

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 2021
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL – Mr. Blake, Mr, Fennell, Mr. Harris, Ms. Hottinger, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

INVOCATION – Mark Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS – Welcome to the new Council Member Ms. Cheri Hottinger

Ms. Hottinger – I will need to abstain on Resolution No. 21-67 due to my employer.

Mr. Marmie – Motion to excuse Ms. Hall and Mr. Lang by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Blake, motion passed by acclamation

MINUTES of November 1, 2021 - Motion by to approve the November 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 **Motion by Mr. Labutis , second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation**

APPOINTMENTS

Council - Appointing Mark Labutis and Warren Weber to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council (CRAHC) Terms commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.
Motion to approve by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed by acclamation

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – **Received and filed no objections**

Service– **Received and filed no objections**

Personnel- **Received and filed no objections**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Ryan T. Bubb – Operating report for period ending October 31, 2021

Tax Administrator, Brenda Cooper - Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending October 31st, 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – New Liquor permit application for Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store 22427, 1780 Cherry Valley Rd, Newark, Oh

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Gary Babcock, 67 Philmont Avenue – Thank you. Thank you. Those are two words I like to use. I want to thank the present council for all that you do. You are probably the most underpaid people in Licking County right now. Thank you for your decisions. Mayor, Law Director, thank you. Newly elected officials, I see a couple of them here. Young lady in the back and going to be my best friend Michael, he lives just a few blocks from me. Thank you for running and congratulations. Thank you to those leaving. I see a couple faces that are leaving. Those of you who ran, Bill Cost, thank you. It gives us a choice. That's great. And with that being said, I hope Jeremy Blake and Bill Cost remain active in our community, they've done lots of good. Lots of good. I want to see their name in the paper once in a while. They've just done a great job, so stick around. Thank you. Prayers to Dee Hall. She's still struggling, I've not heard, so I guess no news is fair news. Welcome Cheri Hottinger. Am I allowed to call you Cheri? And, as Forest Gump would say, that's all I've got to say.

Everett McKee, 255 Upson Downs Rd. – I have a couple things to talk about here, well actually one, but just a preface to that. I feel that I've been very fortunate to live in a city that's both secure and also with the opportunity to go to electronics school to get my degree in electronics where I used that at the Newark Telephone Company for 35 years. And I still do that sort of thing. So I'm very fortunate to have had all of these opportunities. I have not had the experience of homelessness or anything like that, I was mostly sheltered from all those things, until I had the opportunity to become the videographer for the Newark City Council meetings, where I found out a lot of things that I didn't know before. Both good and bad and it has been a great opportunity. I appreciate the city for allowing me to have that opportunity. One of the things that has become one of the primary things that I'm concerned about is the homeless state and that's what I'm going to talk about this evening. It took me two hours to compose this, but it's not going to take me two hours to say it. I'm going to read because I can't remember. Anyway, all humans have a fundamental right to food and shelter and our community has a moral responsibility to provide for that. We all have certain rights, but no one has the right to cause harm or violate the rights of others while exercising our rights. At one of the council meetings it was mentioned that everybody complains that something needs to be done, but no one offers a solution. Two weeks ago a lady did offer a number of solutions for the homeless. I don't see her here tonight, I wish she was here. I ran across a video about a city in Texas. I can't remember the name of the city because I tried to find the video again and you know how it is to try to find a video again. Anyway, this city was dealing with it. The Mayor led the construction of managed tent cities within the city. I won't get into the details of that, but it is working and is planned to expand tent cities throughout the city. This is an example of how things can get done. Our city as well as others are constrained by the structure of our economic system, but that system is the cause of many of these problems, even including global climate change. I realize that the system isn't going to change anytime soon, but there's no reason why we can't provide a real solution now. Maybe patches, but at least it will be something. If we can't accomplish anything within the current structure, then adjust it and change some of the rules to deal with this major problem. I think there are plenty of people, as well as the city, who

would be willing to donate some time and resources as well as the organizations dedicated to the problem. So, let's get innovative and stop kicking the homeless down the road. Thank you.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There were none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-36 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DEPARTMENT OF Public Service, DIVISION OF Streets/Traffic BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF Equipment Operator, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE

Held 2 weeks for second reading

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

21-37 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$285,349.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCLES OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Held 2 weeks for second reading

