

COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Via Zoom

7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Blake

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS

MINUTES of December 21, 2020 - Motion by to approve the December 21, 2020 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 OFFICIAL

There are none this evening

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Transfer application from Hooligans Bar LLC DBA Hooligans Bar to YUV LLC

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – New application for Don & Sues Pizza Plus LLC

Mark Poole – Email regarding Proposed River Road Development

Jes Padgett – Email regarding Proposed River Road Development

Tracey Voorhis – Email regarding Proposed River Road Development

All received and filed with no objections

President Ellington – There will be a Public Hearing at Planning Commission on the River Road Development January 12, 2021 you can come give us your opinion at that meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

No Ordinances on 2nd Reading

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By:Mr.Rath

20-45 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 209 N. 21ST STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RH-HIGH DENSITY DITRICT TO MB – MEDIUM INTENSITY BUSINESS DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Referred to the Planning Commission and will come back to Council in a couple months

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Rath

20-93 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES (UV DISINFECTION UPGRADE PROJECT) AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb, motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie

20-97-B Expedite A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

There was a current Motion on the floor from 12-21-20 meeting to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Blake, motion passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie

20-96 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

To be held for two weeks for 2nd reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hall – I want to welcome everyone in to 2021 our new year, we are here. I want to reach out to safety forces, water employees and street personnel that worked both on Christmas and New Years to keep our city safe. As everybody knows that weather hit, so obviously fire and police and we have somebody at the water department to keep things safe and monitor 24/7 and that's normal on those holidays, but of course this year we had the plows out 24/7 around Christmas and New Years and while I'm sure many citizens enjoyed the white Christmas, and it was kind of timed rather nicely, thank the employees for taking care of the streets for us. Other than that, Go Bucks!

Mr. Fennell – I would also like to welcome everybody to 2021 and extend my thanks to everybody who was out there working on the holidays with all the snow clearing the streets.

Ms. Hall – I want to thank everybody as well, I think the street department was out and doing a great job, it was kind of nice, the snow was pretty for about 10 minutes. I hope everybody had a good holiday, I know a lot of people had a quiet holiday but they said we had good food, so anyway, welcome to 2021.

Mr. Harris – I look forward to working with everybody again this year, I think last year went pretty quick on my first year back on council. Go Bucks we finally beat Clemson and Go Browns, beat the Steelers.

Mr. Labutis – I just want to wish everyone a healthy 2021, Happy New Year. I'm thankful for all the employees that were out Christmas Eve and Christmas Day making sure all of our roads were clear. Thank you for that I appreciate all of the hard work you put in as well as police, fire and water. Go Bucks next week bring home a national championship.

Mr. Lang – I'll also extend a thank you to all the folks clearing the roads. In particular we did have some icy times on Londondale and the guys got the crew out here so much appreciated. I'd also like our first responders who came to our neighborhood on December 23rd. I think you saw in the news there was a pretty awful tragedy that happened in our neighborhood where a woman and her one year old granddaughter were hit by a distracted driver on Londondale. I really want to thank all the firefighter, EMS folks who came out because I know they had to deal with a pretty hard scene right before the Christmas holiday and we had to send the chaplain out to look after some of them, I hope that they were still able to enjoy their holidays after taking care of the scene. I really want to thank the Newark Police Department, there was not a lot of information to go on, the driver fled the scene and as they always do they tracked him down in just a few hours and brought him to justice. I really couldn't be more grateful to our first responders for showing up and doing a fantastic job with a very difficult circumstance. I also want to extend a thank you to Dave Lewis and Mark Shipley who met with me today to look at the school transportation in the area. I know we have some student drop offs in the area, we were looking at those to make sure we're not putting students in a bad spot. I'd also like to thank our Engineering Department, Brian Morehead and Nick Schultz who I know are already looking at some different measures we may be able to take on Londondale because it is

sort of a strange road with there not being sidewalks and it being so wide. So lots of different things we're looking at to hopefully improve the safety in the area. So I'd like to thank everybody who has been helping me with that. Spencer I know you've been helping me so I'd like to thank you as well.

Mr. Marmie – I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for two weeks. I too want to thank everybody in the safety forces and the water department. Over the holidays I know it's a tough time, especially this year with all the snow that we received on Christmas Eve, but I think the safety of the citizens definitely was taken care of. I appreciate that and also the Street Department and the Water Department as the Mayor indicated, they are on call and out there still working making sure that we have the luxury of having that city water and I appreciate them over the holidays. I too wish everybody good fortune in 2021. In particular I wish the Buckeyes good fortune in 2021 I hope that they come home with a victory and Go Bucks.

Mr. Rath – I will call a Service Committee meeting for two weeks. I wish everyone a Happy New Year. I too want to say thank you to everybody who was working over the holidays, that's never a fun thing to do, but a necessity none the less, they did a great job. Go Bucks and here we go Steelers, get ready for the varsity squad.

Mr. Barker – I would just like to echo everyone's comments. Our safety crew, the incident on December 23rd is tragic and as Councilman Lang said, they promptly worked, I was on the scene right as they were finishing up and hopefully we can find some avenues or ways that we can increase safety on Londondale for those who walk. We know there are not just high schoolers, but obviously grandparents and also the university students, so I know that our Engineering Department and Safety Department are both working on those diligently. Happy New Year.

President Ellington – I'd also like to add my thanks to the city employees and also tell everyone Happy New Year and good fortune in 2021. I'm glad 2020 is behind us. Our next Council and Committee meetings will be January 19th at 5:45 for Committees and 7:00pm for Council, the 18th is a holiday.

ADJOURNMENT .

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Labutis , seconded by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation

Don Ellington, President of Councilsp