

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 23RD, 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
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
COUNCILPERSON MS. WINNIE WALKER

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. HITCHCOCK ADVISED: CLERICAL ERROR ON THE AGENDA RESOLUTION 1-2015 **IT IS THE 3RD READING** NOT THE 2ND READING PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGE ON YOUR AGENDA

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT TO REFLECT THE CLERICAL ERROR CORRECTION.
MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL 6 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

MR. ZUCAL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL 6 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2015.
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. Safety Health and Service Committee Meeting Minutes from February 9th, 2015
2. Mayor's 2014 State of the City dated February 23rd, 2015
3. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from February 9th, 2015
4. Public Works and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from February 16th, 2015
5. Zoning and Annexation Committee Meeting Minutes from February 16th, 2015
6. Request from the Mayor dated February 10th, 2015 to Council President to assign the Airport Commission appointment of Mr. Christopher Bower and the reappointment Of Dr. Rich Varrati to a Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor David Johnson presented:

State of the City

Dated February 23rd, 2015

(Copies were distributed to council members)

Mr. Johnson mentioned he took over the position of Mayor of New Philadelphia, January 9th, 2014 He said he has spent a good portion of his life serving the citizens of New Philadelphia with the goal of making it a safer cleaner and more wholesome place to live. The Mayor said he will always be a positive spokesman

for our town.

The Mayor's stated:

1. 2014 was both challenging and rewarding with a Predicted deficit looming at the end of 2014 and a Major project to finish.
2. First on the agenda was money, or the lack of it. His plan was to cut expenses by using the Teamwork approach. He changed the way business was done by cutting costs and streamlining all operations. All excess was cut. With the much slimmer budget in place Policies and spending were examined.

A snow storm before he took office there were 70 hours of overtime by adjusting schedules the next storm was 5 hours over time.

His team is doing an excellent job of updating procedures and smarter spending.

The Mayor's reported:

We have stayed within our budget money and returned unused funds to help create a \$1,600,000 carryover in to 2015.

When we had the money to purchase a vehicle, the one that was replaced went to another department. Where we could, used vehicles were purchased.

A previously owned heavy truck was purchase through ODOT.

We've partnered with AEP to save money which resulted in \$7,630 in savings coming back to us per month.

We reworked our cell phone contract with a new company we are presently working with Frontier to lower the cost of our landline service.

Negotiated a small increase in health insurance from double digit to a single digit in 2014 and already negotiated a zero increase for 2015.

PROJECTS:

The Mayor reported:

- The paving of the downtown area. The project originally was completed in the late fall of 2013. The outcome of the paving project was poor, and with further inspection we found the thickness was less that the bid specifications. Through his insistence and the hard work of our Service Director Mr. Zucal the bad pavement was taken up and properly replaced. We now check and double check all contractors work.
- One of the largest projects in our history the West High Avenue Expansion came to construction in 2014. It is 90% done. This spring a top coat of asphalt, new sidewalks landscaping, and additional street lighting will complete this project.
- With the opening of Market Place Commons, construction of a Buffalo Wild Wings began a rapid pace. An atmosphere of of cooperation was created. A hotel on the same property is to follow along with other retail.

Included in the area of growth:

- Kimble companies expanded this year bringing many new jobs.
- Oak Shadows-Phase 5 got approved with five new Residential lots.
- Infrastructure additions include Union Avenue storm sewer, new catch basin lids on South Broadway and Mill Avenue and water line improvements at North Broadway and Wabash.
- The Tolloty Incubator at the Tuscarawas Technology Park has added more companies.

The Mayor's reported:

- The feather in his cap is the coming of Menards. When he first started as Mayor, he inquired about the old K-mart building on Bluebell Drive NW. After checking the laws, he decided to have the building condemned the Mayor put the owners in contact with Menards. The result of his actions; Menard Inc. hopes to begin construction in 2015. This will be a huge asset to our City with nearly 200 jobs and a \$1,000,000 payroll.

Other businesses:

- Planet fitness,
- Off Broadway Antiques,
- Lauren Innovations,
- Aqua Blue and others,

We have lost business with two major manufacturers

The Mayor's reported:

He has established himself and the City with County, CIC, Team Neo and Jobs Ohio. All organizations are committed to bringing and maintaining industry in our area.