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Harris, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-65 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$6,824.00 - Service Contracts) (\$6,824.00 -To appropriate funds into 204 salary & benefits accts to cover expenses to year end. Salaries-admin spec. raise was not budgeted in 2021 budget; health ins-dependent was added to empl. Insurance after dependent graduated; sick lv conversion – empl. Eligible to convert 48 hrs sick lv to pay for 1st time) (\$2,705.63 - Request appropriation of funds from the sale of 2005 For Explorer on GovDeals) (\$1,851.50 - Money donated to NPD to purchase equipment) (\$771.00 -Req funds from Naloxone rebate be put back into EMS supplies \$480 and Airevac transports exceeded est revenue so request additional revenue collected be put into EMS supplies \$291)

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 8-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-67 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 7-0 with Ms. Hottinger abstaining

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie

21-68 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH PATHWAYS OF CENTRAL OHIO, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 8-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-69 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(\$3,000.00 - Monies from homeless camp clean ups)

Held 2 weeks for second reading

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-70 Expedite A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(\$21,500 -Payout for retiring Law Director Secretary Marcia Shaffer)

(\$13,564.00-2021 BJA FY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Local Solicitation award to be split between the City and LCSO. Purchase of speed measuring equip. by the city. The county will purchase radios chargers and assoc. equip.) (\$370,000.00 - NPD handheld radios and reporting software)

Motion to waive the two day reading rule by Mr. Marmie. Second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Marmie – We have to expedite some of these items, we have a payout which we always want to expedite that to get the funds to the appropriate person, plus we have a couple of items that we need to move the money to make sure we meet some deadlines, so we need to move those quickly so some purchases can be made.

Motion to waive two day reading rule passed 8-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 8-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-71 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWARK TO USE AN EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY

AND FAITHFUL DUTY POLICY IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL SURETY BONDS, PURSUANT TO ORC 3.061,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 8-0

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

21-72 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT A PETITION TO CONFORM THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK AND THE
TOWNSHIPS OF NEWARK, GRANVILLE, NEWTON, MADISON, AND UNION IN LICKING COUNTY,
OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Rath – This has the emergency clause so that we can meet publication deadlines and
taxation deadlines before the first of the year.

Motion passed 8-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kim Blaney, 1407 Misty Glen Dr. – I will have lived in Newark for 65 years at the first of the year. I really feel I'm making a mistake coming down here and speaking. I should just keep my mouth shut. I've been told coming down here expressing my opinion is only making my case worse. So anyway, I just have a couple points. I was at Toastmasters for years, so hopefully I can make my point. First point is I just want to be accommodated as a trans person and with Jeremy leaving I think you've been a champion for the community and to be honest with you gone, it's quite worrisome. I watched the Governors race in Virginia and it was interesting to see that the trans issue was a wedge issue that helped decide it. We can expect things to get a lot worse, just asking for people to be accommodated. I'm trying to make a point here, we own 100 % of Rice Street. It's taken me 42 years to buy those three acres. I guess I was naïve on what I should've done. I should've borrowed some more money and tore down about 6 houses and if I can get the financing we are going to tear down 4 this coming year. So, I just need to be accommodated at times, if somebody lives here and works here and buys an entire north block, south block and may need to have the street abandoned, just try to accommodate. Right now property maintenance, nothing against them, but maybe somebody else in another department could assist or maybe you could write a line in property maintenance, if somebody buys a whole neighborhood and has plans to demolish it and put something commercial. Three acres on 21st Street is a reasonable amount of land. I guess the second point I'll make real quick, I've been substitute teaching for a half dozen years or longer and I've discovered that yes, you can punish someone when they do something inappropriate like you guys are punishing me by putting a tax lien on my property and hopefully I can, if it hasn't gone to the second reading, I can make payments on that, it's quite embarrassing to have that situation. Besides punishing someone sometimes you can reward somebody, I think that's better. But, what I've discovered and how I've been successful, a lot of people don't understand the third way to accomplish something. You partner with someone. When I have students act up you just kind of shrug your shoulder and you need more time. You just work with these

students and you develop a relationship, instead of punishing them instead of holding some carrot out in front of them, you say hey this is the situation, let's work together, let's make something happen. I know we discussed this, it's down by the railroad but it's 3 acres of commercial property. I would hope somebody in this room, somebody in this administration, some employee could find a way to, even if you don't have any money for me maybe just help me through the process of tearing them down, help me with the process of combining them, because I think at least it's a lot of land and a better use than a bunch of old rundown houses and I would sure love to demolish them all and I would sure love to make something commercial on that. So, anyway that's my thoughts and thank you for the time and I guess I made a mistake coming down here.

