

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 7, 2016
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday March 7, 2016 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

MINUTES of February 16, 2016- Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the February 16, 2016 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 Mary Billy to the Combined General Health District Board. Her five year term will begin April 1, 2016 and will expire March 31, 2021.- No objections. Motion carried by acclamation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance-**Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen E Johnson, City Auditor- operating report for the period ending February 29, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

Barb Jobses, City Tax Administrator- Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending February 15, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

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COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Higgins- a letter advising Council of the differences in Newark's laws on the possession of marijuana and /or paraphernalia compared to that of the County and State.- **Received & Filed**

Ohio EPA- notice to advise Mayor and City Council that a permit to discharge into Raccoon Creek was issued to Tectum Inc. at 105 S 6th Street.- **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- stated that Union Street is in bad condition and he would like to see it fixed. He also asked when the new Cherry Valley exchange was going to be open.

David Greene, 1791 Olympic Court- invited Council to a presentation given by Dr. Fadhel Kaboub on "What is a living wage in Central Ohio?" 2:00 P.M. on Saturday March 12th at the Licking County Library.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

16-02 AN ORDINANCE OBJECTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING APPROXIMATELY 2.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-02 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- this is an ordinance to object to the annexation of this certain piece of property. I made a motion to adopt it because if we simply don't vote on this it is the same as not taking any action and it automatically passes and it will be annexed. If you would like an opportunity to object to the annexation than this is where you would vote yes, if you have no objection to us annexing this property than you can vote no. I will be voting no on this and will be encouraging the rest of you as well.

President Ellington- if you are not objecting you vote no to vote yes.

Director Sassen- if you want to property to annex you vote no. In essence the city isn't taking action and by default it is annexed into the city.

Motion failed by a vote of 10-0.

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

16-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO PROVIDE STANDARD FEES FOR CERTAIN ABATEMENT ACTIONS

Held for Second Reading

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

16-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-14, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

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

16-15 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-15, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

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

16-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A MASTER LAND REUTILIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO FACILITATE THE RECLAMATION, REUTILIZATION, AND REHABILITATION OF VACANT, ABANDONED, TAX-FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTY

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-16, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Rath- we have explained this pretty extensively but this is a great deal for us to join forces with the county to clean up some property.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

16-20 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 16-20, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Marmie- this needs to be expedited to meet the obligations of the JEDZ to get the money where it needs to go. This is also for the ATV for the Fire Department.

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-20 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

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

16-21 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT INDICATING WHAT SERVICES, IF ANY, THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, WILL PROVIDE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, A TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR REGULAR ANNEXATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-21, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Rath- this is involving the same piece of property that was just voted on and this is a standard procedure for adopting services for that particular piece of property.

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

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

16-22 A RESOLUTION REGARDING A BUFFER ZONE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-22 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

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

16-23 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Held for a Second Reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- presented an idea for a country music festival downtown and provided a weather update.

Joseph Hopkins, 1345 Pembroke Ct- he was present to speak on behalf of a concerned group of residents in the 5th ward regarding motorists that are running the stop sign at Loundondale and Stonewall and that drivers are driving well above the posted speed limit. He asked if the Newark Police Department to observe the intersection and write tickets. He also suggested a solar power radar reminder unit for the speeding issue.

President Ellington- I noticed that the Safety Director was taking notes, thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Floyd- I have been a member of the Downtown Newark Association for about as long as I have been on City Council and I have seen it grow as an organization, now when they meet they have to add chairs and tables for all those that show up. Many businesses downtown are involved in trying to make plans for downtown. One of the things that have been brought up is the businesses particularly on South Third Street and on the south side of the square that are hurting. Lapaloma, the book store and Sweet 23 were mentioned. She encouraged everyone to try to make an effort to patronize those businesses. Eventually it will be at the north and west side of the square, eventually everyone will be effected so anytime that we can hurt those businesses it is to the advantage of the community.

