

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 16, 2018

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Tuesday January 16, 2018 Newark City Council Meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS- Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Fraizer. Motion passed by acclamation

MINUTES of January 2, 2018 Motion by Mr. Cost to approve the January 2, 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. Lang. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Rules- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen Johnson, City Auditor- the operating report for the period ending December 31, 2017.- **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control- a new liquor license application for the Hub at 370 W Church St.- **Received & Filed**

President Ellington- Council doesn't vote on this, the Safety Director or the Police Chief have 30 days to object to this application for a new liquor license.

Mr. Cost- my understanding is that there is an objection to it and perhaps Safety Director Baum would like to make a statement.

Director Baum- I received an email from Law Director Sassen later today and apparently I gave everybody bad information in the email I sent today. I will have to address this with the Law Director at a later time to see what we can do about this. I still don't like its location and neither does the School Board Superintendent but we may not have a choice in the matter after reading my email.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Richard Kennedy, 9327 Martinsburg Rd- he was there to speak to Council members regarding a billboard that he would like to install within the city limits on Mt. Vernon Road where Shackelford Disposal is. I will state the reasons why I believe you should allow the billboard. The City of Newark has an overlay map which states where you can and can't place billboards. In this particular instance we are within the boundaries of where we can build billboards however we want to place a billboard on the opposite side of the road. The property that we want to build on wasn't annexed into the city at the time Newark created that billboard overlay map. As far as the billboard itself goes due to Newark's already strenuous zoning regulations in regards to signs this is one of the last billboards that you could place on this stretch of road so it wouldn't be opening up a can of worms to jam another 100 billboards there. Our billboards are always maintained and the structure is all steel. The billboard would be placed on the property as to allow future development. With Newark's regulations the board can't be that big anyway, we have to comply with all the regulations that Newark has regarding billboards. We are a small company; I am a one man army so I take pride in every billboard location. I believe that billboards stimulate the economy, they bring business to town. It will be the first billboard that you see when you come into Newark. They increase tax revenue which obviously helps the City of Newark. I live here locally so any problems with the billboard could be addressed immediately. The property is already being used for commercial activity. He asked Council to consider allowing the billboards and stated that he didn't see any reason why someone would be opposed to it.

President Ellington- the next Council meeting there will be a public hearing on this and then we will vote on it. The Planning Commission has denied this one and the one on Thornwood. I will have Autumn send the letters out to you tomorrow. It will take 7 votes to pass it.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Fraizer, Rath

18-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 FIRE ACT GRANT PROGRAMS, IN SUPPORT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, FUNDING FOR PERSONNEL, FIRE PREVENTION, AND FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Held for a second reading

By: Marmie, Cost, Rath

18-02 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- EXPEDITE (**233 Cops Grant, \$671.33-Overtime**)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mr. Fraizer

Mr. Marmie- this is grant money that came in for overtime and we need to get it in the right account.

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-02 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Marmie, Cost, Fraizer, Rath

18-03 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (**621, Water Dept-\$75,000.00- Vehicles; 661 Sewer Dept-\$125,000.00- Vehicles; 669 Storm Water Dept-\$95,000.00- Vehicles**)

Held for a second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Laura Cambe, 1120 Wintermute Ave- she stated that she is still looking for answers about the gazebo as to who privately funded the move.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Blake- called for a Rules Committee meeting

Mr. Fennell- the Historic Hudson Community Association rescheduled their annual chicken noodle dinner fundraiser to this Saturday due to weather. It is at 4:30 at the Central Christian Church.

Mr. Fraizer- \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

Mr. Lang- called for a Capital Improvement Committee. I would like to thank Director Rhodes and the rest of the Service Department I know they were working really hard this weekend. I had more than a few calls from citizens to get roads plowed and they did a great job.

Mr. Marmie- called for a Finance Committee Meeting

Mr. Rath- called for a Service Committee Meeting. I wanted to address the snow removal as well. I will say that Mr. Rhodes of the Service Department as well as those in the Engineering and Water Departments have done an awesome job of clearing the roads this weekend. It is difficult when you have multiple snows over multiple days. It is hard to keep up with the miles we have, the equipment we have but they have done a phenomenal job. We had a snow emergency and when we do it allows us to bring people in from the Engineer Department, the Water Department and other areas so we are not just out with our 5 trucks we are out with pick-up trucks as well plowing. It also dictates the way that we plow. When we have a snow emergency we have dedicated certain streets as emergency routes. Those are always going to be as they should be the first streets to get plowed. They are the ones that are going to serve the largest population of Newark, then they will move on to secondary streets and those are done as they can get to them after the primary roads are done. There is a tertiary level, if you live on a cul de sac, I'm sorry but that is a tertiary road. It only serves 6, 8, 10 houses. It's not that you are any less important than anybody else but it is no different than AEP coming in during a Derecho. They are going to repair the lines first that serves the most people and when they get down a line that services

a few households I'm sorry you are last. When you are looking at roads and you are looking at where you live try to determine how much traffic goes up and down that road that should let you know if you are a primary, secondary or a tertiary road. Tonight our guys have been out working twelve hour shifts. Tonight is probably going to be a good night for secondary and tertiary roads. They are doing a phenomenal job.

President Ellington- there are 5 Mondays this month so there will not be a meeting next Monday. Monday January 29th Committees will meet at 5:30 P.M. and Monday February 5th Council will meet at 7:00 P.M.

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