

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 23, 2006 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: MR. BOB CONNER
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. JIMMY EICHEL
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER.

COUNCILMAN DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2006 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. December 2005 Summary of Reports for the New Philadelphia Fire Department.
2. Tuscora Park Board Meeting minutes of November 16, 2005.
3. Airport Commission meeting minutes of November 8, 2005.
4. Salary Committee meeting minutes of January 9, 2006.
5. 2005 reports from the following departments: Health, Police, Park, Wastewater, General Services, Cemetery, Water, and Fire.

Council President Dave Johnson thanked Mayor Brodzinski for allowing the Department Supervisors to come before Council and give their reports on their individual department activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORTMAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from January 9 through January 23, 2006. Reported that he met January 11 with representatives of Aultcare to address the rising cost of employee insurance. He informed Council that the cost this year is to increase by approximately \$225,000. Attempts will be made to search for a new provider and to see what changes in benefits can be made.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Submitted a report of building permits and fees that were taken in his department for the year 2005, and reminded Council that the Public Works Committee will be reviewing the rates to determine if increases should be made. Mr. Johnson asked the status of the Beaver Dam Creek cleanup. Mr. Espenschied said the employee operating the Gradall slipped into the Creek because of soggy ground, and the Gradall was damaged and has been returned to Gradall for repairs. He said he is thankful that the employee was not injured. He is seeking costs from several contractors to complete the project. Mayor Brodzinski said he hopes to have the project completed by March 15.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Ordinance 4-2006 and Resolution 2-2006.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he is working on an easement for the church at Springbrook In response to questions raised at the last meeting, he said the City has no ordinance concerning vagrancy, that state statutes are used if necessary. Reported that paint ball guns are illegal, and users will be cited if caught. Ms. Cox asked what effect it would have on the city if state law concerning residency changes. Mr. Johnson said the city will take a “wait & see” approach before any negotiations begin at the end of the year, and he advised employees to do the same.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Ms. Wyrie said this will be her last report, as she has resigned from her position with Main Street. She reported on the year 2005. Ms. Wyrie thanked Mayor Brodzinski and his Administration, Council Members, Department Supervisors, and the Media for their assistance in operating Main Street. Mayor Brodzinski commended Ms. Wyrie for her efforts in promoting the City of New Philadelphia.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet February 8, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in the Art Cicconetti Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet February 14, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting January 10, 2006. Resolution 1-2006, alternative leasing for private hangars, was discussed. It was reported that the Airport Restaurant is doing well. All rental fees are current. Mr. Locker presented a petition for a traffic light at Bowers Ave. and Wabash Ave.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER ABSENT

Will meet January 25, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Park.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet February 8, 2006 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX. NO REPORT

Reported meeting tonight jointly with the Public Works Committee to discuss Resolution 2-2006, Ordinance 4-2006, and Ordinance 1-2006. All issues were approved by the Committee. Mr. Johnson assigned a request from the Law Director to review the Public Defender’s contract.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Made a motion to amend Ordinance 39-2005. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance amended.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a request from the Safety Director to review a possible new ambulance in the Fire Department, and the petition for a traffic light at Wabash & Bowers Aves.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER.
ABSENT NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON. NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a request for change of rules for properties for condominiums.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BOB CONNER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss resolutions of commendation for Harvey Wilhelm and Pauline Wyrle.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL

Will meet soon to discuss canal land.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 39-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to all crossing guards, park security personnel and seasonal employees in the amount of 3.0% increase for the calendar year 2006, and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 1-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of three (3) motor vehicles properly equipped for use in the Police Department, in 2006, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 2-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Service Director to seek bids for selective harvest of trees on an approximately 33-acre tract of city-owned property located behind Snazzy Circle SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio with the authority to accept and or reject any bids for the sale of standing timber, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 3-2006 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Joint County Public Defender's office for the provision of legal representation for indigents charged with violations of New Philadelphia City ordinances in the Municipal Court where such offenses carry a possible loss of liberty, establishing compensation and terms thereof, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

- 4-2006 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2006 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Eichel. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Eichel. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 41-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Merle Thomas Alpeter for his years of service as supervisor of New Philadelphia Waste Water Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 42-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to encourage funding for Beaver Dam Creek basin study and remedial work, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 1-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to encourage the Airport Commission to explore and look for alternative leasing for private hangars at the New Philadelphia City Airport, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 2-2006 A resolution declaring the necessity to request an advance of \$850,000.00 from the County Auditor on the February 2006 Real Estate Tax Settlement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Eichel. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 3-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize additional payment to the Mayor for health insurance cost, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 4-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Pauline Wyrle for her service to the City of New Philadelphia through Main Street which has promoted not only the downtown but the entire City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Eichel, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 5-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Harvey Wilhelm, a long-time volunteer and friend to the New Philadelphia City Schools and New Philadelphia City Park for his volunteerism and years of dedication to the City of New Philadelphia and especially the park system, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 13, 2006

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____