

## COUNCIL MINUTES

**March 3, 2014**

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

**7:00 P.M.** - President Ellington called the Monday March 3, 2014 Newark City Council meeting to order

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

**INVOCATION** – Mrs. Floyd

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CAUCUS

**MINUTES**- February 18, 2014 & Special Council Meeting February 10, 2014 Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Newark City Council & Special Council Meeting of February 10, 2014 as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same. Motion carried by acclamation.

### REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received and Filed**

Service- **Received and Filed**

### REPORTS CITY OFFICIALS

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Reverend Booker**- supporting information given to Council member from the Council meeting of February 18, 2014 when Council voted on Ordinance 13-44 concerning the zoning change for 343 Eastern Ave. - **Received and Filed**

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

**William Butcher** – 129 W Main St, wants to know what is going to happen to the school that has been sitting there for weeks. What is the City School Board or Newark City Council is going to do about it.

**Jim Amore** – 647 Evans St, Newark, Ohio Block watch meeting to be held at the GBBA Hall on Hudson Ave, Sunday March 8 at 5:00pm. Licking County Computer Society is holding their computer recycling event April 11 and 12 in conjunction with Microsoft getting rid of XP support, Oakwood Ave at Contour Forming.

### ORDINANCES ON A FIRST READING

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

**14-02** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO RELEASE THE LIEN PREVIOUSLY PLACED AGAINST THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT AND KNOWN AS 10 SISAL STREET, NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Motion by Mr. Blake, second by Mrs. Floyd to adopt Ordinance 14-02**

**Motion to amend Ordinance 14-02 by Mrs. Floyd by which adding the parcel number, second by Mr. Marmie**

**Mrs. Floyd**- the Law Director asked me to have the parcel number added at the request of the Licking County Auditor

**Motion to amend Ordinance 14-02 to Ordinance 14-02 A passed by a 10-0 vote**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-02A passed by a 10-0 vote**

## RESOLUTIONS ON THE SECOND READING

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

**14-13 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (671: Landfill Reclamation Fund-\$204,237.02)**

**Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution 14-13, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a 10-0 vote**

## RESOLUTIONS ON THE FIRST READING

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

**14-14 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (929: Intra/Inter Government Fund- JEDZ Distribution \$5,053.88)**

**Held to First Reading**

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

**14-15 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (100: General Fund: AG Demo Grant Demolition of 20/22 N 4<sup>th</sup> St-\$154,000.00; 293 AG Demo Grant Fund: Demolition of 20/22 N 4<sup>th</sup> St-\$150,000.00; 295 Police Grant JAG Fund: OCSJ JAG Grant-\$11,482.48; 100 General Fund: Professional Services-\$10,000.00; DISAPPROPRIATION 100 General Fund: Salaries-\$10,000.00; 621 Water Department Fund: Reimbursements-\$10,000.00; 231 Probation Grant Fund-Improvements: Refund to State-\$10,289.66; 231 Probation Grant Fund-Jail Diversion: Law Enforcement Supplies-\$1,400.00)**

**Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 14-15, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Mr. Blake-** there are deadlines associated with the various sections of the piece of legislation

**Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 10-0.**

**Motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-15 by Mr. Blake, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Motion passed by a vote of 10-0**

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

**14-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 20/22 NORTH FOURTH STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Motion by Mr. Cost Resolution No. 14-16, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed by a vote of 10-0**

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

**William Butcher-** 129 W Main St, discussed a vehicle that cut in front of an emergency vehicle that was on a run and he wanted to know what the City was going to do about who are not pulling over for emergency vehicles and he stated there were people running the school bus stop sign while picking up kids also. Weather update given.

