

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 14, 2000 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ART CICCONETTI
MR. JOEL DAY
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. TOM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

COUNCIL MEMBERS SANDRA COX AND JIM LOCKER WERE ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2000 AND JULY 27, 2000 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE..... CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for July, 2000.
2. Board of Control meeting minutes of July 28, 2000.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 24, 2000.
4. Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 31, 2000.
5. Special Committee meeting minutes of July 24, 2000.
6. Auditor's Financial Statement for July, 2000.
7. Auditor's Monthly Statement of revenue for the General Fund.
8. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of July 31, 2000.
9. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of July 31, 2000.
10. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of July 12, 2000.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from July 25 through August 14, 2000. Reported that the runway overlay at the airport is finished. Reported that the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Marsh Industries has been approved by the County Commissioners, and has been forwarded to the state for approval. Reported that the recent Italian-American Festival was a huge success. Requested that Council look into fixing a water problem at Beaver Ave. and Ridge Ave. N.E., where water drains off where condominiums were built. Mayor Brodzinski informed Council that he will be on his honeymoon from August 17 to August 28, and President of Council Dave Johnson will serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Reported that Friday August 11 was the official last day for Special Assistant Tom Farbizo, and the mayor is searching for a replacement.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that, prior to tonight’s regular session, a public meeting was held concerning the city’s water line replacements, which will take place at 3rd St. N.W., from West High Ave. to Ray Ave.; 2nd St. S.W., from St. Clair Ave. to West High; and Maple Ave. N.W., from Tuscarawas Ave. to 10th St. N.W. Work will begin later this month. Thanked General Service Superintendent Fred Neff and his employees for their work during the recent Italian-American Festival.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY NO REPORT

TREASURERMR. ROBERT GERBER NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that there will be a trial in December to determine what money the City owes for the purchase of the hangars at the airport. Informed Council that Mr. & Mrs. Larry Colvin has donated to the City a little more than two acres of land on the other side of the river directly across from the Waterworks Ball Fields. Reminded Council that there will be a Public Hearing August 28, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. on Ordinances 43-2000 and 44-2000.

CITY ENGINEER, W.E. QUICKSALL & ASSOC. MR. ROY CRAWFORD

Mr. Roy Crawford reported that the original project on Front St. is being completed this week. Installation of sidewalks on the north side was extended to 3rd St. N.W. because there was money remaining in the budget.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Met August 1, 2000. All appeals were approved, and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2000 at 5:30 p.m.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.MR. JIM LOCKERABSENT

In the absence of Mr. Locker, Mr. Day reported meeting August 8. Reported that all rent money owed to the city by the airport is being paid in a timely manner. Reported that the city has been notified that the airport did not qualify for grant money in 2001 because proposed projects did not receive a high priority rating. The Commission will discuss possibly extending the south end of the runway to accommodate larger corporate airplanes.

PARK BOARD.MR. ART CICCONENO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX ABSENT

In the absence of Ms. Cox, Mayor Brodzinski reported that changes in Medicare funding would have a serious effect on the city’s home health program.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX. ABSENT

Mr. Houston reported, in the absence of Ms. Cox, that the Committee met July 31. General Services Superintendent Fred Neff requested an advance of \$77,000 from the General Fund for the completion of the paving program. The money will be coming from state gasoline tax and license plate taxes, and when it is received, will be placed in the General Fund. Also discussed was an additional appropriation of \$26,000 for water and sewer line inspections. The Committee voted to approve this request. Mr. Neff also requested an additional appropriation to make downtown improvement repairs, and to purchase a leaf vacuum machine. Money had already been appropriated for the leaf machine, but the price had increased from the original quote. Both of these requests were approved. The Law Director has prepared an agreement with Bradley Swinderman to assist the city in redistricting the city's ward boundaries. The Finance Committee reviewed the agreement, and approved the request for funding.

SALARY COMMITTEE. MR. JIM LOCKER. ABSENT NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE. MS. WINNIE WALKERNO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting July 31 to discuss the deregulation of electric service. More information is needed before a decision can be reached. Mr. Johnson assigned the water problem at Crider, Ridge, and Beaver Ave. to the Public Works Committee.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting July 31 to discuss a request to rezone property on 4th N.E. from Industrial to Residential. The Committee had no objections, and an ordinance will be prepared to approve the change.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE. NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE. MR. TOM LOCKER.

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the tornado siren test results. All areas are covered well, with the exception of the west end of the City in the vicinity of K-Mart and Wal-Mart. The Committee approved the purchase of an additional siren, and the issue will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for final approval. Mr. Johnson assigned to Special Committee the consideration of a thank-you letter to the Colvins for the donation of land, and to Special Assistant Tom Farbizo, thanking him for his service to the City.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Jim Sholtz, 431 Beaver Ave. N.E., New Philadelphia, asked for the city's help in taking care of a water runoff problem at Beaver & Ridge Avenues. He said water was not properly drained off the property when a new apartment complex was built on the hill at Ridge Ave., thus creating a problem with water and gravel draining onto his property and into his basement.

William Walker, 411 West 7th St., Dover, representing a resident who is being terrorized by youths in the City. The issue has been addressed by the Court, but no serious charges were made. Mr. Walker asked that Council stop the actions of the prosecutor and assistant prosecutor to assure that the youth be charged for their actions. He said the youth involved in this were assisted by at least one adult, with no action taken against the adult.

