

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 2017

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Tuesday January 17, 2017 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL- Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Fraizer, Ms. Hall, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rolletta, Mr. Bubb

INVOCATION – Mrs. Floyd

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Clerk of Council

CAUCUS- Motion by Mrs. Floyd to excuse Mr. Marmie, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Blake, second by Mr. Rath

MINUTES of January 3, 2017 Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the January 3, 2017 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. Fraizer. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hall- appointing Shirley Stare and Julie Barrett to the Licking County Transit Board. Julie's position will be as an alternate. Their three year terms begin immediately and will expire December 19, 2019. - **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

Personnel- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Stephen Johnson- operating report for the period ending December 31, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

City Income Tax Administrator, Barb Jobes- income tax revenue report for the period ending December 31, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – a request for a new liquor license at MK of America at 814 Mt. Vernon Rd- **Received & Filed**

Park National Bank- statement of account for the year 2016 for the Cedar Hill Cemetery Trust. - **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath, Mr. Fraizer

17-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND ABOLISHING THREE CAPTAINS POSITIONS.

Held for a second reading

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

17-01 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Held for a second reading

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd

17-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR REMITTANCE OF FUNDS, FOR LEASING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO OTHERS TO USE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Held for a second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kay Kittle, 48 N 21st St- I'm sorry to say I am here to complain. We own Yesterday's Pub at the corner of 6th and Wilson Street and I have been here before complaining about the same situation. The lot across from us looks like a city dump. I have talked to two Council people but neither of the two is here tonight. Nothing has been done and I think Joe Paul is aware of the situation, I'm not sure. The first two houses north on the west side of the street are the ones I'm complaining about. The first one is empty I think and the second one has enough furniture and appliances to furnish a 15 room house. It is just ridiculous. It is hard enough to run a small business, we have been there 37 years and if it weren't for putting our grandson through college I would close the doors tomorrow. You'd be out city taxes, income taxes and lots of other taxes. I can't understand why somebody somewhere can't do something. Does anybody have an option for me as to who I could talk to.

President Ellington- just for clarification are you talking vacant lot across from you?

Mrs. Kittle- that is the one with the mattresses. I have two tenants and both of them have come to me to complain about the situation.

President Ellington- the Safety Director is here we will ask him to take a note of that and see if he can help us out with that.

Mrs. Kittle- I have a younger sister who is mentally challenged and I take her medication to her three days a week and the hole in the alley pulling off of Western is a big deep hole.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Floyd- called for a Finance Committee meeting. It is really nice to have Mt. Vernon Road open again. As of yesterday they are starting to put in decorative lighting in that section of Mt. Vernon Road that will be like what is on Hudson Ave. It will be a very nice entrance into downtown from St. Clair across the bridge.

Mr. Fraizer- called for a Safety Committee meeting. The HHCA had their chicken noodle dinner this Saturday. It was very successful and I was excited to see the plans that the HHCA had for next year. I also want to congratulate the Newark basketball team for being ranked second in the state which is a very big deal. I am excited for them to win state this year.

Mr. Rath- called for a Service Committee meeting

President Ellington- next Committee meeting will Monday January 30th because it is a 5 Monday month. The next Council meeting will be February 6th.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Cost. Motion carried by acclamation. 7:11 P.M.