

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 10, 2023 WITH PRESIDENT KEMP PRESIDING. COUNCILMAN HOLLAND OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND  
MR. DAN LANZER  
MRS. AIMEE MAY  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MR. KELLY RICKLIC  
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENSES COUNCILMAN MITCH PACE

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 7-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA  
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
ORDINANCE 7-2023 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA WITH THE  
ADDITION  
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27,2023  
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL  
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION  
5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAINED (MR. RICKLIC)  
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN  
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated March 28, 2023. This is the Investment and Savings Report for March of 2023.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Law Director Fete, dated April 10, 2023. This is an email titled “Legal Opinion on Virtual Meetings”.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator for the City Vickie Daniels, dated April 4, 2023. This is the March Income Tax Report.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Heather Denham with the Auditor’s Office, dated April 4, 2023. This is an email titled “Month-end Report Three Updates” with The Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date Totals, Expense Report with Encumbrance Details, and Employee Reimbursements as attachments.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Assistant to the Service Director Jonalee Fernatt, dated April 10, 2023. This is the 2023 Paving List.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated April 10, 2023. The Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR JOEL B. DAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE  
Mayor Day had the following report:

***Extending City Services to the NP Schools' New Bus Garage***

City administrators recently met with officials of New Philadelphia City Schools to discuss extending City water and sewer services to the school district's new bus garage. The garage is located outside of the City on State Route 416 in Goshen Township. We explained that providing the services requires the approval of City Council because of it being outside of the corporate limits. We also urged them to find a way to annex the bus garage property into the City. Otherwise, the water and sewer rates would be two-and-a-half times the rate for in-city users. We agreed that, if Council approves the extension, the City would provide the materials necessary, such as pipe and manholes, but the school district would have to pay the costs for engineering design and construction. The school officials said the information we provided will be taken to the New Philadelphia school board to consider.

***An Opportunity to Actually Touch What You Bought***

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. That's when the New Philadelphia Fire Department will have its Push-In Ceremony for the new Pierce ladder truck. The purchase of the \$1.8 million dollar truck is being financed by the First Federal Community Bank with a 20-year loan, which is being paid back with your City tax dollars. So, the Push-In Ceremony will give you an opportunity to actually touch what you bought. The new Pierce replaces the old ladder truck, which was sold to a fire department in Kansas. The old truck was over 20 years old and was frequently out of service to be repaired. A fire department's job is to protect people and property. The growth of our manufacturers in the City made the purchase of the new ladder truck necessary.

***Promotional Tests Scheduled for Police Chief, Captain, and Sergeant***

On Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the City Civil Service Commission will be conducting promotional tests for these positions in the City Police Department: Chief, Captain and Sergeant. Current Chief Mike Goodwin is scheduled to retire in July. His retirement will open positions at all three command levels. The plan is to conduct the exams now, so that the officers have enough time to train in their new positions.

***Commending a City Supervisor Who Goes Above and Beyond His Duties***

President Kemp, I would like to ask City General Services Superintendent Ray Grewell to join me here at the podium for a special presentation. The City of New Philadelphia is blessed with department heads that deeply care about the welfare of our City and our citizens. Superintendent Ray Grewell is among them. And at the urging of his employees in General Services, I am presenting him with a Certificate of Commendation for his recent repair of the flashing traffic lights near Tuscora Park. It states:

Certificate of Commendation given this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

On behalf of the residents of the City of New Philadelphia, Mayor Joel B. Day is pleased to commend Ray Grewell for his outstanding leadership of the General Services Department and his dedication and commitment to our residents. Ray consistently goes above and beyond what is asked of him, leading his employees by example. One instance of this is the flashing lights on North Broadway at Tuscora Park. Ray took it upon himself to take them down, rewire them, and clean them up to get them working like new. As Ray's employees recently stated in a letter, "He is a great boss and a true leader and is someone who takes pride in the City, in how it looks and operates." We are truly grateful to Ray for all that he does on a daily basis for the City of New Philadelphia and for his General Services staff.

***\*Mayor Day invited Mr. Grewell to the podium where he presented him with the Commendation.***

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I just want to thank Ray also. I've talked to a lot of citizens who have commented on how professional Mr. Grewell is and how much he has helped them out with any problems that they have had.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I've had the opportunity to work closely with Ray over the past 8 years. What a tremendous work ethic he has. He's very professional in attitude and he's a thinker. It's on his mind all the time to come up with ideas for ways of improving the service to the community.

Mr. McAbier had the following comment:

I've worked with Superintendent Grewell for just over 7 years. He's very professional. That hits the nail on the head with that.

SERVICE DIRECTOR..... Service Director Ron McAbier:

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

The last Council meeting we were doing the same thing in General Services with the storms. Last week the same type of event that involved some personal property, just trees that fell and we were able to cut up. Also, today they started hot mix at Newton's, so we'll go to hot mix now for patching which is more permanent. If anyone knows of anything or sees anything please contact myself or Mr. Grewell. Also, April 3<sup>rd</sup> we started the Sidewalk Replacement Program. I just want to make it public so it gets out to the citizens and lets them know it's available. You can turn in applications until May 31<sup>st</sup> and then we'll go out, grade them, and get those completed. I want to go over the 2023 Paving List. I believe last Council meeting we talked about the small cities and the legislation that needed passed. What we have here is the City budget, which we do bare some in that Small Cities, but overall will be paving just north of \$1.6 million. Hopefully that will make a dent in our streets. I know there are streets out there that could have been done, but we can only do so much. If we could do more we would.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

From the Mayor's Report where it said the City Administrators met with the school officials, what's the distance between where the waterline ends on Commercial Avenue and the sewer line ends?

