker and Quackenbush are phenomenal leaders and they really need to be recognized for their efforts because they are the big time.

Mr. Cost- they are having a great season and that is something we can all be proud of.

President Ellington- the next Committee meeting will be February 13th at 5:30 and the next City Council meeting is Tuesday February 21st because City Hall is closed Monday the 20th for President's Day.

ADJOURNMENT- motion by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Rath. Motion carried by acclamation.