

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2006 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. BOB CONNER
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. JIMMY EICHEL
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER

COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2006 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION 6-2006 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of the Appropriations meetings held on February 6 & February 7.
2. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2006.
3. A letter dated January 31, 2006 from Adelphia cable announcing that WKYC Weather Plus has been added to Digital Basic channel line up in March 2006.
4. The Auditor's Financial Statement for January 2006.
5. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for January 2006.
6. Parks & Cemetery Committee meeting minutes of January 24, 2006.
7. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for January 2006.
8. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for January 2006.
9. Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2006.
10. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for January 2006.
11. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all City funds for January 2006.
12. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of February 6, 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from January 23 through February 13, 2006. Mayor Brodzinski welcomed the Alamo Group as new owners of the Gradall business of JLG Industries. Thanked all department supervisors, members of the Finance Committee, and everyone who attended the budget meetings. Explained Resolution 6-2006, agreement for health care insurance, and thanked Pipes Insurance for their help in getting Aultcare to lower the city's increase from 25% to 17.5. He said the city will accept the cost this year, but something needs to be done in the future because of rising health care costs. He submitted the State of the City Address to each member of the Administration and Council Members.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he applied for an ODNR Nature Works Grant for \$66,750 for storm sewers and paved parking at the Wabash Ave. ball field, but was informed that only \$48,790 is available for all of Tuscarawas County, so he will accept a portion of that. Introduced all members of his staff who were present. Assistant Superintendent Jim Zucal and Information System Coordinator Jeff Erb gave a Power Point presentation of the progress of the Beaverdam Creek cleanup. Mr. Chuck Demattio, contractor for the project, was also present. Mr. Zucal reported that the project should be completed this week, but this will be an ongoing project to keep the creek clean.

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

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her January reports, and asked that the 2006 budget be passed at the next regular meeting.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his January reports, and distributed a report of the 2005 monthly interest earnings on all city funds. Informed Council that he will be out of town for the next regular meeting of Council. Ms. Cox made a motion to accept the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports. Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 years, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Resolution 6-2006 and urged its passage this month.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor Brodzinski reported that Main Street is currently seeking a new director.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet February 15, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in the Art Cicconetti Council Chambers.

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

Will meet February 14, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet February 14, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the airport.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet March 8, 2006 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX.

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the Public Defender's Contract. New information has been provided by the Law Director, so the ordinance will be held until the next meeting. Reported that on February 6 & 7 she chaired the 2006 budget hearings. She urged passage of the budget at the next meeting of Council. She requested that Ordinance 1-2006 be put back into the Finance Committee per request by the Police Chief. Mr. Johnson assigned Ordinance 1-2006 jointly with the Safety, Health, and Service Committee, and Resolution 6-2006.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 3-2006, authorizing additional payment to the Mayor for health insurance cost. Mr. Locker made a motion to amend Resolution 3-2006 because the amounts have changed with the recent rise in the city's health insurance plan.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER . . . ABSENT . . . NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a request from the Police Chief for a special camera for the department.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss permit fees in the Service Department as requested by the Service Director. The Committee will review the information provided to them, and another meeting will be scheduled soon.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting February 6 to discuss a change of zoning at different locations to allow for condominiums. The Committee voted against any zoning change, so the request was denied.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a request from Main Street concerning the flag program in the downtown area. Mr. Johnson also assigned a request from the mayor's office to review solicitor's permits, and a request to contact our legislators regarding an increase in CDBG funds.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL

Scheduled a meeting for February 16, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss canal land property.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

George Summers, 1351 Sharon Valley Road SW, New Philadelphia, owning property at 139 Fair Avenue NE Rear, presented pictures of the property near his showing the rundown condition and excessive trash that exists there, and he asked that Council to do something. He said neighboring property owners will be forced to seek legal action if no action is taken by Council.

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook Dr. NW, New Philadelphia, said he would like to see a study done on the feasibility of connecting the storm sewer on Springbrook SW to that of Springbrook SE to alleviate problems with the sump hole on Springbrook.

William Baumgardner, 429 Beitler Ave. NE, New Philadelphia, asked if there was a reporter on the scene when the resident at the County Home was found deceased recently, because there are conflicting reports as to the use of thermal imaging cameras. Mayor Brodzinski and Safety Director Greg Popham neither had any answer to the request, since both the Coroner's office and the County Commissioner's office are not providing any information.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 1-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of three (3) motor vehicles properly equipped for use in the Police Department, in 2006, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 2-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Service Director to seek bids for selective harvest of trees on an approximately 33-acre tract of city-owned property located behind Snazzy Circle SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio with the authority to accept and or reject any bids for the sale of standing timber, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 3-2006 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Joint 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. (2nd Reading)
- 5-2006 An ordinance to vacate an unnamed unimproved platted alley located to the west side of North Broadway between North Avenue NW and Cedar Lane NW to the south to be vacated from North Broadway through First Drive NW and to provide ownership of the alley to the adjacent property owners, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 6-2006 An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 7-2006 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio accepting the D.J.W. Development Phase Two Plat, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this ordinance to the Zoning & Annexation Committee

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to encourage the Airport Commission to explore and look for alternative leasing for private hangars at the New Philadelphia City Airport, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- 3-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize additional payment to the Mayor for health insurance cost, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Mr. Locker made a motion to amend this ordinance, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution amended.

5-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Harvey Wilhelm, a long-time volunteer and friend to the New Philadelphia City Schools and New Philadelphia City Park for his volunteerism and years of dedication to the City of New Philadelphia and especially the park system, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

6-2006 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Mayor of the city of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an agreement through the Pipe's Insurance Agency to renew medical/hospitalization/prescription medicine insurance coverage to be renewed at a cost increase of 17.5% for one year commencing March 1, 2006 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston. There being no second, the motion died.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Locker thanked the Clerk for sending a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting funding for the Beaverdam Creek study. Mr. Locker made a motion to have a resolution prepared for Gradall thanking them for the use of their equipment. Ms. Cox said she also like to have a resolution for County Engineer Joe Bachman since he was instrumental in getting the creek project done. Mr. Eichel seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed. Mayor Brodzinski said he would also like a resolution welcoming Alamo Group to New Philadelphia. Mr. Johnson assigned all these requests to the Special/Contact Committee.

Mr. Johnson urged all council members to contact the Mayor or the Finance Committee if they have any questions concerning the budget so that it can be passed at the next meeting.

Mr. Eichel requested that performance reviews be performed, and asked that it be assigned to Committee. Mr. Johnson said that employee evaluations are the responsibility of the Mayor, but he will take the request under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:32 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 27, 2006

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____