

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 11, 2001 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. ART CICCONETTI
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. JOEL DAY
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. TOM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER.

MR. HOUSTON MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ORDINANCE NO. 28-2001 FROM TONIGHT'S AGENDA UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE SALARY COMMITTEE REVIEWS SALARIES OF ALL SUPERVISORS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JIM LOCKER. MAYOR BRODZINSKI SAID THIS ORDINANCE WAS TO BRING MR. RICKLIC UP TO OTHER SUPERVISORS. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS 1 NAY (DAY), MOTION PASSED.

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THE MINUTES OF May 31, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2001 Revenue for the General Fund for May, 2001.
2. The Auditor's Financial Statement for May, 2001.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 4, 2001.
4. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of June 4, 2001.
5. Salary Committee meeting minutes of May 31, 2001.
6. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of May 29, 2001.
7. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of June 5, 2001.
8. Minutes of the Airport Commission meeting of May 15, 2001.
9. Board of Control meeting minutes of May 31, 2001.
10. Board of Control meeting minutes of June 1, 2001.
11. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of May 9, 2001.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from June 1 through June 11, 2001. Reported that a new Tuscarawas Arts Center will be located at the former Liberty Seed Company in the Industrial Park. Introduced Leslie Wilson, who along with a group of volunteers, is taking care of the flowers in the downtown area. Announced that the City/County softball game will be held Saturday, July 7 during the First Town Days Festival, and players are needed. Informed Council that he will be on vacation and will miss the June 25 meeting. Mr.

Houston asked the status of the skateboard park. Mayor Brodzinski reported that work is a couple of weeks behind because of the recent rainy weather, but the base is to be poured this week, and completion will take about a month. Requested passage tonight of Resolution 14-2001.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he recently attended a two-day seminar sponsored by the Tuscarawas County Labor/Management Council. Several issues were addressed, and it was decided that they would meet monthly. Reported that the paving program will begin soon, the main hangar at the airport was recently cleaned, new water lines will be installed in the area of the south side park and Tuscora Park, and new lights will be installed at Tuscora Park. Reported that a pre-construction meeting will be held this week for the CDBG project on Front St. Mr. Day asked what kind of concerns was addressed at the labor/management meeting. Mr. Espenschied said it was mostly a training seminar, and no specific problems were addressed.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 29-2001. Informed Council that a Public Hearing will be held on June 25 at 8:00 p.m. on the 2002 tax budget., Resolution 12-2001.

TREASURERMR. ROBERT GERBER ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Recommended that Resolutions 11-2001, 13-2001, and 14-2001 be passed tonight as emergencies.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting Tuesday, June 5, 2001, and six variances were granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting May 15 at the Airport Restaurant. Reported that fuel sales were up over March. Plans are proceeding for the Grand Prix Race on August 18. Mr. Cicconetti asked if 80-octane gas was ever made available. Mr. Locker said a survey was taken, and few pilots used the 80-octane gas. Mr. Day said it was no longer being made.

PARK BOARDMR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARDMS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting Monday June 4, 2001 to discuss transfer of funds for Municipal Court. Ordinance 29-2001 was approved, and passage recommended. The 2002 Tax Budget was also discussed and approved. Ms. Cox reported that the purchase of a new garbage truck was already approved by Committee.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported that he would like to see lists of those who should be considered for a raise, instead of singling out individuals. President of Council Dave Johnson said he would do that when he is aware of others in line for raises. He also assigned to the Salary Committee a request by Fire Chief Caton to set a salary for the position of Fire Prevention Officer, and asked that they review salaries of council members and the clerk.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER

