

## COUNCIL MINUTES

August 3, 2020

Meeting Held via Zoom and streamed live via YouTube

7:00 P.M.

**President Ellington called the meeting to order**

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

**President Ellington** – Mr. Fennell is sick tonight and will not be here.

**INVOCATION** – Mr. Blake

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- President Ellington

**CAUCUS**

**Mr. Blake made a motion to excuse Mr. Fennell, second by Mr. Marmie, passed by acclamation**

**MINUTES of July 20, 2020** - Motion by to approve the July 20, 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**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance **Received & Filed with no objections**

Service **Received & Filed with no objections**

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Roger Loomis, Water Administrator** – properties being sent to lien for past due water, sewer and storm water bills in the amount of \$4,330.88

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**President Ellington** – Citizens can either call in or zoom in for comments.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**By: Mr. Fennell**

**20-21** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A TWELVE (12) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE WILLIAM C. MAHOLM'S SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT NO. 66 OF BRADLEY BUCKINGHAM'S ADDITION IN THE TOWN OF NEWARK, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 184 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED AT THE REAR OF PROPERTIES AT 206, 208 AND 210 EDDY STREET.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker**

**Motion passed 9-0**

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-23** TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF TAMARACK 40TH STREET UPGRADE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-24** TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-25** AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING TWO BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-26** TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,900,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION SHARON VALLEY ROAD FIRE STATION NO. 5, INCLUDING SITE PREPARATION AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 9-0**

## **RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING**

### **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-48** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
((\$5,000 – Flory Park Bridge Improvements & Maintenance)

**Held for second reading in two weeks**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-49 Expedite** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
((\$36,930 – Payout for retirement for Chief Barry Connell)

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

**Mr. Marmie** – This is a payout for a retiree and we need to get them their funds as quickly as possible.

**Motion passed 9-0**

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Rath and Mr. Lang**

**20-50-A** A Resolution Consenting to Construction of a Multi-use path along Granville Road (LIC-CR803) from the entrance to OSU Newark Campus to North 21st Street.

**Held for second reading in two weeks**

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-51-A** A Resolution Consenting to Minor widening to accommodate the addition of Two Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL)

on Church Street from Green Wave Drive to 29th Street in the City of Newark.

**Held for second reading in two weeks**

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-52-A** A Resolution Consenting to Replacement of two deficient structures (SFN 4560418 and SFN 4560426) over Log Pond Run on Moull Street (CR 813) and Jefferson Street (MR 491) in the City of Newark.

**Held for second reading in two weeks**

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Arlin Hill – 327 Union Street, Summerhouse Square Apt,** I am concerned about an issue with Ferrell cats. We have a neighbor that feeds stray cats. They tend to terrorize the neighborhood. I've spoken to the landlady, to animal control, to the humane society, to the dog warden, to everyone I can think of and no one is interested in assisting with the problem. I've talked to Sgt. Bline of the NPD and he said that there was an ordinance that was taken off the books some time ago by the City Law Director. I would respectfully ask the council to consider reinstatement of that ordinance plus strengthening it by issuing a new ordinance that all cats in the city be required to be licensed and have a microchip. This would alleviate the problem with stray cats. It would be a win-win because it would be a revenue maker for the city as well as hold owners responsible for their cats. I respectfully ask council to consider this measure.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mayor Hall –** I want to thank council for meeting remotely. COVID has gone on longer than we all anticipated, but the numbers aren't there yet. I was fortunate enough today to join eleven other Mayors and speak with the Governor for about 45 minutes and there's no magic fix for this, but the biggest thing is to wear masks and social distance and I want to thank council for leading that charge by good example. These meetings have remained efficient and effective and things get passed and get done without the potential spreading of COVID. We want to keep everyone healthy. A week ago I swore in 4 new firefighters. I want to welcome them on board, Mike, Nathaniel, Morgan, and Aaron. They are four phenomenal men that should do big things in our fire department. A big day in their life when they signed on with NFD, I wish them the best of luck. I want to thank the community and encourage them to do the social distancing. We will have some legislation next week on our COVID funds, it has to go through the normal protocols just like everything else. People have been sending me suggestions for how it can be used in the community and I want to thank them for that. We've also been making calls to other communities across the state to see how other people are doing things. There isn't a real yes or no list, but we want to be very careful so that maybe a year from now I'm not coming to council to try to fine \$250,000 out of the general fund for things that are misspent. So, we want to make sure we do this the right way as Auditor Johnson and his team always does. There will be more to come.

**Ms. Hall –** I wanted to thank Jonathan for the really neat masks that you got for us, I appreciate that, thank you.

**Mr. Labutis –** I wanted to thank Service Director Rhodes for helping with a couple of issues in the 4<sup>th</sup> ward over the past couple weeks. They were addressed quickly and efficiently and I thank you for that.

**Mr. Lang –** I had an interesting tour dropping off masks at everyone's house. It reminded me just how big our city is. I hope everyone enjoys the masks and thanks for participating in that.

**Mr. Marmie –** The first thing I need to do is call a Finance Committee Meeting for two weeks from now. I also want to thank Director Rhodes. He is stepping in as the Safety Director and he is definitely working on a solution for the credit card charges for EMS services because that exceeded the budget and we need to try to curtail that cost to the citizens of Newark, he's done a great job stepping in and helping out. I too am thankful for everyone who is exercising social distancing and doing the right things and most importantly being responsible for themselves and their families. I hope the government doesn't step back in too much and dictate. I agree with Mayor hall we need to get the economy going again and when we shut down certain establishments and do not allow them to produce an income the economy is going to go south. I hope we can get back to a somewhat normal, although our new normal is going to be social distancing and masks, but we need to allow our businesses to get back to functioning.

**Mr. Rath –** I will call a Service Committee Meeting for two weeks.

**Mr. Barker –** I want to make sure everyone is aware that this week Grow Licking County is highlighting the city of Newark as one of their economic partners in the work that they do. Each day this week they will be posting something about the city of Newark on social media. It ends on Friday, but on Thursday they have asked me to take over their social media pages as a representative from the city of Newark and show the economic side of the city by doing some live

videos in downtown and 21<sup>st</sup> Street and different areas. So I'll be around all day within the city limits with the Grow Licking County team doing some social media posts promoting the city and why businesses should come to Newark.

**Mr. Blake** – I want to thank Director Rhodes for some help with constituent concerns. I appreciate his attention to detail and his help assisting me with those.

**President Ellington** – I would like to add my thanks to everyone for handling these Zoom meetings, especially Spencer Barker who facilitates these. I know we'll be doing at least one more and who knows how many more after that. I just appreciate everyone's commitment and hanging in there with us.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**Motion by Mr. Labutis, second by Mr. Lang, passed by acclamation**

**At 7:26 pm we are adjourned**