

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 5, 2013

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - Mr. Ellington called the August 5, 2013 Newark City Council meeting to order

ROLL CALL- Ms. Stare, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Frost, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Houdeshell, Mrs. Loomis, Mr. Marmie
Mr. Rath entered during invocation.

INVOCATION – Mrs. Loomis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Philip Hall

CAUCUS-

Mr. Frost- I am going to be making a substantial proposed amendment to Ordinance 13-24 which deals with booting and I wanted to bring that up now to give any members of the audience an opportunity to make comments during citizens comments before that actually occurred.

Mayor Hall- on that same issue I would like to comment, collecting information in a team work fashion I guess across certain parts of the City, of course soliciting citizens out there, we don't think booting on private property is good and warranted, we don't know if it is good for business downtown. Business owners I have talked to aren't really for it. They think that if someone gets booted they may not be back so with that I think the Administration's stance on this is probably not really a good decision. I will also defer to Safety Director Spurgeon. We solicited ideas from many groups. I do want everybody to surely understand that it isn't about one parking lot downtown when you do an Ordinance; it's about City wide and how many private parking lots we have across the City.

Safety Director Bill Spurgeon- while we do respect private property rights, we have been able to keep the peace in the community with the current laws for a long, long time. My fear is that we are going to boot a car and in the current model you can recover your property immediately on demand, you go to the tower, proper paperwork with the fee you get your property. I listened to testimony at the Committee I kind of think well by their own statements they are out of town, in another state, their car gets booted and now we have a police officer that has to come over there and may or may not have to keep the peace. We had a car that was booted I guess in an educational desire but we pulled a police officer off of a run, we were knee deep, we had four cruisers and four different runs and they were all serious that was four officers that didn't receive the backup that they should have had at that time. Again we respect private property rights but we have kept the peace with the current model for a long time.

MINUTES- July 15, 2013 Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb that the minutes of July 15, 2013 council meeting be approved 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**

Safety- **Received and Filed**

Service- **Received and Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Hall- presented a proclamation to the 2013 Licking County Settlers Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League Champions.

Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner- also presented a proclamation to the 2013 Licking County Settlers Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League Champions.

Kelly Bachelor- emailed her support for the City maintaining ownership of Horns Hill Park and offered suggestions of how the park might be further utilized for the community. - **Received and Filed**

Ohio EPA- a report regarding their Industrial Pretreatment Reconnaissance Inspection on May 28, 2013 of the City's Industrial Pretreatment Program.- **Received and Filed**

Jerry Clements-emailed his complaint regarding a stormwater and sewage drainage problem at his property located at 89 S 25th St.- **Received and Filed**

Ohio EPA- public notice of receipt of isolated wetland permit application from Dominion Homes for a project in Etna Township - **Received and Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher- 129 W Main St, he asked Council who owned the parking lot right next to him and who owns the building next to that. Weather update given also.

Emil Davis-197 Pierson Blvd, on July 1st I came in front of Council about traffic on Pierson Blvd when Mt. Vernon Rd was closed. I was concerned about the traffic that didn't belong on Pierson Blvd. I wanted to express my sentiments at the last Council meeting but unfortunately I missed it. Since I brought the issue in front of Council I wanted to come to Council again and praise City Safety Director Bill Spurgeon and Mayor Hall for taking action pretty swiftly. The Safety Director went out that evening and viewed the signage and assessed the situation then put into motion, he dispatched a couple of cruisers on each end of Mt. Vernon Rd to direct semi traffic and the next morning the semi traffic was virtually disappeared off our street and continued the next and final day of construction. I just wanted to come and thank you all for your efforts and time.

James Childers-1550 Lamae Ave, he thanked Mr. Guthrie for speaking to him after the last Council meeting, he thanked him for his time. He commented that he spoke to the real estate agent for the parking lot off Deo Dr where Kroger is at regarding a 4 way stop that he suggested, he said they may put a stop sign in there. He thanked the City of Newark for putting a 25 mph We Love Our Children sign on his street. Since we have so many children and the City workers don't get enough credit for what they do, Mr. Spurgeon may have had something to do with that, he is the Safety Director. I would also like to mention that the Green Team is doing excellent; we are just trying to find another location in the north end area. I wish we could get some type of grant like Columbus did, Mayor Coleman did, they got \$37,500.00 grant funded recycling program. He mentioned the amount of recyclable aluminum the Ohio based Owens Corning plant in Zanesville he thought had to dispose of at the landfill. He also mentioned recycling bins being located at businesses.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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

13-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT PROBATION, BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADULT PROBATION, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND ABOLISHING ONE ADULT PROBATION OFFICER 3 POSITION AND ONE SECRETARY 1 POSITION.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to adopt Ordinance No. 13-21, second by Mr. Frost

Motion passed by a vote of 9-1 (Mr. Guthrie)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie

13-22 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING APPROXIMATELY .284 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, (LOT 182) LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Held to First Reading

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare

13-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO PROVIDE STANDARD FEES FOR CERTAIN ABATEMENT ACTIONS

Held to First reading

By: Mrs. Loomis

13-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 452 055 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMMOBILIZATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES PARKED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-24 by Mr. Guthrie, second by Mr. Houdeshell

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 13-24 to Ordinance No. 13-24 A by Mr. Frost, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Frost- Ordinance 13-24 allows booting to take place in the City of Newark and Ordinance 13-24 A in fact does the opposite; it prohibits booting in the City of Newark. I respectfully move to amend the current legislation for 13-24 to 13-24 A.