Linda Mossholder, 224 Green Meadow Dr. – First I would just like to bring you up to date, I mentioned a couple weeks ago that the Homeless Outreach was having a Health Fair. We did have that Health Fair, it consisted of Hepatitis C testing, HIV testing, we gave flu shots, Hepatitis A Shots and COVID shots. Twenty two people were tested for Hepatitis C and 2 people did test positive. We were able to get treatment for those 2 people, so we were very proud of that. We hope to do this at least every three months. It's a little hard to do it in the winter because as you all know we are outside. This help prevent the transfer of disease in the community. I also would like to thank the Newark Pride, they did a coat drive for us because on Saturday we went through every single coat that we had in storage on Saturday. We had over 100 people come through our line on Saturday. Not all of those are unsheltered, some of them are just coming for a hot meal, but we were able to see people without coats who had blankets wrapped around them and say looks like you need a coat, a hat or some gloves. In most cases we were able to provide that. What I would also like to address is, Newark Homeless Outreach is under the umbrella of Ohio CAN and that stands for change addiction now. Part of that mission is to bring people's voices to addiction and recovery and part of our mission is to embrace, educate and empower those who lives have been impacted by substance use. As part of that mission we try to work with people who are not only working with the unsheltered but other agencies and at the last meeting there was a concern expressed that fentanyl testing strips were being found on the playground at the Salvation Army. As part of our working relationship with Lt Kaitlyn I thought she needed to be made aware of this concern, so I did email her and I will just read her reply. Our playground is only used by residents with children and is monitored by the staff. It's locked when not in use. We have not had an issue with this. We only allow children under supervision on the playground for protection of the children under our policies. Our grounds are also cleaned multiple times a day by our staff. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. So, I just to maybe express some relief that fentanyl testing strips are not being found on the playground. If Lt. Kaitlyn would've replied yes they are I would've continued my dialogue with her to let her know that touching fentanyl does not cause a person to overdose. There's been myths that if you touch the powder or touch a substance that contains fentanyl that you can overdose. That has been proven untrue. Fentanyl is a problem in Ohio. For some reason Ohio is targeted for a lot of the illegal substances that do contain fentanyl and they can be contained in anything from pressed pills to base methamphetamine, so it's not just a fentanyl

substance that's coming into the community. On a positive note I was really pleased to hear that Governor DeWine has started Beat The Shame Campaign and this campaign is to address the stigma associated with mental health and addiction and in his words, DeWine says addiction and mental health experts understand that these are diseases, not a moral failing or a result of a weak character. He says the campaign attacks stigma directly. Stigma can be devastating to those who are living with these diseases, DeWine said. Not only adding to the hardships of addiction and mental illness, but also preventing them from seeking the help they need. I'm not sure all this campaign will entail, but I understand there will be billboards, radio spots, tv spots, but there will also be an opportunity for people to engage interactively and be asked a question. One for the examples they gave was somebody asked a young person well how do people begin to use drugs? Basically the person answered, they hang around with the wrong people. That is the misconception and so they were corrected and told the real reasons that people become involved with drugs. I think this campaign will help address some of the issues that we face not only just the general public, I know being at the outreach and I've spent most of my life working in Social Service and drug and alcohol prevention, but it's been an education for me being around people who are unsheltered and I'll just give you a very quick example. One of the things I did last winter was I bought those mylar sheets that you see when we have the people who were in the camps. I bought those and thought maybe they can wrap those around themselves and maybe keep warm besides a sleeping bag and I was talking to one of the people who was using a sleeping bag and he said the only problem with that is when you try to keep your face warm and you pull it up, you breath on it forms condensation and then that forms ice crystals. Something I would not have thought of. And I'll give you one more example, somebody pointed out those bags of leaves you see on the side of the street, they said they do collect those because they do form insulation if you're sleeping outside. Thank you for your time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Director, Tricia Moore – I have kind of a proud mom moment today. We attended the Fur Ball a couple weeks ago and the Newark Law Directors Office was given the 2021 Humane Hero Award. So I wanted to acknowledge all the prosecutors in my office, Amy Davison, Caroline Clippinger, Mike King, Mike Cox for their hard work. We have a lot of cases come into our office, we've had hoarding, we had cases of 62 animals crammed into a van being transported across state lines, we had a dog that died of heat exposure without water or food in a backyard of it's owner, we've had a lot of broken bones, a lot of sick animals that weren't getting the care they needed and I've got to tell you the prosecutors in my office, they pursue these cases with just as much passion as they pursue any cases, so I just wanted to give them some recognition tonight.

