

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 6, 2020

On YouTube streaming via Zoom

7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Pastor Josh Pennington from More Life Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS - President Ellington reminded everyone that there is a public hearing this evening. At the time of the public hearing it will be made known how to call in if you wish to participate in the discussion. There will not be any citizen comments this evening, you may email your council person if you have comments or questions, email are all listed on the City Web Page. Any legislation that passes through committees this evening will have the committee chairman listed as the sponsor. If you wish to add your name as sponsor to any legislation give Janine a call and she will add your name.

Mr. Marmie – During Miscellaneous I am going to ask Council to reconsider Resolution 20-18, we need to move some monies around that were previously appropriated.

MINUTES of March 16, 2020 - Motion by Mr. Labutis to approve the March 16, 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 Mr. Lang. **Motion carried by acclamation**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance **Received & Filed**

Service **Received & Filed**

Streets **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Roger Loomis – Water Bill Liens to County from past due water and sewer bills from 2019 **received and filed**

President Ellington opened the Public Hearing

Public Hearing

By: Mr. Rath

20-02 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 282/292 WILSON STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF LC- LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE RH- HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

President Ellington closed the public hearing as there were no comments for or against.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Ordinance No. 20-02, second by M. Bubb

Mr. Blake – I received a phone call last Thursday from Mr. Tim McDonald who wanted to pass along his thanks and gratitude for council taking care of this issue tonight.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie

20-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE THE SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND THE NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTACHED HERETO TO CLARIFY PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES ESTABLISHED IN EXISTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENTS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-13 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion Passed by a vote of 10-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

20-15 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF A 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY RUNNING SOUTH FROM LINWOOD AVENUE, LOCATED EAST OF O'BANNON AVENUE.

Held for a second reading on April 20, 2020

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2020 MARKED SUV'S FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-05 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-19 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath

20-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND SELL CERTAIN SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-20 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

Mr. Rath – An emergency has been declared because these items are to be sold at auction and in order to meet the notification deadline we need to have this passed.

President Ellington – Auction is hoping to be May 16th according to Dir. Rhodes

By: Mr. Marmie

20-21 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – EXPEDITE

(661 Sewer Fund-30,500 Payout; 153 Comp Abs-40,500 Payout)

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

Motion to waive passed by a vote of 10-0

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-21 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Mr. Marmie – The expedite is because there are payouts that need to be made as soon as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hall – I want to thank everyone across the community that has worked real hard to follow the stay at home orders and social distancing and all other complications that come with this. We really have made some good head way, we have a ways to go. I just ask everyone to be patient and cognizant of your fellow neighbors and citizens and let's all work together and we can come through this with shining stars.

Mr. Harris – Everyone be patient and hang in there. Let's just pray for one another and pray for our country and that everything will get back to normal soon.

Mr. Labutis - I want to thank all health care workers and first responders on the front line. Thanks Fire, Ems, and Police. They are all in the thick of it. They still have to do their jobs. I'm thankful for the community all coming together in the past few weeks and unifying on this.

Mr. Lang – It's nice to see everybody it looks like everyone is healthy, I hope everyone's families are healthy. Thank you for everyone coming together virtually. Thank you to Spencer Barker for doing all of the legwork to make sure this happened and minimize the risk to all of us and keep our families safe. I would like to reiterate Mr. Labutis thanks to all of the first responders and would like to add the folks at all of the daycare taking care of kids and thank all of the healthcare workers.

Mr. Marmie - I want to thank our city. It's times like this when we really need to focus on our top priorities which are our safety forces and our infrastructure, making sure that's maintained. I want to thank our administration and all of our city employees that focus on that. I greatly appreciate that. There is also a group within the community, the Licking County United Way. We are meeting every Monday morning and it's a good group to keep everyone in tune to the needs of the community as well as the some of the different happenings within the community. There is a fund that folks can donate to and 100 percent of those funds are going towards the COVID-19 efforts. They are not going towards individuals. They will distribute those funds to the places where it's most needed within our community. If you're looking for somewhere to donate those funds will be distributed across the community to where they are needed most.

At this time I would like to make a

Motion to Reconsider from the last meeting Resolution 20-18 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, Second by Mr. Lang

Motion to reconsider passed by a vote of 10-0

Mr. Marmie – The reason why we are asking to reconsider this is because we had \$119,000 going towards police vehicles. With all of the flooding there was some damage to some property that the city owns and maintains. I would like to offer an amendment to move that \$119,000 to Building Maintenance and Grounds.

President Ellington – We have a motion to reconsider, which means at the last council meeting if an ordinance or resolution was passed, the next council meeting someone voting on the prevailing side can make a motion to reconsider, which Mr. Marmie has done. I believe we have to vote on the motion to reconsider first, and then we can vote on the amendment.