Reported that she is having a Work Session on Monday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. to review the housing code ordinance. Mr. Johnson assigned a request by Safety Director Greg Popham for possible increase in fines for parking in restricted parking spaces.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the Adelphia Cable rate increase. Although several questions were answered by a representative of Adelphia, the Committee will introduce legislation opposing the increase. Chapter 1131 of the Codified Ordinances was addressed, specifically dealing with the occupancy of multi-family dwellings. It was decided that the proposed housing code would better address this issue; but Mr. Cicconetti asked the Committee to look into requiring two entrances/exits and prohibiting conversion of converting single family homes into multi family homes. Mr. Johnson assigned the latter to the Public Works Committee for study. The Committee also addressed a problem of dirty water at a residence on Second St. S.E. Water Superintendent Kelly Ricklic, who was in attendance, said the solution would be costly waterline construction. The Committee approved having a cost estimate drawn up and introduced to Committee for recommendation.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting June 4 to discuss Resolution 7-2001, which was approved. Also discussed was the Endres annexation, and they are requesting a tax abatement. The Committee would like to meet again to discuss this, so a meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 18 at approximately 8:00 p.m. Recommended passage of Resolution 11-2001.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that Mr. Brad Swinderman will soon be bringing his results of ward re-apportionment to Council.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE. MR. TOM LOCKER NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Robert Foust, 323 Park Ave. N.W., New Philadelphia, complained that neighbors have built ramps for bicycles and skateboards and there is a problem now with trash being put into neighbors' yards, fires are being built in the yard, fighting among the boys, knife throwing, boys urinating in the yard, etc. He asked what the neighbors could do to take care of these problems. Law Director Mike Johnson said he contacted the Health Department, after being informed of the problem by Councilman Joel Day, who contacted the Police Department to have junk cars removed from the property, and all this information will be forwarded to the Police Department. Mr. Johnson informed Mr. Foust to contact the police or fire department immediately when he sees these violations being committed.

William Walker, 411 W. 7th St. Dover, President of the Local NAACP, thanked the administration for addressing the responding to a request that the city attempt to hire more minorities. Mr. Walker asked if there are maps posted which outline the areas within the city that fall under the guidelines of the CDBG criteria. Service Director Gary Espenschied told Mr. Walker that maps are in his office at General Services.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, said the property at 224 Ashwood Lane N.W. is a disgrace and something needs to be done immediately. The property next door is also in disrepair. She reported a large hole on West High Ave. in front of the former Ohio Power office, and also one on 2nd St. N.W. Ms. Slough asked who is responsible to maintain properties below street level. Law Director Mike Johnson said he owns the particular property that Ms. Slough referred to, and it has been taken care. He said passersby throw their trash down the steps, and he will check on it periodically to see that it is cleaned up.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

27-2001 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Service Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of one cab and chassis with a packer body 2001 garbage truck, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

29-2001 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2001, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

7-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an agreement with Tuscarawas County University Branch District Board of Trustees, to waive tap on fee for water and sewer lines in exchange for a written easement to be granted from Tuscarawas County University Branch District Board of Trustees, to the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

8-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County Ohio authorizing and directing the mayor of 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 Ohio Department of Development, Division of Community Development, Office of Local Government, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

9-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Jeanette Jenkins for her long and dedicated volunteer service to the New Philadelphia Airport Commission and the New Philadelphia Airport. (2nd Reading)

11-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to notify the Tuscarawas County Commissioners of utility services that the City of New Philadelphia can make available to the annexation presently offered by Endres Land LLC and Endres Floral Company as required by Chapter 709.031 of the Ohio Revised Code and to clarify zoning and enterprise designation, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

12-2001 A resolution to adopt the budget for the year beginning January 1, 2002, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Public Hearing to be held June 25, 2001

13-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to notify the Tuscarawas County Commissioners of utility services that the City of New Philadelphia can make available to the annexation presently offered by Gregory E. Donaldson and Linda C. Donaldson as required by Chapter 709.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

14-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to accept the Ohio Department of Transportation Grant for use at the Harry Clever Field under the Ohio Airport Maintenance Grant program for \$112,171.00, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson said he is forming a committee to begin plans for the renovations of the former Elk's building, and he has asked Mr. Day, Ms. Cox, and Mr. Houston to be voting members of that committee, and he will chair the committee. He will ask Judge Space for a representative of Municipal Court and an architect to also be on the committee

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED June 25, 2001

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____