Mr. Ellington-Mr. Frost has made a motion to amend Ordinance 13-24 to Ordinance 13-24 A, it was seconded by Mr. Cost.

Mr. Frost- I will be brief because we have heard from the Mayor and the City Safety Director. Essentially the current legislation allows booting only if the vehicle is going to be towed. It has essentially not been allowed but this is something of a loop hole. So the problem that you have is I think we have had testimony that something like 75 vehicles has been booted and only 1 has been towed. So what we are dealing with here is closing a loop hole. The current law does not allow it, there is a provision that if you are going to tow it you temporarily boot it, but that is not what is taking place. I can tell you as a prosecutor my thought is simple, if we have it on the books and it is a loop hole then we close the loop hole we shouldn't expand the law and allow booting. It is going to have an impact on the entire City for what is essentially one parking lot where there are other measures that can be taken. Therefore I would ask this Council to consider in fact closing that loop hole and that is why I am making that amendment.

Mr. Cost – I think what we have to do is take a look at what I feel this Administration and this Council has worked very hard to do

and that is improve a lot of things about the City of Newark. I think when we look at the whole booting concept, the first question that comes to me is, is this how we want to present the City of Newark? Do we want to be known as a community with this type of activity? Is this how we want to treat our citizens? I don't see how this is going to help promote downtown business. In my opinion this is a step backwards and I would encourage Council to take a look at what we have done and look at how far we have come since January of 2012 and I would like to see us keep moving forward and not allow us to have booting what so ever.

Mr. Houdeshell- I am going to vote for it, this is private property. They are parking on private parking illegally. Where else can you go on private property and not be charged or something done to you. We don't call the police for this we don't draw our officers. It's booting and it doesn't harm the car in any way and they pay a minimum amount to get it off. I am going to be voting against the change I want this Ordinance to go through.

Mrs. Loomis- I had originally sponsored Ordinance 13-24 and I have listened to both sides and I appreciate the Mayor's input and the Safety Director's input. A couple of things that stood out that bothered me was that when the towing company came forward to present their case, I can completely appreciate the private parking issue, that is her business, the parking is her business. Several things bothered me after that night. One was the ability to assess fines. He stated that he would either charge them the full price or sometimes drop the price depending upon what they had or didn't have or whether they were belligerent or rather they were nice. That kind of concerns me. The booting to just make a point out front on the newspaper that kind of bothered me and it makes me wonder what kind of business that would be for him. Would it be on the straight and narrow or would it be dramatic and would it cause more problems. At this point I have decided to support 13-24 A.

Mrs. Floyd- last week I voted in Committee to bring this to full Council. I will tell you when I sat here through that meeting the whole time I didn't know how I was going to vote until the very end because there are some things that we discuss in the City that I can sort of see both sides of an issue. I see it from a private property owner's side but as I said that night I saw this as a very handed kind of thing. I saw it as a very negative concept for Newark. I went home and didn't sleep well that night and the more that I thought about it the more I thought that I did not want to see this happen in Newark. When I realized that this was going to be brought back up I am changing and I will support 13-24 A.

Mr. Guthrie- I have some of the same thoughts that Carol has and pretty much everyone else here tonight. The only thing that I do want to say I do wish that we would have gotten here when we had this before Committee to where we are tonight because of course I like to see good clean legislation come out of Committee, I think we all do. But I do want to make it clear that this amendment doesn't eliminate the property owner's right to take any action. The option is there to tow a vehicle. Basically what this is doing even with the amendment is clarifying because there was vagueness as to whether or not booting was allowable. So we are clearing up that vagueness we are basically saying that it's not but we are not taking any right from a property owner away to have a vehicle towed that is parked on their property improperly.

