

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 23, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

MR. ROB MAURER WAS ABSENT.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MS.ESPENSSCHIED SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of February 13, 2009.
2. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for January 2009.
3. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of January 29, 2009.
4. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for January 2009.
5. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for January 2009.
6. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for January 2009.
7. Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 10, 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Commended the Tuscarawas Chamber of Commerce for their successful Business 2 Business event held recently. Commended all city departments for their excellent work in their budget preparations, and the Finance Committee for putting the budget together. Reported that he held the second voluntary employee meeting on February 12 to discuss updates on health insurance and projects done in 2008 and being reviewed for 2009. Reported meeting recently with Greg Fuhrer from the Labor Management Council. Mayor Taylor announced that he will be reactivating the city's steering committee to deal with labor/management issues. Reported that Main Street New Philadelphia has withdrawn from the main Street umbrella, and is now called the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

Distributed the General Services Department Report for 2008. Reported that the snowplow and salting policy review team continue to review their practices.

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

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her January reports, and reported that the pre-audit meeting will be held March 5 at 9:00 A.M.

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Request approval of his January reports. Mr. Locker made a motion to approve the Auditor’s and Treasurer’s January reports. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Requested that Mr. Day assign the review of the city’s Enterprise Zone, to include any new businesses that may want to locate at the Hi-Tech Park.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet March 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet March 10, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet February 25, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the park office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet March 18, 2009 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported that the 2009 Budget Hearings were held February 13, and she thanked all who participated in the hearings, including department heads, administration, and council members. Some changes were made, and Ordinance 9-2009 is before council tonight for 1st reading. Also discussed were requests to authorize payment for monthly utility bills, authorize payment for gasoline for 2009, to advertise for bids for various materials, and the purchase of salt used at the water plant. Ordinances were prepared, and are before council tonight for 1st reading. Reported that a change was made to the agreement with Ordinance 3-2009. The Auditor requested an increase in the temporary appropriations for the cemetery department, Ordinance 10-2009 is before council tonight, and the Committee recommends emergency passage tonight.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting February 18 and again tonight to discuss water, wastewater, and sanitation rates proposals. The Committee is awaiting results of the Performance Audit before making a recommendation. April 2009 is the tentative date for implementing new water rates.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED NO REPORT

Mr. Day assigned a request for change of zoning on 4th St. NW. and West High Avenue.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss 2 liquor license requests. Mr. Conner made a motion to approve these requests. Mrs. Walker seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed. Mr. Day assigned the review of the Enterprise Zone.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Darla Carlisle of the New Philadelphia Business & Community Association, formerly Main Street New Philadelphia, said they are no longer affiliated with Main Street Ohio, but will continue to operate under the same policies and goals. She reported that the banner program will begin soon, and they are looking to return the car show to the downtown, tentatively set for September 12.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 1-2009 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, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

 Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 2-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to repeal Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances and replace the same with a new Chapter 153, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 3-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Mayor of the City to enter into a contract with Electronic Data Payment Systems to offer a five-year tax credit for city income taxes as the result of new jobs created within the City for the calendar years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 4-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia and dedicating to accept the land deeded to the City of New Philadelphia by the Knisely Family Trust and dedicating said property as a public street Reiser Avenue in New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

- 5-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize payment to the various utility providers for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio for the monthly utility bills in 2009 for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio which billings are in excess of \$25,000 per year, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 6-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize payment for gasoline purchased throughout the year 2009, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 7-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize payment for the purchase of salt used at the New Philadelphia Water Plant, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 8-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia directing the Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidder for the City's requirements of various materials and supplies for 2009, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 9-2009 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, 2009 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 10-2009 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2009 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2009 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Michael Noretto for his years of service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia during his 18 years serving on the New Philadelphia Park Board. (2nd Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Taylor presented a video which highlights the city's business and education facilities. The object of the video is for businesses wishing to locate here.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED March 9, 2009

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____