The Mayor thanked several individuals:

Gary Little of the CIC, Harry Eadon/Team Neo, Scott Reynolds/Tuscarawas County Economic Development Office and Scott Robinson Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the City.

We are presently applying for a new tool to give us the edge. The Community Reinvestment Area program CRA is a tax incentive offered to businesses constructing new buildings or reworking a present building.

We will use the CRA with Menards. We are creating a district to include the whole City, leaving out residential areas. We are the first in this part of the state to have this tool.

This has been accomplished through team work,

The Mayor's reported:

When the Mayor first came in office, he appraised his people and asked them if and where change was needed the most common answer was they wanted a voice.

By using the team approach we have a lot of new ideas and cost savings.

No one knows the City better than these Managers: (they were present and stood as their name was called)

Service Director Jim Zucal, Assistant Service Director Amy Gilland, Mayor's Assistant Mary Jo Fragasse, Safety Director Greg Popham, Fire Chief Jim Parrish, Police Chief Mike Goodwin, Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno, Utilities Superintendent Ed Wilson, and his new Assistant Brian Myers, Park Superintendent Rod Miller and recently appointed Street Superintendent Ray Grewell and his assistant Rick Marcaletti, also new to his position as Cemetery Superintendent is Kelly Herron, who has twenty years with the City formerly as the Assistant Superintended of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Mayor announced:

His mission in 2015:

Listen to every idea, weigh all sides, share, discuss and make a plan.

His goal:

To provide high quality services utilizing the people we employ without adding expense to our streamlined efficient budget.

PLANNED PROJECTS/OBJECTIVES FOR 2015

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG)

(This is on Tuscarawas Avenue NW and the bus lane at West Elementary School)

Complete the West High Avenue Widening Project -10% remains to be completed

Mill Avenue storm sewer project

Storm sewer project on Church Ave SW

Storm sewer project on Bowers Avenue NW

Storm sewer repairs on Tech Park Drive NE

Complete GIS mapping

Finalize the plans to increase cemetery land

Demolition of a home at 368 Fourth Street NW

Bid landfill contract

General paving/ crack sealing and chip/ seal Delaware Drive and/or Goshen Ave

Proposed composting site

Apply for natureworks grant

Apply for grants to relocate water and sewer on Mill Avenue on the Howden Buffalo property to the City's right of way

Airport Master Plan Update

Frontier/Dish Competition

Secure the City building and all other facilities

The managers and all non bargaining employees are a hard working group of men and women under his direction his staff has saved the City hundreds of thousands of dollars.

They are the reason we came in under budget. These people need to be rewarded we can no longer ignore them. In the 2015 budget I have included a raise, I urge Council to make it happen

"It has been and will continue to be my privilege to serve as the Mayor of my hometown, the City I love."

Councilperson Mr. John Zucal thanked all the managers that were present and all the employees that work on the streets that are not present.

Councilperson Ms. Cox also thanked all the managers for their hard work, expressed appreciation for their presence, and stated it was nice to be able to put a name with a face.

Mr. Zucal suggested Council express appreciation by a round of applause.

All applauded.

President of Council Mr. Sam Hitchcock commended all the department heads, their assistants, the Mayor for the team approach and for a job well done.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Since our last meeting he reported on the following:

The Service Director thanked the Mayor and announced all of our employees do a fantastic job.

The Service Director referred to Mrs. Ramos's question asking about structure of the City and how we manage.

The Service Director reported that he has four department head, three assistants, various maintenance personnel and 55 service employees.

The Service Director distributed to Council a copy of his 2014 Service Director's Office Accomplishments and informed all that he could not have done it without those people he mentioned.

Mr. Zucal mentioned that Amy Gilland is not his assistant she is "The Assistant" Ms. Gilland does a fantastic job.

All these people meet with the Service Director daily.

They share ideas, meet with the Mayor; they all care, and love New Philadelphia.

Mr. Zucal thanked the employees on his behalf and mentioned it is nice to see past employees here. (Mr. Lipinski)

Bob Lipinski worked with us a long time.

Jeff Evans and Ted Polka who keep the building clean. There is a lot of work to do this time of the year I want to thank our guys that are plowing snow, salting streets we have managers that are out there all night long, there are so many things that go on. It is a 24 hour a day operation. I really appreciate that we are doing our best and hearing some good compliments.

