

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 9, 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. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER.

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 29, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

MR. HOUSTON MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT DIANE ROUDEBUSH AS CLERK OF COUNCIL. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. LOCKER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT GEORGE HOUSTON AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS 1 ABSTENTION, MOTION PASSED.

MR. LOCKER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Parks & Cemetery Committee meeting minutes of December 29, 2005.
2. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for December 2005.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 29, 2005.
4. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of December 29, 2005.
5. Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for December 2005.
6. Auditor's Financial Statement for December 2005.
7. Treasurer's Reconciliation for December 2005.
8. Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for December 2005.
9. A corrected report of the Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for November 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 29 through January 9, 2006. Reported that on December 31 he participated in the Main Street at Midnight on New Year's Eve. Reported that on January 5, he

attended the monthly meeting of Main Street, where it was announced that Director Pauline Wyrle has resigned. He thanked Ms. Wyrle and wished her the best of luck in new endeavors. Reported that bids will be taken again for the high-tech park, since the previous bids came in over the engineer's estimate. Reported that on January 6 he attended the meeting of the Solid Waste District, where the city's request for \$94,000 for recycling was approved. He reported that Ordinance 39-2005 includes all part-time summer help, lifeguards, leaf pickup, etc. Requested an Executive Session tonight to discuss personnel. Mr. Eichel questioned whether or not the recycling program is to continue. Mayor Brodzinski said funds are set for 2005, and he is attempting to get the program to pay for itself. Ms. Cox made a motion to go into Executive Session immediately following the reading of legislation. Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Informed Council that he submitted a bid for a mower from the Tuscarawas County Commissioners, but was out bid. Gave a report of the activities of his office for 2005. Informed Council that the Beaver Dam Creek cleanup will begin next week.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Informed Council that 2 new police patrolmen have completed their training, and are on their own.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her December reports.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the January meeting was cancelled because there was no business.

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

Announced that there will be no meeting in January because there is no business.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet in January. Mr. Lautenschleger reported that a grant has been received for handicapped accessible playground equipment.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet January 11, 2006 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX. NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned, jointly with the Public Works Committee, the purchase of police cruisers.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 39-2005 and the proposed employee handbook. The Committee agreed to hold Ordinance 39-2005 until it can be clarified which employees are to be included. Concerning the employee handbook, Council members are encouraged to put any comments or changes in writing, and get them to the Steering Committee so that changes can be made before the handbook is approved.

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

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

Mr. Johnson assigned the request by Service Director Gary Espenschied to review building permit fees and other fees required by his office.

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

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BOB CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the expansion of canal land.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

William Baumgardner, 429 Beitler NE, New Philadelphia, asked what can be done about a homeless man that is walking the city streets. He asked if he qualifies as a vagrant. Law Director Mike Johnson said he will look at this, but advised there may be little the city can do if the man chooses not to accept help. Mr. Baumgardner asked, also, if there are laws concerning the use of paint ball guns. He said his home was damaged because the paint balls were frozen. Mr. Johnson will also review the city's ordinance before making a ruling, and advised Mr. Baumgardner to report to the police if he can identify the individual. He said he called the police, but was advised there was nothing they could do. Mr. Baumgardner said he had a possible lead, but the officer did not want to follow up. Mr. Johnson & Mr. Popham advised him to call their office if he feels the officer was negligent.

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook SW, New Philadelphia, said in December 2005 the city addressed the dredging and installing a fence around the sump hole on Springbrook, and there is now a hole in the fence. In addition, he has noticed there is dumping on the property also. Mr. Espenschied said he spoke with the contractor and the hole will be drained so that equipment can be put into it to drain the silt. Mr. Espenschied said, in regards to long term plans, he is seeking estimates on how to proceed.

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. (3rd Reading)

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. (2nd Reading)
- 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. (2nd Reading)
- 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. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this resolution to Mr. Locker, who will take it to the Airport Commission.

AT 8:05 COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:10 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Eichel asked if anyone will be coming into the city to run the recycling program on a trial basis. Mayor Brodzinski said there are no plans for that. He reminded everyone that recycling is a part of the Sanitation Department, and the Public Works Committee will be reviewing the sanitation department and budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Houston said he would like to see either a resolution by council or a plaque to honor Harvey Wilhelm, deceased employee of the Park, who was greatly appreciated and is missed by everyone. Mr. Lautenschleger agreed, saying that the Park Board has discussed the matter, but nothing has been done yet. Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Special/Contact Committee.+

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 23, 2006

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____