Motion made by Mr. Marmie to amend Resolution 20-18 to move the \$119,000 that was going towards police vehicles to Building Maintenance and Grounds. Second by Mr. Bubb

Motion amend Resolution 20-18 passed by a vote of 10-0

Resolution 20-18 was adopted as amended with a vote of 10-0

Mr. Marmie – The police vehicles are not going to be dismissed, Mr. Rhodes will bring Legislation to the next Finance Committee Meeting to do a lease/purchase for the vehicles.

Mr. Blake – I just want to offer my words of support for this. Director Rhodes has been phenomenal helping us in the south end of Newark and the Little Texas area with the flooding there. Many of you may have read in the paper, but there was a lot of damage and clean up required. I appreciate everyone's support with all of that.

Mr. Marmie – I just want to wish everyone the good fortune of staying healthy and safe and to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Rath – I want to thank Mr. Brian Morehead for getting the paving list out to us, I'm sure it went out to everyone, for the upcoming year. It was a very aggressive list. Director Rhodes was very responsive, even though we were in the middle of flooding issues, I had some issues in the 3rd ward that he was very responsive to. Although they haven't been completely resolved yet, I have full faith that they will be. I want to thank Spencer Barker for being our IT guru and setting this virtual meeting up, and I want to give a shout out to the Mayor for having the most useful IT tip with using the space bar. That was awesome. I want to welcome Janine to the city council. You did a great job tonight I want to give you kudos for that I know it's your first time tonight, not under normal circumstances but you don't know what normal is. I want to wish everyone well.

Mr. Barker – I would echo all of the thanks everyone has given tonight and add our grocery store workers, they are keeping our community fed and stocked. I know they're working around the clock for that. I'm thankful for everyone that we could make these virtual meetings work. Hoping we all get to see each other in a month, however it's looking like our next meetings may be this way as well.

Mr. Blake – I want to say in addition to the health crisis pandemic we find ourselves in many of us found ourselves in another crisis dealing with the flooding. Just how our city employees worked together, Roger Loomis and his team and Buster Prince and his team, Director Rhodes and the safety forces, police and fire to evacuate Little Texas. A lot of gratitude was shown and a lot of cooperation. I just wanted to say publicly thank you to everyone who participated in that effort. Also Shawn Brady with the emergency management agency and Rod Cook with the Red Cross, they were in communication constantly. Many are still recovering from a lot of damage from that, we just need to pray that everyone will be able to take care of the damage they had. Everyone worked well as a team. I want to welcome Janine. Welcome to your first virtual city council meeting. Welcome to the team. Glad to see everyone's face. It's nice to see everyone's faces and hear everyone's voices. I want to wish everyone the best with yourselves and your loved ones.

Mr. Bubb – I too want to thank all of the first responders and those in the healthcare fields during these trying times. Thank you to the street department as well on all of the efforts on the cleanup and Service Director Rhodes for the dumpsters in the city so we could dispose of debris and trash due to the floods. Welcome to Janine as well, you did a great job, you caught on very quickly, I'm very confident you'll do wonderful for the city. Finally, I want to wish Mike Buskirk who just retired from the Human Resources Department as the Director of Human Resources the best in his retirement. Didn't get to see you much in the past few weeks, but I'll see you soon. I wish you the best in your retirement. I wish everyone good health.

Mr. Fennell – I would also like to say Hello to Janine, I look forward to meeting you in person when all of this is over. I too have to give a huge thanks to everyone in the city and Director Rhodes and everyone who helped with the response to the flooding when I saw that happening I couldn't believe the city had to deal with that on top of everything else that was happening and to see that type of response was fantastic. I know it's difficult with everyone being isolated but there are a lot of wonderful things happening and often time difficult time will bring out the best parts of our community. I appreciate everyone out there, all of our essential workers. I hope everyone stays safe when they have to go out. I hope that everyone keeps their family safe and stays as sane as possible during this time.

Ms. Hall – I'm happy to see everyone. I want to thank all of the responders, and our grocery help. They've all been wonderful. Most people have been on their best behavior, there are a few that have been a little bit grumpy. Janine, great job tonight, welcome to council, you're going to do fine. I want to thank Spencer for all

the work getting this all set up. I'm here with David Rhodes and the Mayor and this is wonderful to be able to do this. Everyone have a wonderful Easter and be safe.

President Ellington – I'd also like to add my thanks to everyone out there working to keep us safe. Thanks to all of the hospital workers and the city workers, everyone that's chipping in. Janine will be sending out committee minutes to the committee chairmen. They will approve them and send back to her. Once they've been approved she'll send them out. So once you get them you'll know they've been approved so they don't have to come in to sign them. I'd also like to thank Janine. you did a nice job tonight. It gets easier, so hang in there. A very special thank you goes out to Spencer for setting this all up. You should all be happy he's doing this and not me. I thought my smoke signal idea was great but no one else really like it. Thank you Spencer for all of your hard work on this. Happy Easter to everyone. Stay Well. Our next meeting will be April 20th, committees as 5:45pm and council at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn. Passed by acclamation.