

January 3, 2012  
Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Mr. Rath, Ms. Stare, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Houdeshell, Mrs. Loomis, Mr. Marmie

INVOCATION - Pastor William J. Rauch, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Pastor Rauch

CAUCUS

**Mr. Ellington** - welcomed Mr. Cost and Mr. Guthrie to council; welcomed Mayor Jeff Hall and his cabinet and congratulated our re-elected officials

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Houdeshell, second by Mrs. Loomis minutes of the December 19, 2011, council meeting be approved as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of council has received written summary of same. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPOINTMENTS

Proposed Newark City Council committee assignments:

**Finance**

Marmie - Chair  
Bubb - Vice Chair  
5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Floyd  
Cost

**Service**

Rath - Chair  
Houdeshell - Vice Chair  
5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Bubb  
Stare

**Personnel**

Bubb - Chair  
Floyd - Vice Chair  
Marmie  
Loomis  
Stare

**Street**

Houdeshell - Chair  
Stare - Vice Chair  
Floyd  
Rath  
Loomis  
5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Marmie

**Capital Improvements**

5<sup>th</sup> Ward - Chair  
Houdeshell - Vice Chair  
Loomis  
Rath  
Stare

**Safety**

Guthrie - Chair  
Loomis - Vice Chair  
Rath  
Floyd  
Cost

**Recreation**

Stare - Chair  
Rath - Vice Chair  
Loomis

**Rules**

Cost - Chair  
Rath - Vice Chair  
Loomis

**Economic Development**

Loomis - Chair  
Rath - Vice Chair  
Cost  
Marmie  
Guthrie

**Ways and Means**

Floyd - Chair  
Marmie - Vice Chair  
Cost

**Budget Review**

Mayor - Chair  
Marmie - Vice Chair  
Auditor  
Service Director  
Bubb  
Floyd  
Guthrie

**Co-Chaplains**

Floyd  
Loomis

**President Pro-tem**

Bubb

**Republican Leader**

Marmie

**Democratic Leader**

Floyd

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mrs. Floyd to confirm the appointments; motion carried by acclamation.

Appointment of Diana L. Hufford, Clerk of Council, and Jennifer Long-Holmes, Deputy Clerk of Council, for the 2012 - 2013 term

**ADOPTION OF RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS OF COUNCIL**

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Guthrie to confirm the appointments for the clerk and deputy clerk of council and adoption of council rules; motion carried by a vote of 9 - 0.

**REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance - Received and filed  
Service - Received and filed  
Economic Development - Received and filed  
Personnel - Received and filed

**REPORTS CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor Jeff Hall - State of the City message

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Don Ellington** - tendering his resignation as Fifth Ward Councilman effective midnight December 31, 2011. Received and filed

**Ohio Division of Liquor Control** - submitting application for the transfer of a Class D2, D2X, D3, and D3A liquor permit from John Lee Melton, Sr., dba Inverness Bar, 63 South Fourth Street, to Betty Melton, dba Inverness Bar, 63 South Fourth Street. Received and filed

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Lesla Best** - 205 West Church Street, the new website looks very nice but the content seems to be lacking. Last year I asked for a web cam or video in council chambers; it looks like we have it but there is nowhere on the website to access it.

Since we never sent the letter to American Electric Power (AEP) relative to an aggregation they were supposed to send \$300,000 for community development. We didn't send the letter; did we get the money?

I've heard we're going to pay the YMCA \$40,000 to maintain the pool which is going to be open less than one hundred days per year. What does that \$40,000 entail?

In the last administration was there a deal between Mr. Jackson, parks department, and Mr. Coffman, former service director?

Challenged each council member with tasks for 2012

Hopes council will discuss rental registration and property maintenance in 2012

Thanked council members for serving on council

**David Greene** - 1791 Olympic Court, emphasized attention be paid to sidewalks on the east side and to discussion of property maintenance. There has been some effort to enforce building but serious conversation and implementation of rental registration is something that a lot of people are talking about and you should be talking about.

Would like council and its committees to be discussing a fixed route transit system

#### ORDINANCE ON 2nd READING

11-51 BY: MR. HOUESHELL, MRS. FLOYD, MR. MARMIE, MS. STARE, MRS. KENNEDY

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER, THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$14,090.43 FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR STORMWATER, WATER AND SEWER FEES TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY.**

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mrs. Floyd the ordinance be adopted, 9 yeas

#### ORDINANCE ON 1st READING

12-1 BY: MS. STARE, MR. MARMIE

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING LOT NUMBER 7959, LYNDENWALD ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.**

Held to first reading

#### RESOLUTIONS ON 2nd READING

11-100 BY: MR. MARMIE, MR. HOUESHELL, MRS. FLOYD, MS. STARE, MRS. KENNEDY

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR (WHERE TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF NEWARK) IN STATE CONTRACTS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING HAS ENTERED INTO FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, AND CERTAIN MATERIALS PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04 FOR CY2012.**

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Houdeshell to adopt Resolution No. 11-100 carried by a vote of 9 - 0.