Joseph Jean-Charles, 1124 Larkin Dr. S.W., New Philadelphia, said he is the resident who is being terrorized, and said a message should be sent to the youth in the City that this behavior will not be tolerated.

Homer Harris, 1361 Independence Circle, S.E., New Philadelphia, said his property has been vandalized, and has made numerous calls to the police department, and the vandalism continues.

Frank Fry, 138 3rd Dr. N.W., New Philadelphia, presented pictures of a water problem that he has on his property, and asked that the city look at a solution. He suggested that the city consider having police patrol on bicycles, so as not to alert people with a police car.

Vicki Fuhrer, 219 2nd St. S.W., New Philadelphia, said she has a problem of children menacing and terrorizing residents in her neighborhood. She said there is excessive noise late at night, and a child was recently beaten up. T

Gene Donofrio, 507 Ridge Ave., New Philadelphia, speaking in regards to the water problem at Beaver and Ridge, said there is an existing storm sewer in the area that was patched over, and uncovering it may alleviate the water runoff problem, but the stones from the driveway wash down and create another problem.

Don Knisely, 128 Moore Ave., New Philadelphia, said he couldn't buy the kind of gasoline his airplane needs at Harry Clever Field, and is forced to get it at another field. He also complained that the airport closes too early, most airports stay open until at least sundown. He said the management agreed to stay open during daylight hours.

William Bevan, 412 Front St. S.W., New Philadelphia, said the curb and sidewalk job on Front St. looks nice. He said the VFW wants to have an alley vacated, and he wanted to know why it was not on tonight's agenda. Law Director Mike Johnson informed him that before an alley can be vacated, it must be determined who gets what portion of the alley. This information has not been provided to the city.

Jeff Hill, 210 2nd St. S.W., New Philadelphia, said there is a lot of noise in his neighborhood, and has seen kids out roaming the streets late at night. He has called the police department numerous times, and would like to see the curfew enforced.

Dick Aubihl, 425 Beaver Ave. New Philadelphia, said he agrees that something needs to be done to alleviate the water runoff problem on Ridge and Beaver Avenue. He said another neighbor had requested that an alley between Ridge Ave. and Crider Ave. be designated one way, but nothing has been done. There have been problems there because there is not enough room for two vehicles to pass.

Fred Neff, Superintendent of General Services, said he is receiving estimates for repairs to Beaver and Ridge Avenue. As President of the Italian-American Festival Assoc., Mr. Neff recognized Mr. Cicconetti for receiving the Outstanding Citizen Award for 2000.

Linda Miller, 215 2nd St. S.W., New Philadelphia, also commented on children in the neighborhood making noise late at night. She said the police are called, but the children scatter and hide, and then return when the police leave.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, said a neighbor's car was broken into recently, and she sees an increase in vandalism around the city. She complained about garage sale signs on utility poles and curb strips, and asked that the police taken them down. She said the weeds need to be cut down at East High Avenue and Shel-Mar and at the stop sign behind the Drug Mart. She asked if something could be done at the corner of Ray Avenue and North Broadway because the street and sidewalk are level. There is a manhole on University Drive that needs to be lowered. She asked if the traffic light at West High Ave. and Tuscarawas Ave. at five points could be changed to allow for left turns since there is so much traffic, it is impossible to turn left from West High onto Tuscarawas Ave. She asked why the fire hydrant on Fair Ave. N.E. is covered. Mayor Brodzinski said the General Services Department would take some of these things under advisement. He said the City of New Philadelphia is not unique

to the problems with youth, but some of the problems fall back on their home life. He said the police will increase their patrol, but additional manpower will be needed. He said activities need to be provided to keep the youth off the street.

Kenneth Weber, 339 Front St. S.W., New Philadelphia, asked why his new sidewalk was broken up and hauled away. He said the new sidewalks look good, but he didn't understand why his was taken out.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 39-2000 An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase and installation of light poles, lights, wiring and accessories for the baseball field located within the Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Roll call, 5 years, ordinance passed.
- 40-2000 An ordinance by the council of the City of New Philadelphia accepting the Greco property, LTD, plat along Fifth Street SE, New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 5 years, ordinance passed.
- 42-2000 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, on behalf of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to sign and enter into a drilling oil and gas lease with Tipka Energy Development Company for four (4) acres known as the city water reservoir and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 43-2000 An ordinance to amend and modify the zoning map of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and to rezone .880 acres owned by Leonard L. Martin on Wabash Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio adjacent to Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company from a Residential zone to Business zone, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held August 28, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.
- 44-2000 An ordinance to amend and modify the zoning map of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and to rezone 1.630 acres owned by Nick Incarnato located at 4th Street Rear N.E., New Philadelphia, Ohio from Industrial to Residential, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held August 28, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.
- 45-2000 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2000, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

23-2000 A resolution by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Michael Taylor for his service in the City of New Philadelphia as a member of City Council from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Houston said, in regards to youths terrorizing and vandalizing throughout the city, there is a curfew and it should be enforced. Law Director said the curfew currently is between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on weeknights, and midnight and 5:00 a.m. on weekends. Safety Director Greg Popham will notify Police Chief Staggers to strongly enforce the curfew.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:42 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED AUGUST 28, 2000

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____