We've had some tough storms but we are dealing with them well.

Keeping our water leaks repaired and keeping all the services we provide.

I think our services here are our commodity.

We see that when people come to town.

We entertain the folks from Menards we work with a lot of other business people, engineers, marketing people, and such, and they all like New Philadelphia. That is a tribute to us and what are people do.

Comment from President Hitchcock:

"The best product we can give to our citizens is service."

Our Department Heads are responsible for that with the guidance coming from the Service Director the key word here is service I think that is evident in what we see in this community."

Question from Councilperson Ms. Cox:

When we had the bridge inspection, were all are bridges okay?

Reply from the Service Director:

Yes, all of our bridges were in compliance.

We worked with ODOT; we passed legislation to allow that to happen.

I have that on file and that is a very important safety factor

that is another thing the Mayor and I talked about today. The bridges that we have we have to make sure they are safe and secure and they do pass.

I will keep Council informed, that is a new yearly event.

Comment from Mayor Johnson:

"We know there are potholes out there and we are getting to them as quickly as possible."

Please keep us informed of any major potholes. (Call the City and give the location)

We will be happy to get to them as quickly as we can.

**AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDYNO REPORT
EXCUSED ABSENCE**

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

TREASURERTOM GERBERNO REPORT

Mr. Gerber informed all that he is working with Rea and Associates almost daily to reconcile 2014.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete reported the following:

- The Law Director had multi conversations with Jennifer Syx from inSight regarding the CRA. The next big step is negotiation in terms of an agreement between the schools and us for revenue sharing.
- Reviewed and approved a public hearing notice the clerk had written.
- Communicated by e-mail multiple times with Matt Baker regarding unused sick leave
- Drafted the legislation that is before you.
- Received and reviewed a letter from our Prosecutor Doug Jackson in regard to the case load that is being handled in Municipal Court.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced that the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

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

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers providing there is an agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Airport Commission will be meeting at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 in the Airport Meeting Room, at Harry Clever Field.

Mr. Zucal announced that the Airport Commission will have a change in leadership.

Tom Farbizo who has served as Chair for a long time is stepping down.

Mr. Christopher Bower from Diversified Engineering is replacing the vacant position. We are happy to have Chris on board.

Mr. Zucal reminded all that Mr. Farbizo was the driving force behind the QDA Foundation with the Window Replacement Project at the airport with some of the advertising. The project is doing well.

The windows are enhancing the appearance and helping us with the efficiency at the airport.

The money does go to the 501c3 foundation established by QDA to assist young people with dollars to enhance their post secondary options.

Mr. Zucal reported Mr. Lanzer and Mrs. Ramos do attend the Airport Commission meetings.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced the next Park Board Meeting will be held at noon Wednesday February 25th, 2015 at The Pro's Table Restaurant.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced and reminded all February 25th and 26th, 2015

Starting at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers is the Budget Hearings and other items.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal reported the Salary Committee met at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers present were

Committee members Mr. Lanzer, Alternate Ms. Cox, and Chair Mr. John Zucal. (Committee Member Ms. Walker was absent)

We spoke on three separate agenda items.

We came to an agreement and would like to move forward on the resolution commending William Bichsel III for his years of service to the Park Board.

We discussed vacation time, sick leave, and how we wanted to handle that.

We have moved forward with the discussion and cooperation with administration and are asking the Law Director to draft the appropriate legislation to address the issues of both vacation time and sick leave time.

We also asked him to look separately maybe potentially for at least two different employee issues in regard to the payment of vacation time, with one of those being Mr. Hixenbaugh we will be looking forward to the Law Director having that prepared for the March 23rd, 2015 meeting.

we would like to move and enact all pieces of legislation that evening we will be looking to suspend rules and move forward with that.

One of the issues that came up at the very end of the meeting was the Mayor has been asking for some Proposed personnel moves and ways to do that.

Mr. Lanzer requested the Mayor include that in the Annual Budget.

Mayor as the administrative lead assured us that is what he will do.

Include those types of things like the raise into the annual budget during the Budget Hearings;

That is where we will discuss those matters

That is where we have the opportunity to vent that out and decide

what way we want to go.

