

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 9TH, 2012 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK WELCOMED EVERYONE.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCED TREASURER, MR. DAVE JOHNSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER, MR. JOHN ZUCAL ARE EXCUSED FROM TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX
MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA.

MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED

MS.ESPENSCHIED MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION HELD DECEMBER 27TH, 2011 AND MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA MCKAY

1. Mayor's Report/Requests to Council dated January 9th, 2012
2. Invitation to Council from Dave Yost, State of Ohio Auditor, to attend a mandatory Certified Public Records Training, January 18th 2012 at the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Service Support Center from 10:00 AM to 1:15 PM designee for the training is Clerk, Patricia McKay for the following: Winnie Walker, John Zucal, Dan Lanzer, Colleen Espenschied and Rob Maurer (Sam Hitchcock, Sandy Cox, and Darrin Lautenschleger will be attending the training session)
3. Notice of a Grant Award dated January 4th, 2012 from the Canton City Health Department to the New Philadelphia City Health Department in the amount of \$24,644.50 for HIV Testing
4. Notice of Public Hearing No. 1, Monday February 13th, 2012 at 7:00 PM in City Council Chambers in regard to the CDBG and Home Programs
5. Airport Commission Meeting Minutes from November 8th, 2011, October 11th, 2011 , September 13th, 2011 and August 9th, 2011 (no meeting in the month of December 2011)
6. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for the Month of December, 2011
7. Correspondence from the Service Director in regard to the Community Development Block Grant FY 2011
8. Finance Committee meeting Minutes from December 27th, 2011
9. Mayors Monthly Statement to Council for the Month of December 2011

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(President of Council, Sam Hitchcock requested Council Members to disregard the Committee Assignments list they received in their packets. The Committee Assignment list has been revised as far as the alternates are concerned.)

MS. COX MADE A MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

APPOINTMENT OF THE PRO TEM FOR CITY COUNCIL

MS. WALKER MADE A MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. COX FOR PRO-TEM OF CITY COUNCIL MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS. (MS. COX DID NOT VOTE) MOTION PASSED.

(President of Council, Sam Hitchcock announced that the Council Members would receive an updated list in their mail slots.)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUEST.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and he is looking forward to a good 2012.

- The Mayor requested Council go into an Executive Session this evening at the conclusion of the Legislative portion of the meeting to discuss negotiations and land acquisitions also personnel.
- Mayor Taylor thanked Judge Edward O’Farrell for giving his time to swear in all the newly elected or re-elected New Philadelphia officials. .
- The Mayor reported we are still in the estimating and discussion stages with ODOT to ascertain the possibility to consider a major Storm Sewer Project in conjunction with the West High Widening Project scheduled for 2014 construction. The Mayor reported a project of this type would be one method to eliminate most of the flooding that occurs at Five Points in heavy rains. The Mayor stated if this project proves unfeasible, the City will have to further examine alternatives to deal with the issue.
- The Mayor announced he re-appointed Ed Breehl, Craig Barnett and Harry Matter to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Mayor stated he appreciated their willingness to continue to volunteer.
- The Mayor requested the Council President assign to Committee the re-appointment of Tom Farbizo and Dr. Richard Varrati to the Airport Commission. The Mayor announced that they are both longtime volunteers. Mayor Taylor encouraged the Committee and full Council to ratify both these appointments.
- The Mayor reported that the City’s natural gas fixed rate through Constellation New Energy will be \$4.95 per Mcf starting in June of this year and continuing for the following 12 months. Information as to signing up for this for New Philadelphia residents not currently in the Gas Aggregation Program will be forth coming. Residents already in the City’s Gas Aggregation Program paying the \$5.89 Mcf. will continue at that rate through this May and then be automatically rolled over to the new rate for the next 12 months. The Mayor stated that anyone can get out of the City’s Gas Aggregation Program at any time without fees or penalties to do so.

The Mayor expanded on the Health Department Grant Award notice that was received today from the Canton City Health Department that the clerk read as correspondence.

“Canton City Health Department gets approximately \$100,000 in Federal Funding. They are able to give this money out to agencies that apply for it. The purpose of this Grant, that was applied for by Vickie Ionno, Health Commissioner, is to do anonymous HIV testing.”

Anyone can request to be tested for HIV. It is a 20 minute test.

The inside of your mouth is swabbed.

You wait while test is processed and the results of the test determine if you are positive or you are not.

The tests will be offered at a nominal fee.

The Grant will be used to make anonymous HIV testing available to the public.

We will be the only Health Agency in Tuscarawas County that offers this program. The Mayor reported the **\$\$24,644.50** can be used for our Administrative Costs so in addition to purchasing the testing Kit we can take some of this grant money to cover our overhead to operate our Health Department. The Mayor gave Vickie Ionno credit for being aggressive enough to seek this type of funding for the City’s Health Department.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director reported on the following:

- The Housing Review Team met on January 4th, 2012 and looked at 6 structures. There were several letters that were sent out to the property owners. He hopes to take the Law Director with him this Wednesday to look at some of these dilapidated structures.
- Mr. Zucal reported he has been working on 2 projects
 1. West High Avenue Widening Project and related storm sewer issues.
 2. This year’s CDBG Plans are being finalized.

On January 23rd at the next City Council meeting the Service Director will provide a list of accomplishments, infrastructure additions for 2011.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

The Safety Director reported for the Fire Department all paper work has been completed last week The Ford/Horton Ambulance, chassis Year 2006, is now being advertised on the state e. gov. site.