11-103 BY: MR. HOUESHELL, MRS. FLOYD, MR. MARMIE, MS. STARE, MRS. KENNEDY

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.**

Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mrs. Floyd the resolution be adopted, 9 yeas

MISCELLANEOUS

**Stephen E. Johnson** - Auditor, welcomed Mayor Hall, his new administration plus Mr. Cost and Mr. Guthrie, congratulations Mr. Ellington

**Douglas E. Sassen** - Director of Law, welcomed Mr. Guthrie back to council, welcomed Mr. Cost, good luck Mr. Ellington. I look forward to the next year.

**Mr. Rath** - welcome Mr. Guthrie, I look forward to serving with you. Mr. Cost, glad to have you on council and I look forward to working with you. Congratulations Don and Ryan

Called a service committee meeting for next Monday

**Ms. Stare** - welcomed Marc, Bill and I know Don will do a wonderful job. Ryan is right there behind him. I've already told Mayor Hall he's entering into a new adventure. Welcome to the cabinet, too

The Southside Block Watch is pretty active and tomorrow evening will meet at the police station at 6:00 p.m. if anyone wants to attend. A South Side Civic Association has been established; a lot of the businesses down there have joined it; there was some talk of a grant application through this association so they can make some improvements.

One spring the association cleaned under the viaducts so possibly that could be mentioned to the South Side Block Watch tomorrow.

**Mr. Bubb** - wished everyone a happy new year and welcome to the new administration and mayor.

Lesla Best, nothing has been resolved with the new administration about the Hollander Pool. They are going to try to negotiate a contract but no agreement has been made yet. If an agreement is reached it will come to council before it is signed.

**Mr. Cost** - I'm so honored to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Newark and look forward to working with the other council members.

**Mrs. Floyd** - welcomed everybody, Mayor Hall, the new administration and will be glad to work with you. Glad to see Bill and Marc up here, welcome to Don again, Ryan welcome back

My wish is in this year we can work together. We're all working to make Newark the best it can be and in order to do that we all have to work together and be respectful of one another.

**Mr. Guthrie** - it's nice to be back on council. I take very seriously the responsibility the people gave me to come back.

Wished the new administration, cabinet and mayor the absolute best and pledge my cooperation to do everything I can for you and our city to succeed.

Thank you for bringing us a balanced budget and thank you to the city employees for the compromise on their parts, which really allowed us to have a balanced budget.

There are a lot of challenges ahead of us and I'm committed to work with everyone else to deal with those. I visited the bath house at the Hollander Pool and am very committed to get that pool open this year and think it is essential for our children to have a good, safe place to go. I'm confident the administration is going to get that open; we're going to work together to make that happen.

The Johnny Clem house at 26 Harrison Street is in deplorable condition. Sometime during the next couple of weeks we're going to meet with the new administration and talk about what we might do to at least buy some time before that property is demolished; it's a red X property. It's the birthplace of one of Newark's most famous folks.

The rental registration issue deserves a thorough discussion. As chair of the safety committee, that wouldn't be a bad committee for a discussion to occur.

The safety committee needs to take a look at this issue of texting while driving. It would be neat if Newark and Heath could do something together on that subject and Mayor Johns was intrigued by the thought.

Called a safety committee meeting for next Monday to discuss texting

**Mr. Houdeshell** - welcome everybody to the new people, it's nice to have some people back.

I've been working on the sidewalks but we haven't gotten community development to do a lot for us. A lot of places in the east end don't have sidewalks; some will have inadequate sidewalks and one has a telephone pole in the middle of it.

With a new liner in the Hollander Pool that should make it easier to get it up and running.

**Mrs. Loomis** - happy new year to everyone

Mrs. Floyd is right; we are diverse but united and can agree to disagree many times.

I believe rental registration should be in economic development committee.

**Mr. Marmie** - finance committee is meeting January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers

Welcome back to Mr. Guthrie. Welcome to the new administration, to Mr. Cost, Mayor Hall, Mr. Bubb, and to Mr. Ellington on his new position. Let's all try to work together as a team and not pit the administration against council.

I really want Hollander pool to be open this year but I also want to not spend taxpayers' dollars in a way that it isn't going to benefit the community; I want a plan, plain and simple. Since I've been on council we've spent about \$500,000 on that pool. We can't spend another \$500,000 in the next ten years.

In the future I really think there's a lot that can be done and welcome the discussion and debate about different things. Rental registration is one of those things. When discussing anything I would like to see what is the purpose of it and how can it be enforced fairly. What are the expected outcomes?

I look forward to the new year and working with everyone.

**Mr. Ellington** - thank you all for coming to be a part of your city government, we appreciate it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.