

Rules Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 15, 2020

The Rules Committee met on YouTube streaming via Zoom on Monday, June 15, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Jeremy Blake - Chair
Doug Marmie – Vice Chair
Jeff Harris

We wish to report

Consider Discussion on health and safety considerations for the well being of City Council members, city officials and public participation for the purpose of in person City Council meetings to resume.

A discussion was had by the Rules committee regarding the resuming of in person Council Meetings. President Ellington shared photos of the Council Chambers fitted with plexiglass partitions between each Council Members seat. This meets the States requirements for social distancing. It also allows Council to resume in the Council Chambers which would be a safer more secure environment for the Council Members as well as the citizens. The partitions will be cleaned after every use. The cost of this renovation will be covered by County COVID-19 money, so will be at no cost to the City. The maximum number of citizens permitted in the Council Chambers due to social distancing will be 11 and there will be masks available for them if they do not have their own. Mr. Blake mentioned that Matt Dunham at Newark High School has offered the use of a high definition wide angle camera for the City Council in Council Chambers.

Jeremy Blake, Chair