

## COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 2016

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

**7:00 P.M.**- President Ellington called the Monday May 2, 2016 Newark City Council Meeting to order

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

**INVOCATION** – Mr. Johnson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- President Ellington

**CAUCUS**- Motion by Mrs. Floyd to excuse Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Rath. Motion carried by acclamation

**MINUTES of April 18, 2016**- Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the April 18, 2016 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. Johnson. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Street- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

Rules- **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvements- **Received & Filed**

### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

**Barb Jobses, City Tax Administrator**- income tax reports for the period ending April 15, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Aara Wise**-an email stating her possible solution for the Longaberger Basket building. - **Received & Filed**

**Michael Sobul**- notice of election for 3 seats on the Board of Trustees of the Newark/Granville Community Authority-  
**Received & Filed**

### PUBLIC HEARING

**President Ellington**- opened the public hearing regarding the ordinances below to vacate alleys situated in the City of Newark.

There was no one present either for or against the vacation of either of the alleys.

**President Ellington**- closed the Public Hearing

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

**16-11** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A 16.5 FOOT WIDE ALLEY RUNNING NORTH FROM WEST MAIN STREET, BETWEEN PROPERTIES AT 108 AND 112 WEST MAIN STREET.

**Motion by Mr. Johnson to adopt Ordinance 16-11, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**16-12** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A 12 FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE JOHN McCUNE'S ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 246 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS, LOCATED BETWEEN PROPERTIES AT 301 AND 303 CLINTON STREET.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to adopt Ordinance 16-12, second by Mr. Johnson**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**William Butcher, 263 Union St-** concerned about the potholes on Union Street

**Kay Kittle, 48 N 21<sup>st</sup> St-** she and her husband own Yesterday's Pub and she spoke about the trash and mattresses that are piled up on the property across the street. She stated that the vacant lot has trash clear to the back of the yard and believes that the house with all the trash is being remodeled. She also stated that Mr. Blake has meet her at the property and took pictures as well.

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING**

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

**16-33** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to adopt Resolution 16-33, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

**By: Mr. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath**

**16-34** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION-CI

**Motion to adopt Resolution 16-34 by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Fraizer**

**Mr. Fraizer-** this is a new server that the city needs, needs desperately. I think that we have had the other one for 12 years. I apologize this is Traffic software I thought that it was for the new server

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**16-35** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017OHIO TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAMS: SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) AND THE IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCMENT PROGRAM (IDEP).

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to adopt Resolution 16-35, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**16-36** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

**Motion by Mr. Fraizer to adopt Resolution 16-36, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

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

**16-38** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PAY BILLS ON BEHALF OF DIVISION OF POLICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to adopt Resolution 16-38, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**16-39** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

**Held for a Second Reading**

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

**16-40** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

**Held for a Second Reading**

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

**16-42** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- Expedite

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to waive the two day reading rule for Resolution 16-42, second by Mr. Johnson**

**Mrs. Floyd-** this deals with the health insurance increase that we have and we need to move some funds around and it is necessary to do this as fast as we can.

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 16-42 by Mrs. Floyd, second by Mr. Fraizer**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**16-43** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION-CI

**Held for a Second Reading**

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

**16-44** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND SELL CERTAIN SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 16-44 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Fraizer**

**Mr. Rath-** this is an auction that we periodically have to sell vehicles, bicycles and office furniture scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> and to meet the publication requirement by the deadline we need to expedite this.

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**16-45** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO RAISE THE PREMIUM RATE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS IN ORDER TO PROPERLY FUND THE CITY'S INSURANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to adopt Resolution 16-45, second by Mr. Rath**

**Mrs. Floyd-** this is part of the increase needed to keep our reserve solvent

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**William Butcher, 263 Union St-** concerned about the pot holes on Cherry Valley Rd and that someone's axels will get torn up. He stated he was interested in the auction and asked where and what time it was.

