

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Via Zoom

7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL – Mr. Bubb, Mr. Fennell, Ms. Hall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS

Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Blake, second by Mr. Fennell, passed by acclamation

MINUTES of February 1, 2021 - Motion by to approve the February 1, 2021 Newark City Council Minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same, second by **Motion to approve by Mr. Labutis, second by Mr. Barker , carried by acclamation**

APPOINTMENTS

There are none this evening

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – **no objections, received and filed**

Service – **no objections, received and filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Stephen E. Johnson – Operating report for period January 31, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

Connie Klema – Corridor Development Co. – Request to Table PC20-033, River Road, until March 9, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

President Ellington – I mention this last meeting it just did not make it on the agenda, asking for the Planning Commission to Table their project until March 9th.

River Road Development Opposition – Jurgen Pape, Melissa Hatfield-Granville Mayor, Jess Padgett, Megan Cuda, Lorraine Watson, Greg Keeler, Catherine Camerson-Pazera, Marcin Pazera, Michael Shapiro, Andrew Douglass, Melinda Moran, Bobbi Jo Finley, Tiffany Bafford, Susan Robinson

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Transfer application from Tracy Kelly DBA Liquid & patio to Bar Liquid & Patio LLC

Ohio Department of Agriculture – Notification of Gypsy Moth treatments planned for our area
Carl Lescalleet , 1145 West Main St. - Letter and photos related to zoning variances granted to Jodie Greene for 1131 West Main Street

President Ellington – Apparently they have put in a pool and there are some things that they did not do like fencing, we have forwarded that on to our zoning inspector.

209 N. 21st Street re-zoning Opposition – Nancy LeBlanc, Janet Simi, John Sissea, Kris Wells-Sissea, John Laurell, Theresa Laurell, Dale Crane, Cynthia Crane, Lynda Abbott, Janice Page

Janet Hendry – Email regarding petition against re-zoning of 209 N. 21st Street and clarification of the intended use for the project

President Ellington – I believe this will be back to council for a public hearing and a vote on April 5th if anyone listening is interested in that.

LOCALiQ Ohio – Regarding change in preprint inserting operations facility including products for the Newark Advocate

PUBLIC HEARING

By: Mr. Rath

21-07 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath – This is a standard procedure we do for this property, the reason it's an emergency is to get it done in time to allow the owner to begin to farm the land.

Motion passed 9-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Rath

21-01 AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEMPORARY BOARD OF ZONING

DISTRICT REVISION

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb, motion passed 9-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

There are none this meeting

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie

21-05 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Held for 2 weeks for second reading

By: Mr. Marmie

21-06 Expedite APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Motion to waive 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Marmie – We need to expedite this to pay some bills that are due, probation department has some things he needs to pay off, we have some leases and some building improvements that we used COVID funds that need to be expedited.

Mr. Bubb – I will abstain from Resolution No. 21-06

Motion to waive 2 day reading rule passed 8-0 with one abstention

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang , motion passed 8-0 with one abstention

By: Mr. Rath

21-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) VEHICLES

Held for 2 weeks for second reading

By: Mr. Rath

21-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR ALTERATIONS AND UPGRADES TO THE WATER OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath – This has the emergency clause because these alterations are for security reasons and for COVID compliance reasons

Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Rath

21-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE, OHIO FOR A NEW BRIDGE ON THORNWOOD CROSSING, WHICH WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING BRIDGE ON CHERRY VALLEY ROAD

To be held 2 weeks for second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hall – Our Civil Service Commission is composed of three members as dictated by Ohio Revised Code section 124.40. I make those appointments, and I had to do a recent replacement for Roy Van Atta who was elected as the County Treasurer. They did their due diligence and it would've been a conflict for him to serve on that board being an elected official. I am happy to say that I've appointed Nicole Arnold to fulfill his term and then to continue if she so decides. I want to thank Nicole for stepping up, they met last Tuesday for the February meeting and just so you know it's composed of Jim Holman, Carol Floyd and now Nicole Arnold. So again, thank you to those citizens who step up and serve on our civil service commission.

