

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2004 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 OCTOBER 25, 2004 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for the period ending October 2004.
2. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all New Philadelphia City funds for October 2004.
3. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for October 2004.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for October 2004.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for the month of October 2004.
6. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of October 25, 2004.
7. Airport Commission meeting minutes of October 12, 2004.
8. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for October 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from October 26 through November 8, 2004. Commended the New Philadelphia Quaker Football Team for their undefeated season and for winning the ECOL. He also commended them for their recent victory over the Dover Tornados, in this the 100th meeting of the two teams. Reported that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held October 30 for the Bicentennial Time Capsule, to be opened in 2104. Congratulated the Fire Department for their Haz-Mat training. Expressed his disappointment in the failure of Issue #17 on the November 2 ballot, and said all aspects of the budget will be looked at. Ordinance 52-2004, a wage freeze for all non-bargaining employees, is before Council for consideration tonight, and other issues/programs will be reviewed to determine what can be cut in the budget. He is asking all departments to cut their expenses. Mr. Houston asked if the bargaining units have been asked to forego raises. Mayor Brodzinski said he has asked for concessions, but did not receive a favorable response. Council President Dave Johnson asked the Mayor to remind all departments that he would like to have year-end reports.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Informed Council that, pursuant to the Codified Ordinances, he has reviewed the water and sewer rates, and he has determined that no increases are needed at this time. He commended Wastewater Superintendent Jim Dinger and Water Superintendent Kelly Ricklic for the fine job they do in their respective departments. He reminded Council that the issue of sewer connection fees is still in Committee, and said he is confident that an increase would be appropriate at this time.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her October reports.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his October reports. Mr. Houston made a motion to approve both the Auditor's and the Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Also congratulated the Quaker Football Team on their 10-0 season, and congratulated the school officials and the city's safety forces for the fine job they did in keeping the week safe from any problems. Reported meeting today with representatives of the Airport Commission and Mayor Brodzinski to review hangar rent increases. Mr. Johnson said he has recommended a \$25 maintenance fee, per aircraft, in lieu of hangar rent increases. He also suggested that the issue be reviewed in the Salary Committee, and an ordinance will be prepared for consideration.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the meeting scheduled for November 10 was cancelled due to lack of business.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting November 3. Seven appeals were heard, with six being granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting October 12. It was reported that funds for the restaurant and fuel sales were received. The status of the hangar rent was discussed, but will be continued at the next meeting of the Commission, which is November 9. Mayor Brodzinski informed the Commission that Smith Ambulance is interested in using the Airport as a Medi-Vac site.

PARK BOARD MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet November 24, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Scheduled a meeting for November 29 to discuss the budget. Mr. Johnson assigned a request from Police Chief Jeff Urban to attempt to recoup funds for ambulance/accident runs within the Police and Fire Departments.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting tonight to discuss changes to the tattoo ordinance, as requested by the Health Department. The Committee voted to approve any proposed change. Also discussed was a request to have speed bumps in the roadway on 4th St. SE removed. The Committee is requesting input from the Police and Fire Departments concerning the ability of emergency vehicles to move through the area. Mr. Hitchcock scheduled another meeting on November 22 at 7:00 P.M

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

Will schedule a meeting soon to discuss sewer connection fees.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BILL ELLWOOD

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 38-2004, commending members of the Bicentennial Committee. The Committee recommends making changes to include all individuals who helped with the Bicentennial in any way. Scheduled a meeting for November 22 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss bid criteria.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

50-2004 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to change Sections 1131.03, 1141.02 and 1141.04 to substitute “Certificate of Zoning Compliance” for each section wherein the phrase “Certificate of Occupancy” is used and declaring an emergency, (3rd Reading)

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

52-2004 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to enact a wage freeze for all non-bargaining unit employees and elected officials employed by the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Salary Committee.

RESOLUTIONS:

38-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to acknowledge and thank the participation by George Laurence and Erin Van Fossen as co-chair of the New Philadelphia Bicentennial Commission and all other members of the Bicentennial Commission and participation by all citizens for the activities planned and held throughout the bicentennial year for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (2nd Reading)

Mr. Ellwood made a motion to amend, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution amended, to read as follows:

A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to acknowledge and thank the New Philadelphia Bicentennial Committee and the community for their participation throughout the Bicentennial year.

39-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the New Philadelphia City Law Director to take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to clear obstructions from the roadway located on Fourth Street Extension SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson also congratulated the Quaker Football Team and all athletes and the band

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED November 22, 2004

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____