

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2019
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday January 7, 2019 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL- Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost, Mr. Fennell, Mr. Fraizer, Ms. Hall, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Parker from the Boy Scouts

CAUCUS

MINUTES of December 17, 2018 Motion by Mr. Labutis to approve the December 17, 2018 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. Rath. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Barb Jobs, City Income Tax Administrator- revenue reports for the period ending December 15, 2018.
Received & Filed

COMMUNICATIONS

Concerned Citizen- mailed a letter to Council regarding the pornography on the building at Tony's Bar
Received & Filed

Houston Byrd, Jr- a citizen's complaint. - **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Marmie, Rath, Cost

18-102 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO ENTER INTO A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 18-102, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Rochelle Bolen Smith, 237 Violet Ct- asked for more information regarding Resolution 18-102 that passed. She stated that she read in the Advocate that the gazebo was going to be moved and there was a fund raiser for it. She asked for more details about that.

President Ellington- advised her to contact the County Commissioners office regarding that.

Laura Cambie, 1120 Wintermute Ave - stated that there are street lights out downtown and on Church Street and she thought they were on the new system where we were notified electronically so they could be fixed when one went out. She also stated she wants the gazebo back downtown.

Mary Reid, 776 Holland St- she commented on the recent event where the Newark Chief of Police was on camera allegedly not stopping for a school bus stop sign. She was concerned that even if there was a police emergency then there should be better communication from police department to the proper school authority so that children then would not be getting off the bus in a dangerous situation otherwise she stated that he should be held to the same standards as every other citizen if we did that and give him a ticket.

Daniel Crawford, 163 S 2nd St- he asked for progress update on the city seal that was mentioned in the Advocate and that everybody already knew his stance on the gazebo as well as the financing of it. Regarding the Police Chief he stated that we all should be accountable to the law and that we need to see that our highest officials are held to that same standard of the law as well.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assistant Law Director- I am sure my boss would want me to say something Clemson related but I will pass.

Mayor Hall- wished everyone a Happy New Year and that he looks forward to working with Council and citizens as we move Newark forward in 2019.

President Ellington- will you be doing the State of the City at the next meeting?

Mayor Hall- within the next couple of meetings, I will let you know.

Mr. Blake- I would like to thank our grant writer she was able to get us some grant dollars for the Florence Coble Park in Little Texas. I grew up in the south end and I remember Florence Coble, she was a feisty activist for that neighborhood. Many times I remember people calling her the Mayor of Little Texas and that park is named after her in her honor. I think that it is a worthy investment to upgrade the playground equipment and picnic tables as well as other amenities to that park. Thanks to Barbara Gilkes and Dave Rhodes and his team for making that investment. The New Year's Eve event at the Weathervane Playhouse was a fun night and a good charitable cause to support the Weathervane. I think I even saw the Mayor dancing.

Mr. Cost- I would like to welcome the Scouts and thank them for coming and welcome you back when you can stay with us for a really long meeting.

Mr. Fennell- I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I can attest to the Mayor dancing but I can tell you Jeremy was.

Mr. Fraizer- thank you to the Boy Scouts for coming, just so you know Don Ellington used to be a Boy Scout so when you grow up you could possibly be President of Council. The HHCA is having a meeting on the 10th at 7:00 P.M. Their chicken noodle dinner is the 19th from 4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Mary thank you for coming in tonight and it looks like the Police Chief situation is being handled by the Law Director's Office and the Sheriff's Office. I agree with the point about communication between the police and school we definitely don't want to put kids in harm's way. When it comes to the street lights, the new system is being installed on the highway so if you see a light out feel free to email us and we can pass it on to the Service Director. The pole number is the best for AEP to fix it but if you can give the street location we can pass that along.

Ms. Hall- I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year as well and thank the Scouts for being here. Regarding the street lights I know that AEP does fix those so you might want to call AEP and give them the location.

Mr. Labutis- thank the Scouts for attending and wished everyone a happy new year.

Mr. Lang- I would like to thank the Boy Scouts for coming out tonight and filling up all the seats it is nice to see a full audience, come back and see us soon. I will wish everyone a happy 2019.

Mr. Marmie- I want to welcome the Boy Scouts and wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2019. He called a Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Rath- Happy New Year to everybody, guys thanks for coming. He called a Service Committee Meeting. We have a new billboard that is up on the west side at Thornwood Crossing that looks nice it has advertising on it now and hopefully we will be able to get that property around there taken care of as well. The old one at Cherry Valley and Reddington will be coming down soon.

President Ellington- I would like to thank the Scouts and everyone for coming. We appreciate your attendance and your comments. The next Meeting will be Tuesday January 22nd at 5:45 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. City Hall is closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day on Monday January 21st.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Marmie to adjourn, second by Mr. Cost. Motion was carried by acclamation.