We look forward to having that included in the budget and moving forward based on the

Budget Hearings as to where we need to go with that.

Chair John Zucal thanked the Mayor for taking that administrative lead.

The meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM

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

President Sam Hitchcock:

The President Asked the Safety Health & Service Committee Chair Rob Maurer what the status of the geese problem issue that was recently assigned to his committee.

Mr. Maurer said he is still looking into that. His immediate plan is to speak with Mr. Rod Miller.

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

Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger reported that the Public Works & Economic Development Committee did meet February 16th, 2015 immediately following the 7:00 PM Zoning and Annexation Committee Meeting in Council Chambers with one item on the agenda.

To discuss the proposal to establish a Community Reinvestment Area in the City according to the Ohio Revised Code. On our agenda tonight is Ordinance 1-2015 the Committee has recommend rules be suspended this evening and this ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Mr. Lautenschleger announced that Jennifer Syx with the inSight Advisory Group (the firm the City contracted who initially discussed the aspect and the potential for a Community Reinvestment Area CRA) in the City was present.

Mr. Lautenschleger announced if it does pass we could see a number of properties that could be revitalized in the City of New Philadelphia.

Mr. Lautenschleger thanked Ms Syx for her vision thanked the Mayor for reaching out to her and inSight Advisory and inviting them to come see us.

Mr. Fete and Ms Syx were able to determine it does work and we were given a list of parameters and the understanding according to the ORC.

“What higher visibility for a project for the implementation of this program for this to be passed.

Lautenschleger encourage all Council to approve this

To be able revitalize the former K-Mart property and turn it into something valuable and less of an eye sore than it has been in the past decade and a half .”

Lautenschleger thanked everyone and mentioned Ms. Syx was present to answer any questions.

Question from Mrs. Ramos:

The revenue sharing how will that work?

Reply from Ms. Syx:

The revenue sharing is only when the payroll is expected to exceed a million dollars

And then it becomes an agreement between the State, the school district, and the business.

The formal document that is created and negotiated so that the City will generate new income tax because of the jobs that are going to be created at that point when that

payroll reaches a million dollars the City will work with the school district and will share that income tax for a period of time the abatement is placed but there is also on the back of the business also is a gift in place.

We will be working with them to negotiate that, there is nothing required to be done immediately, or even discussed tonight that will come at another date once the Menards agreement is approved.

Comment from Mrs. Ramos

So once you reach the one million dollars in payroll then it is the income tax that will be given to the schools.

Reply from Ms. Syx:

That is correct. It is all based on income tax. It has nothing to do with real estate property tax which is what the abatement is for; it is based on income tax generated on new jobs with payroll in excess of one million dollars.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs Ramos reported that the Zoning & Annexation Committee met February 16th, 2015 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with 2 items of business.

You will see on your agendas for tonight we did agree to permanently rezone certain land located at 419 Tuscarawas Avenue Northwest and certain land located at 1121 Tuscarawas Avenue Northwest.

You will see that as Ordinance 4-2015 and Ordinance 5-2015.

Mrs Ramos announced that the Zoning & Annexation Committee will be scheduling a meeting in March regarding The American Federation of Government Employees request about the Social Security Office.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT

President of Council assigned to Special & Contact Committee the Mayor’s request for Airport Commission Appointment of Christopher Bower and the Airport Commission reappointment of Dr. Rich Varrati.

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

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Comment from Councilperson Mr. John Zucal:

Mr. Zucal encouraged all of us as members of council to continue to think about the potential, as the Mayor addressed in his State of the City some issues with the cemetery and the amount of land acquisition we may potentially need.

“I hate to see that not being discussed on the floor of Council so if we could look forward in restructuring that Committee or allow 2/3 membership to call a meeting I would appreciate that.

President of Council:

That was taken from her committee and was put in Public Works & Economic Development Committee.

Comment from Councilperson Mr. John Zucal:

“Any issues down the road, in light of her potential absences, maybe those could be divvied out not just to Mr. Lautenschleger, but on a case by case basis. I would be willing to assist in any way.”

I do know we have pressing issues that need to be discussed.

President of Council:

Your comments are well taken.