**Kay Kittle, 48 N 21<sup>st</sup> St-** she asked if anyone knew how many residents lived in the City of Newark.

**Mr. Fraizer-** 47,000.00 and some change

**Kay Kittle-** she asked Council to look around the room and how many people were present tonight. She thanked Council for their service

**Jim Amore, 647 Evans St-** on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> we are having a computer recycling event at 123 South Third Street at the Licking County Resource Center. We are accepting old computers, electronics except T.V.'s and no CRT monitors. We will also accept batteries and cell phones. On that date, Saturday, Hudson Avenue is also going to have a yard sale

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Fraizer-** I guess new technology really excites me and 16-43 is the new server we are getting. When we invest in new technology to replace out dated technology to better prepare for the future I kind of jumped the gun on that one. There was a spring clean-up on Saturday. It did rain but five of us went out and cleaned up the Historical Hudson area from Channel to North Street picking up trash. Trash and littering is a huge problem in our community. All it takes is concerned individuals to go out there and try to make a difference and to be that difference in the community. I'd like to go visit your pub and see if I can pick up some trash to do my small part to make our community a better place. If anyone has been to the Master Gardeners plant sale it is great. You can get \$5.00 plants and they are some of the best plants you will ever have. That is at 473 Hudson Ave. It really takes us all making a difference to make our community better. If we had 47,000 people picking up trash and 47,000 people trying to make the community better that is really what it is going to take and what we should strive for. Hopefully we can all make the difference that we want to see.

**Ms. Hall-** I would like to thank Mayor Hall, our Service Director David Rhodes, our Safety Director Bill Spurgeon, Chad Brown and Kristen Reed of the Licking County Health Department and our Property Maintenance Department for their immediate support with two situations in the first ward. One was a railroad car full of trash left in Little Texas that you could smell all the way to East Main Street. The other was a vacant house that had trash in the backyard. We had some residents really upset about this. Typically when a resident calls me with a concern I tell them that these people are really busy I can't get back to you until this afternoon or 2-3 days but everyone jumped on this and got things fixed very quickly. I really appreciate that and the residents wanted me to thank you as well.

**Mr. Johnson-** I want to thank Ms. Kittle for her comments towards the Council and we all agree that we would like to see more participation all the way around, here in Council and in the city.

**Mr. Rath-** thanked Mrs. Kittle as well for the compliment and for sharing her concerns because if you come to us and tell us we can't do anything to help. He called a Service Committee meeting.

**Mr. Blake-** I wanted to remind members of Council and members of the audience that there is a raffle going on for Officer Todd Brunton. You can purchase tickets to help with that raffle and the winning tickets will be announced Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Red Oak Pub where there is a fundraiser going on to help with his treatments. The next words that I want to say are to Kay because I think sometimes Director Spurgeon and his staff do a wonderful job as Dee has explained here and sometimes they do get booked up or behind because the day that we went down and took pictures of that property was April 4<sup>th</sup>. I sent an email to Director Spurgeon, Joe Paul and George Carter the same day because I remember when we were down there the resident wasn't too happy that we were there doing that but we wanted to do that and report the issue. Hopefully Director Spurgeon will work with you to get some resolution to that area.

**Mrs. Floyd-** called a Finance Committee meeting for Mr. Marmie. The Final Friday that was this past Friday turned out to be really successfully considering how chilly it was and by the end of the time they had sold all the tickets for the Chocolate Walk. You could get chocolate from 31 different places. The next Final Friday is on May 27<sup>th</sup> it is the food truck event on Walnut Street; it is also the same night as the opening of the Market Plaza. It should be exciting downtown Newark and really good for the community. This weekend is the fan fest. There is a brochure up in the office that tells what it is all about. It is May 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Basically it is a series of things dealing with film, music and art. Most of the events this year are at The Works. They have artists, vendors, art shows, live music and film screening that is going to be at the Library. They have hands on art demonstrations that people can be involved in. There is a party at The Works on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are a couple of big shows coming up in June. Sticks and Stones which has been around for 50 years will be performing June 11<sup>th</sup> and Three Dog Night on June 24<sup>th</sup>. We have a gem in this community and we need to keep it.

**Mr. Bubb-** called a Personnel Committee

President Ellington- don't forget that Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day do something nice for your mom or somebody's mom, that would be great. The next committee meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> and the next Council meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Thank you for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Rath. Motion was carried by acclamation. 7:32 P.M.