

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 12, 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.

MR. HOUSTON MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN DIANE ROUDEBUSH AS CLERK OF COUNCIL. MR. LOCKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. LOCKER MADE A MOTION TO ELECT MR. HOUSTON AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM. MR. ELLWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. BILL ELLWOOD
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDY COX WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 22, 2003.
2. The Auditor's Financial Statement for December 2003.
3. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for December 2003.
4. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for December 2003.
5. Board of Control meeting minutes of December 22, 2003.
6. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of December 10, 2003.
7. Summary of Reports for the New Philadelphia Fire Department for December 2003.
8. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for December 2003.
9. The Treasurer's Statement of transactions of all city funds for December 2003.
10. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for the period ending December 2003..

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 23, 2003 through January 12, 2004. Welcomed all returning and new members of Council. He said 2004 will be an interesting year, and he looks forward to working with everyone.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Distributed copies of the 2003 infrastructure tabulations, which includes streets and alleys, water lines, storm sewer and sanitary sewer. Reported that the one million gallon clear well project was awarded today. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he sent a letter to the owner of storage units on 2nd St. N.E. asking them to clean up trash, 141 3rd St. S.E. to repair the sidewalk, 540 Fair Ave. Rear to either repair or tear down a garage, 139 Fair Ave. to clean up their property, and 130 5th Dr. N.W.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY ABSENT

TREASURERMR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested that his reports, and the Auditor’s reports, be approved. Informed Council that for the first time in two years, both his and the Auditor’s figures were in balance. Reported that he is working on direct deposit of payroll for city employees, and hopes to offer it soon. Reported that he will be scheduling a training session for new council members so they can be informed on the budget process, sources of revenue, purchase order process, income tax split, etc. Mr. Hitchcock asked what process is followed for collection of nsf checks. Mr. Taylor said each department handles them in their individual way. Mr. Houston made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s and Auditor’s Reports. Mr. Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Ordinances 1-2004 and 2-2004. Scheduled a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2-2004 for February 23, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that 174 letters were sent to Santa in 2003 and Main Street volunteers responded to all of them. Ms. Wyrie said she is looking for the Mayor to announce the replacement of Mr. Cicconetti on the Board. Reported that the holiday decorations were taken down this past weekend. Reported that Main Street at Midnight was a wonderful promotion for the city and a great success. Reported that she is working continually on the Art on the Square, set for June 11, 12, and 13.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the next meeting will be January 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting January 6, 2004. One (1) appeal was granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting December 9. Reported that no money has been received for November and December sales at the Airport Restaurant. The next meeting is January 13, 2004.

PARK BOARD NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet January 14, 2004 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDRA COX ABSENT

Will meet January 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. in the Mayor’s Conference Rom to review appropriations.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEEMR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from L.E. Stein requesting a meeting to review ordinances.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. BILL ELLWOOD NO REPORT

The next Bicentennial meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 22, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Buckeye Career Center.

SPECIAL COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a request from Main Street to expand Art on the Square.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 1-2004 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia accepting the plat for Lawver Haas Subdivision, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 2-2004 An ordinance by authorize the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement with Stone Container Corporation, an Ohio corporation to grant a tax exemption of one hundred percent (100%) for eight (8) years pursuant to Section 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632 for eligible new tangible personal property acquired in conjunction with their project for a period of eight (8) years, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson scheduled a meeting of the whole council immediately following the next regular Council meeting on January 26, 2004 to address the following: (1) the question of whether or not year end reports are needed from Boards/Commissions, (2) Committee focuses, and (3) Council rules and procedures.:

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 26, 2004

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____