

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 28, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROUP #181 LED ALL IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER WAS ABSENT

MR. CONNER MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCE 3-2008, ORDINANCE 4-2008, ORDINANCE 5-2008, AND RESOLUTION 4-2008 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. CONNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 14, 2008.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of January 16, 2008.
3. Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 9, 2008.
4. December 2007 month end summary for the New Philadelphia Fire Department.
5. Certificate of Result of Election on the issue of Sunday liquor sales at Bell Stores, Inc., 701 South Broadway, New Philadelphia.
6. Certificate of Result of Election on the issue of change of zoning on West High Avenue, New Philadelphia.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he is working on the 2008 budget, and hopes to have it before Council at the February 25 meeting. Announced that Wastewater Superintendent Jim Dinger will be retiring at the end of March. Reported that he will be meeting this week with representatives of Pipes Insurance and Aultcare regarding the 2008 health insurance premiums. Said he is working with newly appointed Treasurer Dave Johnson to balance out for January 2008. Reported that he anticipates sewer and water rates increases will be finalized soon. Reported that he will be meeting soon with Goshen Township Trustees to discuss the contract for yearly fire protection.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Board of Control met today to open bids for the Bluebell Drive pump station. Requested that Mr. Day assign to Committee proposed legislation for materials bids for 2008.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the downtown pedestrian signs will be replaced when the weather permits.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Reported that everything is running smoothly, with no problems.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported meeting with the Safety Director, Mayor, and Union personnel, the Union Attorney, and the Civil Service Commission concerning the lieutenant’s examination for the Fire Department. Updated Council on the status of lawsuits filed against the City. Requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts. Mayor Taylor recommended an Executive Session immediately following the reading of legislation. Roll call, 6 yeas, recommendation approved.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet February 13, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet February 12, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported that the meeting scheduled for January 23 lacked a quorum, but discussion was held concerning the need for an additional tornado warning siren and repairs to the tennis and basketball courts. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet February 13, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 2-2008, Resolution 3-2008, and Resolution 5-2008. All resolutions were approved by Committee, and it was recommended that each be added to the agenda for February 11, 2008. Reminded Council that the 2008 Budget Hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 and Thursday, February 7, from 12:30 to ? P.M. each day.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Mayor Taylor’s request to hire a part-time employee for the Switchboard area. The request was approved.

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

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 4-2008, which was approved.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. ANITA EDWARDS

Reported on the upcoming activities of Main Street.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Day introduced Aaron Hixenbaugh, Troup Leader for Boy Scout Troup #181.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 31-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to repeal New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 935.05 reimbursement for waterline construction charges and to enact a new Codified Ordinance 935.05 reimbursement and assessment charges for waterline hook up in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 32-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to repeal New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 931.02 reimbursement for sanitary sewer or storm sewer extension and to enact a new Codified Ordinance 931.02 reimbursement and assessment charges for sanitary sewer and storm sewer extension in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 6 yeas ordinance passed.
- 2-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's office for the purpose of participation in the Tuscarawas County Drug Enforcement Task Force, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 3-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to rezone certain land located at 809 Emmet Avenue NW from Industrial to Office, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held March 10, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.
- 4-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unimproved, unnamed alleyway located between Lot 4097 and Lot 4058 within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and an unnamed alley located between Lot 4097 and Lot 4068 and 4067 within the City of New Philadelphia which lots are owned by Investment Realty Properties LTD., and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held March 10, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.
- 5-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unnamed, unopened alley running between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from West High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio to 11th Street NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio and ordered on the East side by property owned by Investment Realty Properties, LTD., and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held March 24, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 39-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Dean E. Myers for his 28-year service to the City of New Philadelphia through the New Philadelphia Street Department/Traffic Department. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Conner. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 4-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, supporting the nomination of members of the New Philadelphia Fire Department for the American College of Emergency Physicians Star of Life Award. (1st Reading)

AT 8:05 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTS. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:54 P.M.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Locker said he has been in contact with Congressman Zack Space's office concerning a grant for Beaver Dam Creek cleanup, and requested that this be assigned to Committee. Mr. Day assigned this to the Public Works Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:02 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 11, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____