

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 8TH, 2015 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MS. WINNIE WALKER

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

COUNCILPERSON MR. ROB MAURER
COUNCILPERSON MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS
MOTION PASSED
- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 28TH, 2015
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. City of New Philadelphia 2014 Bank Reconciliation Produced By Rea & Associates and E.T. Gerber, City of New Philadelphia Treasurer.
2. Mayor's Report to Council for June 8th, 2015
3. Special and Contact Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday, May 28th, 2015
4. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday, May 28th, 2015
5. City of New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date as of May 29th, 2015
6. City of New Philadelphia Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of May 29th, 2015
7. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2015 Revenue for the General Fund for the Month of May 2015
8. Auditor's Financial Statement for the Month of May 2015
9. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for May 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mayor Johnson reported on the following:

- June 2nd, 2015 Mayor Johnson held the Monthly Staff Meeting
The main topic was the Fourth of July Parade
(There will be at least two more meetings held on the parade)
- June 3rd, 2015 met with Met Matt Baker of Clemans Nelson, we had some upcoming grievances.
Attended the monthly New Philadelphia Business and Community Association Board Meeting. They are still looking for someone take over the organization as a leader and to assume the day to day responsibilities. (This is a part-time position)
Attended the Steering Committee Meeting held at Park Place Teen Center.
- June 4th, 2015 Attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Senior Center with Mary Ann Otte, his Executive Assistant.
- June 5th, 2015 Mayor Johnson met with concerned citizens about various topics around town
The striping will begin on West High Avenue so you may notice some lanes closings. Summer help is in full force. Mowing, sweeping, and cleaning up the downtown area are some of things you will see our summer help working on.

This past Sunday evening at Tuscora Park the Mayor helped Sam Hitchcock welcome everyone to this Weeks Summer Showcase Performance. The Mayor did mention and recommended that everyone should hear Mr. Hitchcock's rap that he normally does before Summer Showcase Performance.

Mayor Johnson requested that the **President Hitchcock** put into Committee the High Grass Ordinance.

The Mayor wants to have a stiff penalty and enforce it for the habitual violators. We have out of town landlords that we have to write one or two letters yearly, mow their lawn, and then put it on their taxes. If they get fined once and the fine is high enough they are going to definitely come and mow it. The Mayor suggested \$400 but he said the Committee can do as they wish. Most of the violators are rental properties.

Mayor Johnson introduced Bret Ricklic a student at New Philadelphia High School, who is the Grandson of Kelly and Sharon Ricklic. Bret will be attending Boys State at Bowling Green State University as a delegate sponsored and selected by the American legion Post 139.

Bret also has been nominated and will attend the Future Physicians Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. The Mayor said, "We have a lot to be proud of and we are proud of you."

President Hitchcock announced that he will assign the Mayor's Request, the High Grass Ordinance to the Safety Health and Service Committee when the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Rob Maurer, is back.

Comment from **President Hitchcock:**

Mr. Hitchcock congratulated Bret Ricklic and wished him best wishes.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Service Director reported the following:

- Mr. Zucal assured Council that our Service Employees are doing an outstanding job. Mr. Zucal reported the Water Department continues to deal with breaks in the water lines and do Service Projects on a regular basis. As many Cities in Ohio and the Country, we continue to deal with aging infrastructure. We are working diligently at the wastewater plant to improve and do a lot of upgrades that EPA has asked us to do.
- We are getting about two crews out a day to Patch Pot Holes. We are making Progress. We had a severe winter last year and a lot of pot holes in town. As you drive around town you will see Major Improvement We Are Getting Caught Up.
- Mr. Zucal thanked Council for the additional moneys. Mr. Zucal announced that we are going to put down a lot of asphalt this year. We have an up to date progressive schedule for our paving which will be done by the end of June. We met with the Contractor and you will see a lot of new asphalt in every quadrant, every portion of the City. Some places are so bad they will have to be milled. We will mill out the old asphalt and put down new asphalt and we are doing crack sealing. We are going to be doing a comprehensive plan to continue in those areas. you will see a lot of improvement in the month of June.
- We also continue to deal with the extra trash pickups. We are photographing the clean outs that are occurring around town by the land lords. Extra trash issue is In Councilpersons Rob Maurer's Committee. Mr. Jim Zucal is going to work with Mr. Maurer closely to try to alleviate some of the problems. Our Crews are out there every day picking up with back hoe and dump trucks

The tonnage is immense.

There are some areas around town we might see three to six tons on a section of a lawn strip.

We are going to deal with that and with Council's help we can improve that.

- Mr. Zucal reminded everyone of the Projects that are going on around town. The Traffic Control Workers and the Excavation from the area around North Broadway, Fair and Ray Avenue proceeding west:

The contractor is H.M. Miller who is working for the Dominion East Ohio Gas Company. (Those are not City Workers those are Dominion East Ohio Employees.)

What they are basically doing all over the State of Ohio is replacing the pipe in the ground that held gas with new plastic pipe. (They use a lot of modern technology.) You see a lot of numerous holes around the street, that is where they set up a boring machine and push that line through to the next section of town.

