

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 23, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEM GEORGE HOUSTON PRESIDING. MR. HOUSTON OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MS. SANDRA COX
MR. BILL ELLWOOD
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The 2003 Annual Report of the New Philadelphia City Health District.
2. Contact Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2004.
3. Special Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2004.
4. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2004.
5. Minutes of the Municipal Treasury Investment Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from February 10 through February 23, 2004. Reported that he met February 10 with representatives of Smith Dairy, who are building a distribution warehouse on Cookson Avenue. Approximately 15 people will be employed there. Reported meeting February 12 with Goshen Township Trustees to discuss fire protection. Ordinance 7-2004 is before council tonight for approval. Mr. Houston wished Mayor Brodzinski a "Happy Birthday".

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that all residential allotments within the city are going well. Wished a "Happy Birthday" to Mayor Brodzinski, and welcomed back Building Inspector Bill Richesson. Relinquished the floor to Mr. Richesson, who reported that, in his absence, Assistant Service Director Jim Zucal had garages at 915 West High Avenue and 515 Fair Ave. torn down.

SAFETY DIRECTOR MR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Informed Council that the State Auditors are here for the 2003 audit. Reported that approval has been received for the Public Health Fund. Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 8-2004.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that she is working to have the John Knisely Municipal Centre nominated for a 2004 Downtown Ohio and Heritage Ohio “Best Improvement in the Central Business District.” Reported that plans are continuing for “Art On The Square” in June.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet March 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet March 2, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting February 10, 2004. Reported that Alan Welch was re-appointed to the Commission.

PARK BOARD MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting February 18, 2004. Reported that a “Friends of the Park” program will be implemented, which will include those individuals who donate time, services, and monetary gifts to the park. Reported that a new barn will be built behind the Ferris wheel to store materials. Reported that construction for a new press box on the “home” side of the stadium was approved, and a new scoreboard will be in place also. The next meeting will be March 31, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the park office.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet March 10, 2004 in the Health Department at noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 8-2004, amending the temporary appropriations, and Resolution 5-2004. The Committee recommends passage tonight of Ordinance 8-2004, but requested that Resolution 5-2004 go for three readings.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to continue discussion on the sick leave policy. The Committee voted to table the issue until more information is available.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEEMR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. BILL ELLWOOD NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to continue discussion on a request by Main Street to expand the Art On The Square event to be held in June. Revised plans for the expansion of the festival were presented by Main Street representatives, and the Committee accepted the plans. A resolution will be introduced for council's approval.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if a resolution recognizing the Diamond Shop owners for their service since they recently closed. She said there is a tree in Fair Avenue Cemetery and a branch on a tree on 3rd St. N.E. that need to be cut down. She asked if there could be a sign that informs residents that there is a City Health Department. She asked the status of the Records Commission and the cable rate increase. Mayor Brodzinski said he presented a proclamation to the Diamond Shop on their last day of business. He said there are directional signs coming which shows where all the city departments are located. The Records Commission will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Lautenschleger said, in regards to the cable rate increase, he is in contact with Adelphia to schedule a meeting. Service Director Gary Espenschied will have the tree and branch problem taken care of.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

3-2004 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Tuscarawas 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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 years, ordinance passed.

7-2004 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Goshen Township to provide fire protection services for the calendar year 2004 in the amount of \$55,000.00, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

8-2004 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2004 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 years, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Roll call, 7 years, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

4-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Terry Stocker, M.D. for his generosity in donating certain medical equipment to the New Philadelphia City Health Department, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

5-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the Cable Franchise Fees (260) to the Bond Retirement Fund (360) to supplement cash needed to pay current debt, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED March 8, 2004

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____