Mr. Bubb – With all the snow coming our way I want to thank the Street Department and I want to thank our Police Department, I've had some very positive feedback as our first season of geese hunting in Newark has ended some of the geese hunters reached out to me and had a very positive experience with it, it's definitely become a problem in our city especially in the north end near TJ Evans Park and Horns Hill. Thank you again to the Police Department and Officer Cortez it was handled very well and is only going to grow and get better.

Mr. Fennell - I'd like to thank all of the crews out there working to get the streets de-iced as quick as possible and a special shout out to David Rhodes for helping me get some of the streets plowed around the neighborhood.

Ms. Hall – I just want to tell everyone to be safe out there, it seems this winter we're making up for the last nice winters that we've had. I want to thank the Street Department as well for working overtime, they've been wonderful.

Mr. Harris – I would also like to thank the Street Department for all of their hard work and what to thank Mr. Rhodes for helping to get a couple streets plowed.

Mr. Labutis – I too would like to thank the Streets Department for trying to keep things clean out there as we get all of this bad weather and thank you to Director Rhodes for help with a couple projects.

Mr. Lang – With all of the snow we've been having I know our plows have really been going through some maintenance issues and we've been having a tuff time keeping trucks on the roads. I'm hoping that either we can find some grant opportunities or some money in the budget to upgrade some of those trucks, I know that's something that Director Rhodes is looking into and I certainly support upgrading some of those trucks that are working so hard. Thanks to the crew I know that Dave and Buster and Greg and everybody from the department have been working really hard, it's been a pretty battering winter here for the last month, so thank you to everybody who's been out late in the middle of the night trying to clear the roads for us.

Mr. Marmie – I need to call a Finance Committee meeting. I too want to thank Director Rhodes and the entire crew. I know not only are they working hard when you see them out plowing and clearing the streets, but we have guys that when the snow is done they're working on those trucks and making sure they are running and operational and they're working very hard even when the snow does stop to get them ready for the next one coming and I know that's a tuff job. I received some literature on possibly trying to add some wings to these trucks to make the plows wider so they can cover more area and hopefully we can do something moving forward especially for 16 and our portion of 79 on those major thoroughfares it would be very beneficial. I think everyone in the city is doing a great job,, I appreciate all of the assistance that I've been given. On a positive final note I love that the Buckeye basketball team is heating up and the entire big 10 is doing well. I know they have a tuff schedule coming up but that will just prepare them for the NAACP tournament and I look forward to watching that.

Mr. Rath – I need to call a Service Committee meeting and I too want to thank the street crews and everyone working in the Street Department keeping the trucks together and keeping them running. I was on quite a few obscure side roads today and everything has been plowed and maybe not completely clear but passable and for the guys working on the trucks, it seems like we no sooner than get the streets cleared and the next wave of snow is coming in, so kudos to those guys as well. I just wanted to briefly mention about the COVID money, I understand we're being conservative with that money and holding onto it, and I guess some of that's being held onto to take care over overtime within the city and things of that nature and I understand that, and if we do have some larger overtime numbers I understand it can be a burden on the city, but I also understand that we can handle that. We have some businesses that have turned in requests that are hanging on by a thread and I would like to see us be a little less conservative with that money and try to get it out to the people that are really desperately in need of that. I'd just like to take that under consideration.

Mr. Barker – I would just echo what everyone has said about our Street Department teams, they're doing a fantastic job with the amount of snow that we've been getting dumped on us

and we know that Thursday we're probably going to get some more. So hopefully they can get a little bit of rest in between routes.

President Ellington – I would also like to add my thanks to the whole street crew, it's a tuff job and they're doing the job. I was on several streets today and there are none that are not passable, there are still some with a lot of ice on them. But that's a tuff thing to get done especially when it's going to get down to probably zero tonight. Just keep doing the best you can, I think you're doing a great job. I'd just like to add everyone stay warm this evening and stay safe. Our next meeting is Monday, March 1st, 5:45pm for Committees and 7:00pm for Council.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lang seconded by Mr. Barker , passed by acclamation

Don Ellington, President of Council