(So big areas of town it is some time 5 to 6 blocks.)

They are allowed to work within the public right a ways.

They are commissioned by the Public Utilities Organization.

The Mayor and the Service Director have met with them every week twice a week.

We have given them a tough schedule to meet because of First Town Days they are to be pouring concrete and fixing things this week.

They are to be out of the core of the City moving west on a daily bases. So they will be out around the Tuscarawas Avenue real soon. They are doing a good job. We do work with them to finish up.

- The Service Director thanked our young attendant Mr. Bret Ricklic for taking the time to come tonight. Mr. Ricklic is an outstanding young man he is a senior at New Philadelphia High School and part of the football team.

As the Mayor mentioned, "he is going to Buckeye Boys State and the Future Physicians Conference in Boston Massachusetts.

Bret talked with Mr. Zucal about coming to the Council Meeting to see how the Council operates. Bret is very civic minded and very public service oriented.

Someday Bret will be a Doctor.

- As the Mayor mentioned we do get piles that are put out throughout the City. We will talk with the media to remind the constituents they need to call the City for the pickups. We do a good job continuing to work to make our City cleaner.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy reported:

The Auditors from Rea & Associates have finished. They have a draft report they would like to discuss that with Council at our next Council meeting they are asking it be done in an Executive Session.

It is a report that has not been released to the public, yet.

A copy of the draft will be given to all Council members for review prior to the meeting.

That will be confidential until it gets released.

A time has not been determined Ms. Gundy will get back with President Hitchcock as soon as she finds out what time they can be here.

President of Council Mr. Sam Hitchcock:

The reason for the Executive Session would be #5 reason

The Executive Session will be considered as long as you can provide the Revised Code Section that authorizes that confidentiality.

Ms. Gundy said she will get that from Rea & Associates.

Comment from Ms. Cox:

She does not think the Executive Session should be in our regular session of Council. She suggested a meeting be called and go into it from there.

Comment from the Law Director:

You can call a Special Session of Council and then make a motion to go into an Executive Session

Comment from President of Council:

We have to go into a meeting and then into an Executive Session then back out into the meeting.
Ms. Gundy said she will get with Rea & Associates and get back with the President.

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

TREASURER TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber reported a copy of the Bank Reconciliation 2014
(Month by Month, General Account, Proof, and Payroll Account)

It is all reconciled.

He gave a copy to the Clerk and to all Council Members for review.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete reported the following:

- Corresponded with Lee Finley with regards to some dumping that was done at the old K-Mart Building He had wanted us to prosecute under regulations they are not a criminal regulation and we don't have the authority to prosecute somebody under the regulation that he wanted us to proceed under. We corresponded with the Prosecutors to what the problem was with regards to prosecuting.
- Approved a Lease Agreement on behalf of the New Philadelphia City School System for Computer Equipment at the High School and Middle School.
- Drafted and prepared a Waiver of Liability Form for the New Philadelphia Police Department for the Police Department to do Special Response Training.
Mr. Fete said he did one size fits all:
To take the liability off of whoever is allowing us to do the training and put the liability on the City;
The facility where they are doing the training will not be liable.
- Corresponded with somebody from Colorado who was saying we were in violation to the Section 504 of the American Disability Act. Mr. Fete said if he finds we are in violation, he will inform Council of that.
- Reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding from the Court regarding a Holding Cell Project that the Court is doing.
- Assisted in adopting a new local rule change with regard to local rules for New Philadelphia Municipal Court.
- Corresponded with a Law Firm regarding a pending Workers Compensation Case that the City has going on. Received and reviewed a notice of identification of expert witnesses for the same Workers Compensation.
- Received a call from Kelly Herron, Cemetery Superintendent, regarding an issue at the cemetery.
- Corresponded with ODOT, they wanted certified copies of the judgement entries on behalf of the City he did to complete the West High Widening Project which Mr. Fete provided.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced the next Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 was cancelled due to no agenda.

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

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Mr. Lanzer announced the next regular scheduled Airport Commission Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced the next Meeting of the City Park Board will be June 17th, 2015 at noon at the Tuscora Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox reported that the Finance Committee met immediately following the Public Hearing this evening at 7:05 PM.

First Item: Request from the Mayor:

For approval of overage of \$23.52 for the Mayor’s two night’s hotel stay.

The City is under the ordinance for IRS Standards which only pay \$83 per night.

The Mayor will be staying for for two nights the conference cost is \$94.76 per night.

The Committee did agree to do this.

Second Item:

Ordinance 11-2015 Amending and Adjusting the permanent Appropriation Ordinance for 2015

The Auditor is in need-of-part-time help. \$8,500 General Wages is for the rest of the year.

Part time wages ordinance will be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL....NO REPORT

EXCUSED ABSENCE

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER....NO REPORT

EXCUSED ABSENCE

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGERNO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS....NO REPORT

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR. DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

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

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

14-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA,
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE
SAID CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ACT AS THE SIGNATURE DESIGNEE AND TO
FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (PL 93-383) TO THE OFFICE
OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
AGENCY, OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. (1ST READING)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Patricia A. McKay

APPROVED _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock