

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVE JOHNSON PRESIDING.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVE JOHNSON EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO GIVE 3RD READING AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 10-2001.

Ordinance 10-2001 An ordinance authorizing the Service Director of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract for the remodeling of the former Elks Building adjacent to the New Philadelphia Municipal Building into appropriate courtroom and office space for the New Philadelphia Municipal Court at an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00). (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Mr. Houston said he has been through this building 3 times, and is firmly convinced that the City should proceed with the remodeling of the building. He said the court has outgrown the current space, and has been very patient with Council while they have searched for another site. He said a competent architect has assured that the building is structurally sound, and after it is remodeled should serve the court for many years to come. Ms. Cox Said she has also toured the building on several occasions, and was also assured by the appraiser and the architect that the building is structurally sound. She said she has talked to appraisers, builders, consultants, realtors, residents, and has based her decision on the information they provided. The Clerk read 2 letters that were addressed to Council, both in support of remodeling the building. Roll call for passage, 4 yeas 3 nays (J. Locker, T. Locker, and Day), ordinance passed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. JIM LOCKER. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED APRIL 9, 2001

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____