Mayor Jeff Hall – I'll congratulate the Law Director and her team, they do a wonderful job. I want to welcome Cheri onboard into the At Large position and certainly appreciate her willingness and everyone up here to serve on Council. Finally, this past Thursday was Veteran's Day and you couldn't

be more proud than how this community honors our veterans. Both those living and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. At 11:00am at 6th Street Park this lady sitting right here next to me gave a wonderful speech and certainly Doug Stout from the Library, but they did an outstanding job along with a representative from Senator Portman's office, the weather was beautiful we probably had 120 people, a great turn out and it was just wonderful that the Veteran's Service Organization and everybody kind of gets together and does that great ceremony. Then there was stuff throughout the day and then we joined up at the Trout Club also from 5-7pm and there was a nice event out there also. It makes you very proud to be a member of this community when the community reaches out, stops for a moment during the week and honors our veterans.

Mr. Blake – I need to call a Rules Committee meeting for December 6th. Also want to congratulate the newly elected folks and congratulate Cheri, you'll serve with me for 3 meetings, so there's a little bit of an overlap. I want to thank Linda for you comments and for you leadership at Newark Homeless Outreach. The storage building looks nice down there, I know that was somewhat of a rollercoaster to get that done,, but it looks very nice down there and I appreciated your comments regarding the campaign against stigma and trying to de-stigmatize issues related to individuals with mental health and addiction. So thank you for bringing that to our attention. I also want to thank Law Director Moore and Director Mauter who attended the BHP grand opening for the Care Clinic that is on East Main Street. Another hat that I wear is President of the Board for BHP and I know they've had a few dozen folks come through their doors already. This is dealing with folks that aren't necessarily in crisis, but yet they are individuals that need care and so these people have gone to the center already, they received proper services and these are new individuals who are getting care. It's exciting to hear that's being taken care of. There were several of our law enforcement and court system and it was a very well attended grand opening, so I think it's exciting to see the referrals that will start going through there so we can start helping people. BHP is an organization that's definitely going to make an impact in our community because they care, they're going to try to change lives. A second piece of that is that last Friday, I've talked about this before, this position for neighborhood specialist, last Friday United Way released their funding dollars and we received the remaining dollars that were needed for that outreach specialist, now we can finally get the person hired and get them on the street to get more people the care that they need. I'm excited about those two things BHP is doing and just wanted to bring council up to date.

Mr. Fennell – I would also like to welcome Cheri Hottinger to council, we too will be serving together like Jeremy said about 3 meetings. Also, to all of the individuals who ran, I just want to thank everyone who did run and congratulate everybody of those who were successful in their race, I look forward to seeing you serve the city. Also congratulations to the Law Director's Office, we all love animals and please don't hurt me with that.

Mr. Harris – I want to congratulate all those who won and I want to congratulate Cheri for her appointment, I look forward to working with everyone and I want to let those that lost to stay

encouraged, I've been on that side, it's no fun, but you'll bounce back and it'll be alright, I've been there.

Ms. Hottinger – First I want to congratulate Ms. Moore and your office, that's wonderful, I'm a big supporter of the Humane Society as you probably know but, I know my husband does a lot of legislative work in regards to animal cruelty, so that's kind of dear to me, so congratulations. I want to say thank you to Ms. Mossholder for your remarks, I don't share this very often but I was raised in a home with drug addiction, so I understand partly how that works and how it affects everybody in your house and family and community so it's nice to have someone out there trying to educate people on reasons addiction starts, I appreciate that. I want to thank Mr. Babcock for your kind remarks, so it's been 22 years for me since I sat up here which by the way I sat in this exact seat 22 years ago, but I don't remember having someone that was a citizens comment just thanking everybody, I remember all the nasty remarks sometimes so, I really appreciate that. That was very kind of you, so thank you for that. Like Mr. Harris, I have been on the losing side as well and I can with 100 % honesty say that sometimes you can win by losing, I did, it's hard to take , but there's a reason for it, god works in mysterious ways and I believe he has a path for everybody and my path was coming back after 22 years, but you never know what your path is going to be, so thank you all for being very welcoming.

