

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 28, 2005 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: MS. SANDRA COX
MR. BILL ELLWOOD
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of November 14, 2005.
2. Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 14, 2005.

President of Council Dave Johnson announced that the next regular session of Council will be held December 29, 2005 instead of December 26 because of the Christmas holiday. He also announced that the Swearing-In Ceremony for newly elected officials will be held December 29, immediately following Council meeting.

Mr. Johnson also thanked the Mayor for allowing him to fill in for him at the Christmas Parade and Downtown Lighting Ceremony.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from November 14 through November 28, 2005. Congratulated all newly elected officials, and said he is looking forward to working with them. He also thanked the outgoing officials for serving the residents of the city. He thanked Mr. Johnson for filling in for him during his recent trip to China. He reported meeting November 22 for a broadband meeting at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss services to the Hi-Tech Park. Reported that bids are being accepted for the Hi-Tech Park.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Steering Committee has prepared an Employee Handbook, and requested that Mr. Johnson assign it to Committee for review. Concerning Mr. Locker's request at the last meeting of Council, Mr. Espenschied distributed a list of grants that the city applied for in 2004 and 2005. Relinquished the floor to Randy Campbell of the Army Corps of Engineers, who addressed questions regarding the cleaning up process of the Beaverdam Creek.

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

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY ABSENT NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that the forms for permission for access to residents' properties for the clean up of Beaverdam Creek have been prepared for six months and are ready to go whenever Gradall is ready to proceed. Reported that the city has been dismissed from a lawsuit filed in Federal District Court.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet December 14, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet December 13, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting November 16. Reported that the Board is looking for grants for several improvement projects. Commended Service Director and all employees involved with the sidewalk replacement for work done on 2nd St N.E. Reported that the Board gives their support for wage increases for part-time personnel at park.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet December 14, 2005 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX.

Requested that Ordinance 34-2005 be held tonight. Announced that there will be a meeting Wednesday November 30 to review the temporary budget and Ordinance 40-2005. Reported that the Storm Sewer Planning Committee met November 22 to review the top sewer problems in the city. The Committee will meet December 7 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss these problems.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight discuss equity raises and evaluations for non-bargaining employees and insurance for Council members. No decisions were made on either issue. Mr. Johnson assigned the employee handbook and the request for part-time park employees.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

Scheduled a meeting for December 12 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Codified Ordinance 907, display of house numbers.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. ROB MAURER. . . NO REPORT

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

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BILL ELLWOOD

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the city’s internet provider. Problems were addressed and a possible solution was discussed.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Scheduled a meeting for December 12 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss music copyright laws. Mr. Johnson assigned either letters of support or a resolution to Congressmen for the Beaverdam Creek cleanup.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Jimmy Eichel, 441 Taylor Dr. SW, New Philadelphia, asked if the silt could be cleaned up along the Beaverdam Creek. Mr. Campbell said Gradall can remove it but permits must be obtained, preferably from the City, and it must be taken to an area where it cannot go back into the Creek.

Bob Connor, 122 North Ave. NW, New Philadelphia, asked the status of the releases for the residents along the Beaverdam Creek. Assistant Service Director Jim Zucal said the City has begun cleaning up city owned property, and they are awaiting Gradall so they can begin to access residents’ properties.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 34-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

- 35-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize and increase in the billing rate for the New Philadelphia Fire Department Emergency Medical Services for the calendar year 2006, 2007, and 2008 and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

- 40-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 34-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend James Ullis for his years of service through the New Philadelphia Health Department, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

- 36-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio endorsing the development of the Tuscarawas County Trail & Green Space Plan for Tuscarawas County, Ohio. (1st Reading)

- Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Parks & Cemetery Committee.

- 37-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Sam Hitchcock for his years of service through the New Philadelphia City Council, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

38-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend William Ellwood for his years of service through the New Philadelphia City Council, and declaring an emergency.
(1st Reading)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED December 12, 2005

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____