Comment from Councilperson Mrs. Ramos:

Reminded Mr. Zucal that issue was taken out of Ms. Walker’s Committee and is currently in the Public Works & Economic Development Committee

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

- 1-2015 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (ORC), ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Lautenschleger

Seconded by Ms. Cox

Roll call, 6 yeas

Rules for Ordinance 1-2015 have been suspended

Motion to vote on passage by Mr. Lautenschleger
Seconded by Ms. Cox
Roll call, 6 yeas
Ordinance 1-2015 has been passed

- 3-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SANITARY LANDFILL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)
- 4-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO PERMANENTLY REZONE CERTAIN LAND LOCATED AT 419 TUSCARAWAS AVENUE NORTHWEST IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)
- 5-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO PERMANENTLY REZONE CERTAIN LAND LOCATED AT 1121 TUSCARAWAS AVENUE NORTHWEST IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3rd READING)

Motion to vote on passage by Mr. Lautenschleger
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer
Roll call, 6 yeas
Resolution 1-2015 has been passed

- 2-2015 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ENTER INTO AND CONTRACT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES IN THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JAIL AND PAYMENT OF HOUSING COSTS TO THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1ST READING)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Comment from the Mayor:

1. We failed to mention our Health Department and how it provides a very important function for the City. Our Health Department does a lot for this community and the Mayor commended them for their service.
2. The Mayor announced that Mr. Tom Farbizo was appointed to the Park Board so he has not left us. The Mayor requested the President, Mr. Hitchcock assign to a committee Commendations for Mr. Tom Farbizo years of service on the Airport Commission.

The Mayor mentioned that Ms. Ionno, Health Commissioner probably saved more in her budget than anyone else.

Comment from the President:

The President assigned to the Salary Committee the request for Commendations for Mr. Tom Farbizo for his years of service.

The President stated that Ms. Ionno s efforts falls under Service to Our Community.

Comment from the Service Director:

"I talk with Ms. Ionno on a daily basis

I think Our Health Department, for the size of Our City is outstanding

They make money and they save money.

They do a great job for the City."

Ms. Ionno thanked everyone for their comments.

Councilperson John Zucal:

We have had a lot of time invested in the Fire Station
It is important that we recognize that we are purchasing the property on front Avenue.
We have to think about requests for proposals and qualifications.
As we look to move forward; examining what type of facility we need to construct,
A long term vision to serve the citizens not just now but in the future.
We had great life out of the existing fire station.

The Fire Chief and the Committee are looking at April to have another Committee Meeting
We need to have some thoughts to construct in our minds as to what we want to do in regard to the facility.

Comment from the President:

When the Committee Meeting was being held for the renewal of the Contract for the Prisoners, with the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office for the housing of inmates in the Tuscarawas County Jail, at one point it looked like it was going to go on the agenda because we were passed the first of the year.

I encourage Council to try to adhere to the three reading principal.

It is set up for three readings to not only give Council but anyone else an opportunity to do some individual research.
We don't always have control of this. Things get to us in an emergency situation or a situation where we need to act quickly. Anytime we can let it go for 2 or 3 readings the whole community will benefit.

Comment from the Safety Director:

Mr. Popham said he contacted the Sheriff's office to let them know the resolution was scheduled for three readings and they were alright with that.

Comment from the Councilperson Rob Maurer:

Mr. Maurer said it was assigned to his Committee the first of second meeting of December. The contract was to take affect January 1st, 2015. We were looking for direction as to whether it needed to be passed as in emergency.
Mr. Popham pointed out it was not an emergency for this to be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comment from the Council person John Zucal:

Mr. Zucal pointed out that Gary Little with CIC has an article in the Times Reporter twice a month. In his most recent article he highlighted the opportunity and need to revitalize our downtowns. We are blessed to have some revitalization taking place at the west end of town. We still need to make that commitment to our downtown area. The square is the focal point in the City where people gather. NPBCA continues to work very hard to try to promote that I'm thankful to the Mayor for his leadership in helping with a lot of the projects. Let us keep that focus to keep, especially, the square looking tip; top attracting new business

Comment from the President:

"I agree 100% the square is the front room of the City I think we should keep it as attractive and inviting as we can.

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:20 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Patricia A. McKay

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock