

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 13, 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. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. JIMMY EICHEL
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006 WERE RECEIVED AND APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK PRO TEM MARY JO FRAGASSE

1. The Treasurer's Report for February 2006.
2. The Auditor's Monthly Statement for February 2006.
3. A legislative bulletin from the Ohio Municipal League dated March 10, 2006. 2006.
4. Salary Committee meeting minutes of March 8, 2006.
5. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of February 22, 2006.
6. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting minutes of March 7, 2006.
7. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of February 27, 2006.
8. Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 8, 2006.
9. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for February 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from February 27 through March 13, 2006. Reported receiving a letter from the Alamo Group thanking the Mayor for his letter welcoming them to the City. Relinquished the floor to Harry Eadon of the Port Authority, representing the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce, to present the 20/20 program.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he has received word that the Army Corps of Engineers has met with legislators concerning the feasibility study for the Beaver Dam Creek. Reminded all residents to obtain a building permit before doing any projects on their property. He said he has received calls concerning the Sidewalk Replacement Program, and applications will be available after April 1. Reported that he has received an updated plat for Phase 2 of the DJW Development, which will need Council's approval.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her February 2006 reports.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his February 2006 reports. Mr. Eichel made a motion to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Relinquished the floor to City Prosecutor Jim Range, who gave a report of the cases handled in his office, and the personnel used in those cases.

MAIN STREET MS. BETH CATOLA

Reported that the annual "Art On The Square" will be held June 9-11, 2006. Ms. Catola outlined the activities and responsibilities of Main Street, and explained how it is used to promote the City of New Philadelphia.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet April 12, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in the Art Cicconetti Council Chambers.

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

Reported meeting March 7 with 4 variances heard, and all were approved.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting February 14, 2006.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX.

Will meet March 20, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Ordinances 11-2006 and 12-2006.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting March 8, 2006 to discuss employee performance reviews. Information was given to Mayor Brodzinski, and he will report back to the Committee for another meeting in the future.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss an update of the fire code. The Committee approved changes in the wording of Codified Ordinance Section 1511.04(b), and the changes were given to Law Director Mike Johnson to put into ordinance form. Also discussed was a request by the Police Chief for a Krimescope. Chief Urban will pursue a grant before Council's decision to purchase. Lastly, the Committee discussed the purchase of a new ambulance and equipment. The Committee voted to proceed with the bidding process for a new ambulance and equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss building permit fees and other fees in the Service Director's office. The Committee recommends that an ordinance be drawn up outlining the new fee structure approved by Committee.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Scheduled a meeting for March 20, 2006 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting at 6:30 P.M. to discuss a request for alley vacation on land off West High Avenue.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER .

Reported meeting March 8 to discuss the banner program throughout the downtown. The Committee requested that Main Street prepare an agreement for approval. Also discussed were proposed changes to Codified Ordinance Chapter 753, dealing with solicitors and peddlers. The Committee approved the proposed changes, and they will forward them to the Law Director for review.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook Dr. SW, New Philadelphia, said there is a lot of activity around the sump hole on Springbrook and wanted to know what is happening there. Service Director Gary Espenschied said he has been looking at the storm sewer that provides service on Springbrook, and surveys have been taken to determine if the lines can be connected from each side of Springbrook. He said they were cameraing and cleaning out the pipe.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 5-2006 An ordinance to vacate an unnamed unimproved platted alley located to the west side of North Broadway between North Avenue NW and Cedar Lane NW to the south to be vacated from North Broadway through First Drive NW and to provide ownership of the alley to the adjacent property owners, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 7-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio accepting the D.J.W. Development Phase Two Plat, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

8-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact Ordinance 339-11 – Use of Engine Compression Brakes prohibited to the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Public Works Committee.

10-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for a FY2006 CHIP grant and to enter into an agreement with the successful proposer to prepare such application and to administer and implement the CHIP should the city receive the grant, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

11-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to limit the Director of Public Service making contracts in excess of \$7,500.00, a limit lesser than permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 735.05, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

12-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to limit the authority of the Board of Control granted under 733.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to amounts of \$7,500.00 or less and requiring competitive bidding for all amounts in excess of \$7,500.00 and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Mr. Conner spoke in favor of Ordinances 11-2006 and 12-2006. He credited department heads for keeping within their budget, but said the city needs to solve fiscal problems by planning for the future. He said Council needs to accept the responsibility of managing the budget, and the citizens want sound, fiscal management. Ordinances 11-2006 and 12-2006 are the first steps in taking control of spending.

13-2006 An ordinance addressing and clarifying the Public Employees Retirement System (P.E.R.S.) pick-up for employees of the New Philadelphia Municipal Court, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this ordinance to the Salary Committee.

RESOLUTIONS:

7-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to thank the Gradall Company, its employees, the County Engineer and his employees for the help and donations of service and equipment to allow the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to clean the Beaver Dam Creek of debris, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

8-2006 A resolution to welcome Alamo Group, Inc. to New Philadelphia, Ohio. (1st Reading)

9-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio adopting the National Incident Management System. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Public Works Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Houston said he wanted to thank the New Philadelphia Fire Department for their response in aiding his wife earlier this evening. He asked Mr. Popham to relay his appreciation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:44 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED March 27, 2006

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____

