

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 10, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON PRESIDING. MR. JOHNSON OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MS. SANDRA COX
MR. BILL ELLWOOD
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2004 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for December 2004.
2. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for December 2004.
3. A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting a transfer of a C1 permit to Zoom Petroleum LLC, DBA Ricardo's, 205 Commercial Ave. SE, New Philadelphia, transferred from Goshen Dairy Stores, Inc. DBA Goshen Dairy Store, 205 Commercial Ave. SE, and asking that objections be made no later than January 24, 2005.
4. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for December 2004.
5. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for December 2004.
6. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for December 2004.
7. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of January 6, 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 28 through January 10, 2005. Reported that he attended the monthly meeting of Main Street, where it was announced that the Italian-American Festival is moving to Dover. Reported that, on January 6 & 7, he closely monitored the high water areas within the City. He relinquished the floor to Council Member Darrin Lautenschleger, who on behalf of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, explained what will occur over the next several years to help alleviate the flooding in this area. Mayor Brodzinski requested an Executive Session tonight to discuss salaries and personnel. Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to go into Executive Session following the reading of legislation to discuss personnel and salaries. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Gave a year-end report of the activities of his office, including building permits, water & sewer permits, and tree removal permits.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that he is working with General Services Superintendent Fred Neff to have reflective markers placed on South Broadway to help with nighttime visibility. Mr. Houston asked if the city is adequately covered since the layoff of three firefighters. Mr. Popham said not much has changed in fire protection since the layoff except for 1 man on each shift. The same amount of firefighters will still respond to emergencies.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her December reports, and informed everyone that she has distributed revised copies of June through November reports.

TREASURERMR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his December reports. Mr. Houston made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s and Auditor’s Reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he will request an Executive Session at the next regular session to discuss litigation. Requested that President Johnson assign the issue of strip mining within the city. Mr. Houston asked Mr. Johnson to explain the break down in taxes in relation to Resolution 44-2004.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the January meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the January meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Informed Council that Ted Gentsch and Dee Grossman-Tasker have both been re-appointed to four-year terms, and County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl to a one-year term. The Commission will meet January 11, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

PARK BOARDMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet January 18, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at the park office.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet January 12, 2005 in the Health Department at noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the Public Defender’s Contract renewal. The Committee voted to approve the contract without an increase.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . .MR. ROB MAURER . . . NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the issue of strip mining within the City.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting January 6 to discuss Resolution 44-2004. The Committee voted to approve the resolution as an emergency.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BILL ELLWOOD NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Jason Malterer, 548 Ray Ave. Rear NE New Philadelphia, thanked the Mayor for speaking with him about a water problem on Forbes St. NE. He asked if he could put in a shut-off for the drain there. Mayor Brodzinski said to let the city know if he chooses to do that.

Annie Slauson, 269 Forbes St. NE New Philadelphia, said the former drain has collapsed, and something needs to be done. Mayor Brodzinski said the city will look at the problem in the spring.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

57-2004 An ordinance by Council for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to repeal existing Chapter 971 and enacting new Section 971, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

1-2005 An ordinance by Council for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to repeal existing Chapter 931.03 and Chapter 933.031 and enacting new Section 931.03 and new Chapter 933.031, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

44-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an agreement with the Goshen Township Trustees to permit division of real estate taxes based on the standard compensation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.19 for the annexation of an adjacent 4.628 acre tract of land located in Goshen Township, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

1-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Frank Fitzpatrick for his years of service through the New Philadelphia Civil Service Commission, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

AT 8:03 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND SALARIES. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:53 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 24, 2005

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____