## ADMINISTRATION

**Director Spurgeon-** I would like to thank the committee for your support of 14-02. In short term you will have enhanced the safety up there and in the long term you will have expanded the tax base. I really appreciate it. I just want to give you a quick update on Property Maintenance. It has been a good year in 2013 the numbers are in and we conducted a review. A couple of highlights, it was a robust administrative review. We have had some revisions which allowed us to expedite complaints or reduce costs and our inspections were 33%, in 2012 we did 1,429 and in 2013 2,126. We did that with Director Mauter's and Director Buskirk's help. We found some efficiencies in DOD and was able to use one of the workers over there. So the

question becomes what we are going to do this year to keep the ball rolling. The take away is that we have some efficiencies with the computer hardware and software that this committee allowed us to spend some money on. I believe that we can have George doing some non-technical inspections about 8 hours a week and we also have Nate Strauss in Brian's department do some inspections, about 12 hours a week. So the take away, Mondays & Fridays we are going to have about 4 hours a day each for George, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4 hours each for Nate. There will be a likely hood of 2 inspectors on duty at all times. Our work has just begun; we will continue to find efficiencies and continue to do a good job. The Mayor thinks that this is important and so do I. Thank you for your support we appreciate it.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Cost-** called for a Service Committee meeting

**Mrs. Floyd-** spring is coming eventually, I just heard on the news tonight that this weekend is when we spring forward, daylight savings goes into effect as of Sunday which means that it will be light out at this time of night.

**Mr. Guthrie-** I wanted to thank Jim Amore for announcing the block watch at North Hudson. Though I won't be able to make it Sunday I would really like to make it I would really like to know when your future meetings are, especially the At-Large folks in addition to your Ward Councilman, if you could drop us an email through the City's website and let us know about them I would be grateful for that. Pastor Bill Raul, former member of this Council, is the Pastor for St. Paul's Lutheran. Our neighbors Carol and John Mumaw up on Saxony where I live, John passed away last week. Bill was there within minutes and the squad was there very shortly after the call and the police were there. Bill asked me to convey to Council and the administration that the way the Fire and Police Department handled the family was just amazing and the professionalism was second to none.

**Mr. Marmie-** Unfortunately the Newark High girls were not successful in their tournament run but I understand that they had a very good year and that they were very pleased with their results and how far they did get. There are still 3 teams in the race this week. The Newark High boys basketball team plays this week and they are bid for a District title, the Newark Catholic boys are trying to get their district title they will be playing this week, possibly a couple of games and the Newark Catholic girls will be playing this week in the regional bid because they already won the district. We wish them all good fortune. I want to verbally thank all Council for the flowers, the cards, the thoughts and the prayers for the passing of my mother. I also want to publicly thank the IAFF, they sent a beautiful large bouquet of flowers that were just very touching and I really appreciate it. What Mr. Guthrie said I can say that I experienced. It was phenomenal what the fire fighters did. They were the first to arrive on the scene when my brother and I found my mother. The way that they treated us the way they handled things, the explanations was fantastic. Then the Police Department came right after that to more or less relieve the fire department. They guided us in the appropriate steps that needed to be taken. I already conveyed all this to Director Spurgeon. Our safety forces in those little times of need, it wasn't an emergency but it was definitely in my opinion critical, they did an outstanding job and I am very proud of them.

**Mr. Ellington-** thank you Mr. Marmie, we are certainly sorry for your lose.

**Mr. Rolletta-** called a Safety Committee meeting

**Mr. Blake-** I want to say to Director Spurgeon, if you could give Sgt. McKee our thanks, Alex, Dee and I sat in on one of his crystal meth classes last week. We spent about three hours learning about that drug and meth labs. It was very educational. There was a good attendance to that class and I appreciate everything that he did on informing us on that. Job and Jazz is this Saturday, if you need tickets to attend please call the office of Mental Health of America. It is at Heritage Hall on Saturday 7:00 PM. You are also invited to the South Newark Civic Association dinner on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Newark High School swing choir will be performing and Denison University President Adam Weinberg will be the featured speaker.

**Mr. Bubb-** for those of you who have not heard, this past weekend we lost a true leader in our community with the passing of Jay Barker. Jay really walked the walk in life. Every year we get to enjoy the beautiful courthouse lit up and Jay was absolutely the driving force behind that every year. He also made many contributions to the Heisey Museum. It is a very sad story; he was just diagnosed in December with stage 4 so his passing sadly came very fast. So I would ask everyone to keep the Barker family in their thoughts and prayers. In his memory they are going to install a sound system above the courthouse by the clock that is going to play during the Christmas season. It will be kind of an update to our square music. The music can be changed for the different events around the square.

**Mr. Ellington-** the next Committee meeting will be Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and the next Council meeting will be on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Being no further business to discuss Mr. Rath made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Cost. Motion carried by acclamation. 7:22 PM