Mr. Fraizer- I am very excited for the Licking County Land Bank, it is a step in the right direction especially with the publicity around the basket. We want to keep our options open for alternatives and solutions and this is just one of the realms of possibilities for an unknown of what are we going to do with the basket building that was 27 million dollars to build and now valued at 12 million dollars and a company that doesn't want it. As we look at the realm of possibilities I have heard a lot of great suggestions from constituents on how to remedy this problem. I look forward to the administration tackling this issue head on and finding a reasonable solution that works best for the people of Newark. He called for a Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee Meeting. He encouraged everyone to use See Click Fix on the City's website to report potholes. He stated that it is a great tool that creates efficiencies. He stated that it stream lines the process. He stated that it is simple to use and that the Street Department gets the reports daily. He stated that it was a much more efficient use of our resources and expedites things as well as helps city workers as far as being more efficient too. I keep encouraging people to use See Click Fix to report potholes because half the time we don't know that they are there unless you report them.

Mr. Rath- called a Service Committee Meeting

Mr. Rolletta- First I wanted to thank our safety forces for ensuring a peaceful resolution to the standoff situation today on Moull Street and I would also like to thank the residents in that neighborhood for their cooperation while that was occurring. Secondly I have been contacted by some citizens that are concerned about the square during the Courthouse renovation, more specifically the gazebo. Many citizens feel that the gazebo is an integral part of the square so if the gazebo does have to be moved during the renovation than I believe that it should be preserved. We have to cooperate with the county to get the work done but I think that it is reasonable for the citizens to expect after the construction the gazebo is returned the way it was found. I would also like to remind anyone that expresses a concern about undesirables being here on the square; simply removing that gazebo will not solve that problem. I would also like to say that I don't like the word undesirables being used to describe anyone in our community and all of our citizens have the right to enjoy our downtown regardless of their socioeconomic status let's remember they are people and undesirable is a very callus and insensitive word to use. I also want to point out that if anyone is causes trouble on the square or breaking the law I think that problem can be addressed by the grant that we received for foot and bike patrols. Again removing the gazebo is not will solve or prevent that problem.

Mr. Blake- I had a wonderful Saturday this past Saturday. I went with our Police Chief, Chief Connell to Wooster Ohio. It was an amazing conference of law enforcement officials, people in mental health, drug addiction and recovery and even addicts themselves. They had strong, powerful testimonies. You may recall Chief Connell is looking into this program which is being reflected off of a program started in Massachusetts. There is a police department that is running it near Wooster and we would be the second police department in the state of Ohio to do this. I think Barry has shown great leadership trying to connect and partner with all of these social agencies so that way when a person decides they are ready to give up using drugs that they can come and surrender themselves and make a change in their lives. I wanted to publicly applaud Chief Connell. Director Spurgeon he represented us well that day. He always does but a big pat on the back for him that day. That same evening I attended the Mental Health Association fundraiser, Java and Jazz and that was a great evening. My whole day was dealing with mental health issues and drug addictions. It is just very exciting to see how people are ready to focus on this idea of treating drug addicts as patients and wanting to get them help for their disease. Next Saturday collaboration within our community is the United Way's Blueprint which is happening at 9:00 at the Newark Public Library. I know that Deb Dingus and several other people in our social services agencies, private sector and business sector are coming together to focus on some of the issues the United Way funds. I want to echo the work that David Greene is doing with Professor Kaboub. I am an alumni of the Economic Department at Denison University. Professor has many credentials and has been well spoken throughout this nation as having credited work. If you have time I would encourage you to go. Our Works Museum, Marsha Downs and her team have done a fantastic job ever since she has been the Director of The Works. I know I am participating and the Mayor also at one of the luncheons where they are having someone come in and review accreditation, that is real exciting for our community and for The Works Museum. It is just another place of pride in our community. He thanked the Mayor for giving background information regarding his appointee.

Mr. Bubb- I just wanted to recognize the passing of Lewis E Claggett last week. He was 82 and made quite an impact on our community. I know many of us sitting up here knew him, my condolences to the whole Claggett family.

President Ellington- next Monday March 14th committees will meet here at 5:30 P.M. and Council will meet again in March 21st in this room at 7:00 P.M.

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