The Police Department is currently going through an eligibility list, doing back ground investigations, to choose a replacement for Officer Rich Calderon who recently retired.

TREASURERMR. DAVE JOHNSON.....NO REPORT
EXCUSED ABSENCE

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

Mayor Taylor announced the next Planning Commission Meeting is tentatively set for February 14th, 2012 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda. The January 10th, 2012 meeting was cancelled there was no agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced providing there is an agenda, the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14th, 2012, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. The January 10th 2012 meeting was cancelled as there were no variance request.

AIRPORT COMMISSION..... MR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

Excused Absence

Ms. Espenschied announced the next Airport Commission Meeting will be held in January 10th, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Airport Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced the January Park Board meeting will be held on January 18th, 2012 at the Tuscora Park Office at 7:00 PM.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the Health Board will meet Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDY COX

The Mayor's request for an Executive Session.

Ms. Cox made a motion to go into an Executive Session

to discuss negotiations, land acquisitions and personnel at the conclusion of the Legislative portion of the meeting.

Mr. Maurer Seconded the motion.

Roll Call 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Ms. Cox reported the Finance Committee met this evening at 6:35 PM in Council Chambers with 2 items to discuss.

First Item: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for a FY 2012 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant and to enter into an agreement with successful proposer to prepare such application and to administer and implement the CHIP should the city receive the grant. (Application is due in Columbus March 16, 2012) the committee recommended the resolution be numbered, added to the agenda for the January 23rd, 2012 meeting and read for 3 readings.

Note Mayor informed the committee this is standard procedure every 2 years

Second item: The Committee recommended the Law Director prepare legislation for the replacement of 3 police cruisers, which are included in our temporary appropriations, and for it to be passed as an emergency at the January 23rd, 2012 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

SALARY COMMITTEEJOHN ZUCALNO REPORT

EXCUSED ABSENCE

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURERNO REPORT

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

Mr. Lautenschleger reported that the Public works & Economic Development Committee met January 9th, 2012 at 6:45 PM in Council Chambers prior to the regular session of Council to discuss Utility Rates and the Service Director's Recommendations for 2012.

A quick reminder, by ordinance each year, the Service Director must make recommendations to Council about rates for the following year services. Utilities are Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Services. Water and Sanitation rates will remain the same as 2011 and Wastewater Services will be increased by all user groups by 3.7% which for minimum user is primary residential and the bulk of the customers' services will be increased monthly rate of 50 cents from \$13.40 to \$13.90 per month. All utility services billed on one bill each month. If approved, the increase is being scheduled to go out with the March billing. The Committee recommends that the appropriate legislation be prepared for the January 23rd, 2012 meeting and read 3 times.
Meeting adjourned 7:03PM

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned request from the Service Director: the Community Development Block Grant FY 2011

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED ...NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer reported he did not have a formal report however he would like to make a motion. After speaking with Police Chief Urban, it is his recommendation that a hearing would not be necessary for the following:

1. C. S. Ross Company, dba Big Lots 815, 408 Bluebell Drive NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 for a New C1 C2 permit asking objections be made no later than January 19th, 2012.
2. Robert Lance, 126 Front Avenue, SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 from Dee's Restaurant LLC dba Dee's Restaurant 1109 Bowers Avenue Suite C & Patio, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 for type TFOL D-5 permit asking objections be made no later than January 23rd , 2012.

Mr. Lanzer made a motion that a hearing would not be necessary for the above (2) requests and that the Clerk sign, date, mark that no hearing is requested and mail to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control before the designated date. Mr. Lauteschleger second the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas motion passed

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Contact and Special Committee the Mayor's Request: the re-appointment of Tom Farbizo and Dr. Richard Varrati to the Airport Commission.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE:

20-2011 An Ordinance by the Council for the City of New Philadelphia authorizing distribution from income tax proceeds for 2012 and thereafter to the Cemetery Fund 7%, to the Street Fund 16%, to the Police/Fire Pension 10%, the Master Capital 20% and the General Fund 47%, and declaring an emergency.
(2nd Reading)

RESOLUTION:

NONE

AT 7:52 PM COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS, LAND ACQUISITIONS AND PERSONNEL. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:19 PM.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

President of Council, Mr. Sam Hitchcock thanked the following for providing refreshments for after the December 27th, 2011 meeting in honor of the outgoing Elected City Officials and retiring Elected City Officials: Ms. Sandy Cox, Ms. Winnie Walker, Ms. Colleen Espenschied and Ms. Patti McKay.

Mr. Hitchcock expressed his appreciation to Ms. Cox and Ms. Espenschied for the serving of the refreshments.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock thanked Honorable Judge O’Farrell for Presiding over the Swearing -in-Ceremony held January 4th, 2012 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers for all newly Elected City Officials and Re-Elected City Officials.

The following were sworn into office:

Municipal Court Judge	Ms. Nanette Degarmo VonAllman
Law Director	Mr. Marvin Fete
Mayor	Mr. Michael Taylor
Auditor	Ms. Beth Gundy
President of Council	Mr. Sam Hitchcock
Council at Large	Ms. Sandy Cox
Council at Large	Ms. Winnie Walker
Council at Large	Mr. Dan Lanzer

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock thanked the Tuscarawas County Democratic Women, President Ms. Sue Kimble, Ms. Sandy Cox, Ms. Winnie Walker, Ms. Colleen Espenschied and Ms. Patti McKay for providing refreshments and incidentals for after the ceremony.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock expressed his appreciation to the Tuscarawas County Democratic Women, President Ms. Sue Kimble for serving the refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS COX, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____