Mr. Labutis – First I need to call a Personnel Committee for December 6th. I want to thank everyone that ran in the election last time it always takes a lot of guts and hard work to do so, for all of those that ran, thank you for that. I would also like to welcome Cheri to Council as well and look forward to serving with her on Council.

Mr. Marmie – I need to call a Finance Committee meeting. I want to thank everybody who ran in the elections I think this is first time that every single race was contested and I think that the voters deserve a choice and I think that went well. I encourage those that were not successful to continue on and continue to be involved. I always appreciate everybody's contributions. I think everybody that serves really does have the best interest of Newark at heart and they try to make it a better place to live and work. I want to congratulate the Law Director's Office on your award. That is fantastic and I know it's not an easy job to do as far as being passionate about that, however, it's something that is necessary and it's sad situations, but I appreciate what the office has done to help combat that. Everett, I think I need to gather some additional information from you after the meeting if you don't mind as far as some of the comments you made. I appreciate those comments and everybody's comments that commented this evening. I do appreciate the information that you bring and the learning experiences that we can all learn by. I need to welcome Cheri back. I can say that since I served with her previously and look forward to working with her, she was a huge asset when I served with her previously and I think she'll be a great asset to the team again, so welcome back. Finally, I want to congratulate the NC Football team. They're moving on, so they're going to play Saturday in New Philly. If you want to see a good football game, they're playing Shadyside who's a very good football team, that's a good program. If you do want to go see the game, get there early, the parking is horrible at New Philly, so get there early in order to get some good parking, but it should be a good

event, a good game and hopefully they'll continue with their success. I want to congratulate the football team, the players, the coaches and the family and community.

Mr. Rath – I'll start out by calling a Service Committee meeting for the 6th. Cheri I want to welcome you to Council, I look forward to working with you. For everyone who ran, thank you. I agree with Mr. Marmie, everybody deserves a choice and congratulations to the winners. We also are not going to meet again before Thanksgiving, so I'll wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you have a good family time and safe travels. Also before we meet again is one of the biggest hunting events of the year, in Ohio and a lot of people participate especially in the County and that's deer gun season, so I'd encourage everybody to be safe.

Mr. Barker – I would again echo everyone's comments tonight about those who ran. Win or lose we need to have people engaged in the process to give the voters a choice and we all did that. So, I appreciate everybody who ran win or lose, please stay involved. I want to congratulate the Law Director's office on their award, that's fantastic to hear. Probably the biggest thing, I want to congratulate Cheri, I know where she was two years ago at this time when I was first appointed. Cheri I am excited to have you In City Council again. Last year I got to announce some not so fun news, tonight I get to announce fun news. As many of you know, I'm President of the Licking County Courthouse Lighting and this year we will be returning to downtown Newark with an in person event to kick off the Christmas Season here in Newark. That will be November 26th starting at 6pm. You'll want to make sure to get there early, the last time we had this event in person we had probably a little over 6,000 people in downtown Newark. So we're looking forward to having this event in person again. The Canal Market District that same day will also have their Christmas Market. I was told earlier this morning that it is completely sold out with vendors and they're looking forward to it. It starts at 3pm that same day and runs right up to right before Santa Claus comes to town. Hopefully everyone will have a great Thanksgiving and not be too tired from Thanksgiving turkey and shopping to come out that next evening and enjoy the lights in downtown Newark.

President Ellington – That's such a great event, it's always fun, always fun to watch the kids. And you're pretty sure Santa's going to make it. Cheri I'd like to welcome you back, it's good to see you. I'm glad you're back I think you'll do a great job. Our next meeting will be December 6th, Committees at 5:45pm and full council at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Mr. Harris , seconded by Mr. Labutis , passed by acclamation

Don Ellington, President of Council