Service Director McAbier said he would get those exact numbers and email everybody.

Mr. Ricklic had another question:

Will there be a lift station required?

Service Director McAbier they won't know the answer to that until it gets engineered.

AUDITOR .....MS. BETH GUNDY

Mrs. Gundy had the following report:

The utility and water office is converting to the same software that my office uses, and that's going to be the last week of April. That's going to mean that my office is shut down. We can't use our payroll or accounting while they're doing the conversion at all. Because we're going to be shut down we're not going to be there. I will be on vacation out of state next week, the others won't be here at the office, and I won't be at the next meeting.

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

TREASURER . . . MR. TOM GERBER.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers tomorrow at 1:00pm. Some of The things on the Agenda: they'll look at the zoning of the former Times Reporter building and see What needs to be done there to accommodate the new owners; also a discussion about extending City Utilities to a property on Rieser Avenue and East High, and also the New Philadelphia Schools Bus Garage.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet tomorrow night at 5:00PM here in Council Chambers With one variance request to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER

The Airport Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers tomorrow night at 6:00 PM.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

Service Director McAbier had the following comment:

I spoke with Councilman Pace today. The trout come in for the Trout Derby on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Trout Derby is on April 29<sup>th</sup>, so there will be "no fishing" signs up for two days.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

HEALTH BOARD ..... MR. DEAN HOLLAND

The Health Board will be meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Council Chambers. The Public is welcome.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Finance Committee met this evening at 7:00 PM with one item on the Agenda, Proposed Ordinance 7-2023. This is an Ordinance for creating a Credit Memo Clearing Fund. A little discussion going back and forth with only one question that needs to be answered by the Auditor, to find out how the shown on the bill. We voted to add it to the Agenda this evening and pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER...NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

Dominion Energy is required to inspect all outside equipment related to their energy service. Dominion Energy employee will be conducting these inspections of residential and commercial properties. As a side note all Dominion Employees are required to carry a Dominion Identification. If it is requested they must show it. If they don't, we encourage all citizens of New Philadelphia to contact the New Philadelphia Police Department to advise them that perhaps it's being misrepresented. Dominion Energy can be contacted if anyone has any questions.

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS.....NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE.....NO REPORT.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MR. STEVE RIPPETH

Mr. Rippeth had the following comment:

The Committee met tonight at 6:45 in Council Chambers. We had one item on the Agenda; discussion of the Liquor License Renewal Request for 5DUBCO LLC doing business as Brickyard Dining. We discussed the fact that neither the Police Chief and the Health Department had no reason to request a hearing. So the Committee voted to ask for floor vote tonight to allow the Clerk of Council to go ahead and sent the form back stating we do not request a Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE  
6 YEAS

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

As a point of information, what Mr. Rippeth is asking for is whether or not this is to be deferred to a Committee Hearing. So we are now voting to forward this to a Committee for a hearing not approve anything?

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

My understanding is that we don't approve the Liquor Licenses, we say whether we want a hearing or not. We voted that we don't request a hearing.

Mr. Rippeth made the following statement:

We are essentially telling the Board of Liquor Control that we don't want to have a hearing with them.

Mr. Holland to President Kemp:

Might I suggest a revote, because that's not what the vote is reflecting?

Mrs. Ramos:

The vote is reflecting that we don't want a hearing.

Mr. Holland:

If you do not want a hearing you would be voting "no" not yes.

MR. RICKLIC MADE A MOTION TO DO A REVOTE

Mrs. Ramos:

My motion was to have the Clerk send back the form marked "no hearing requested". The vote would be "yes, we want her to send back the form marked No Hearing".

Mr. Rippeth:

On the form that we received there are two boxes; one for "yes we wish to have a hearing" and one for "no, we do not wish to have a hearing". The motion is to authorize the Clerk of Council to mark the box that we do not wish to have a hearing and forward that to the Board of Liquor Control.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

So, Mr. Holland is requesting a revote the opposite direction?

Mr. Rippeth: No, let me restate what we are voting on: We are requesting a floor vote to authorize the Clerk of Council return the form marked that we do not wish to have a hearing.

MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION  
5 YEAS (MR. HOLLAND VOTED NAY)  
THE REVOTE IS APPROVED

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST  
5 YEAS 1 NAY (MR. HOLLAND)  
THERE IS NO HEARING REQUESTED FOR THIS LIQUOR LICENSE

Mr. Rippeth:

We adjourned that meeting at 6:48 PM.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS** NONE

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

For the Citizens of New Philadelphia, AEP is going to raise their rates approximately 27%. We advise everyone to go online to Apples to Apples and check your rates to help yourself before it's too late. I have forwarded that website to the Clerk so she can post it on our Facebook page. It's to help the Citizens make the best choices and protect their money.

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCES:

7-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY FUND, CALLED "CREDIT MEMO CLEARING FUND" FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING OVERPAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS AND APPLYING THOSE CREDITS BACK TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

5-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AT HARRY CLEVER FIELD AIRPORT  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:02 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Courtright

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Kemp