Motion to amend Ordinance 13-24 passed by a vote of 9-1 (Mr. Houdeshell)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-24 A by Mr. Frost, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare

13-27 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER, THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$51, 949.04 FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR STORMWATER, WATER AND SEWER FEES TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY

Held to First Reading

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

**13-64 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(293 AG Demo Grant Fund: Newark, Heath, Pataskala, Licking County-\$70,000.00 match portion; 100 General Fund: OPT-AG Demo Grant-\$70,000.00 match portion; 930 Inter/Intra Govt Fund: JEDD Tax Collections and a 2012 Refund-\$109.49)**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-64 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare

13-65 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- NON EMERGENCY(100 General Fund, \$1,000.00-Courthouse Square fountain; 100 General Fund, \$5,134.93-Fuel costs for summer youth employment program; 100 General Fund, \$2,050.00-Repair to cemetery roof; 100 General Fund, \$2,177.25-Refund of Chip 09; 221 Street/Traffic Fund, \$6,374.00-Radio narrowbanding needs)

Held to First Reading

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare

13-66 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- EMERGENCY (100 General Fund, \$6,336.18-Salary & Health Ins benefits; 100 General Fund, \$5,000.00-Fuel excess grass cutting)

Motion to waive the two day reading rule for Resolution 13-66 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Marmie- there is a couple of accounts that have been deleted in order to pay salaries and fuel costs that we need to expedite these.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-66 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie

13-67 PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR 30TH & CHURCH ST TO IMPROVE TURN LANES, WIDEN RADIUS OF ROADWAY, UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL, REPLACE SIDEWALK AND CURB RAMPS, REPAIR AND RESURFACE PAVEMENT AT INTERSECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-67 by Mr. Rath, second by Mrs. Loomis

Mr. Rath- explained that this is an emergency because we have to comply with ODOT within their time frame and request.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie

13-68 CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR WILLIAMS ST GARAGE PHASE 3, PROJECT CONSISTS OF FINAL MITIGATION STUDIES, ACQUISITION OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES, DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTIES AND SITE CLEAN UP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-68 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- explained that this is an emergency because we have to comply with ODOT within their time frame and request.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie

13-69 PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR RESURFACING WITH RELATED WORK ON STATE ROUTE 16 INCLUDING WORK ON RAMPS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-69 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- explained that this is an emergency because we have to comply with ODOT within their time frame and request.

Mr. Guthrie- asked if ODOT was not getting the request for legislation to us in time that is caused us to do all of these as an emergency

Brian Morehead- generally that is correct

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie

13-70 PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR STATE ROUTE 79 IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, RESURFACING OF CEDAR STREET FROM MAIN STREET INTERSECTION TO END OF CURB SECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-70 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie

13-71 PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR UPGRADING SIGNALS IN THE CITY OF NEWARK AT STATE ROUTE 16 AND DAYTON ROAD AND WEST MAIN STREET AND 30TH STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-71 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher- 129 W Main St, he asked again about who owns the vacant parking lot

Mr. Ellington- advised Mr. Butcher that the lot is owned by Mr. Jefferies and the big building next to that is owned by the Library

Emil Davis- 197 Pierson Blvd, he suggested that a recycling bin could go on the property where the school had been razed. He also agreed with the booting being stricken here.

Mr. Childers- 1550 Lamae, stated that he agreed with Mr. Cost on that 100% that it didn't set a good sign even though it is on private property. He said that the problem was that there isn't enough parking down here.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rath- I would like to first explain my position on 13-24 A. Basically when the Administration, the Mayor comes up and the City's Safety Director representing the agency responsible for enforcing it says this is a bad idea along with the comments from an assistant prosecutor I tend to want to support them which is why I voted for the amendment opposing the booting. Thanked Mr. Davis, I appreciate that you come to City Council with an issue and then I thank you for coming back to City Council for saying thanks for taking care of that issue. We don't hear that very often and it is nice to hear that so thank you for taking time out of your night to come out and say that. Congratulations to the Licking County Settlers. Mr. Childers or anybody else, if you are going to the County building there is a very nice three story parking garage that is only a couple of blocks down from there that I don't think is ever more than half full. If anybody has heard or seen me grumbling to Ms. Loomis up here or heard me grumbling behind closed doors. One thing that bothers me a lot is when somebody stands up and says something as if it is fact and there really is no opportunity to oppose that statement and no way really to back that statement up maybe its fact and maybe isn't. That bothers me a lot. You have heard from up here on more than one occasion that our State Government Surplus or better known as the rainy day fund has exceeded 2 billion dollars. Well the fact is that rainy day surplus or rainy day fund is 1.48 billion dollars. How many people are shocked at that exaggeration? That is a little more than a half a billion dollar exaggeration. Not a big deal, in today's words, in today's dollars. So I thought that I would figure out what the difference is. If you take, if you will indulge me for a minute, a million dollars of hundred dollar bills and stack them up you will have a stack 43 inches tall. If you take a billion dollars of hundred dollar bills and stack them up you will have a stack that is 3,583 feet tall. That is 2.4 taller than the Empire State Building. The rainy day fund which is mandated to be by law to be 5% of the previous year's GRF is actually 1.48 billion. I know our previous Governor decided not to pay attention to that because when our current Governor took office our rainy day fund and this is not an exaggeration consisted of 89 cents. Now how many people in the audience or on Council would have a rainy day fund or a rainy day fund that would take care of emergencies that a washer that goes out or a dryer that quits working or a fridge that goes on the fritz or a tree that falls on our roof things like that. How many of us would have a reserve fund of 89 cents to take care of emergencies like that but that was what was in the rainy day fund to take care of emergencies for the entire State of Ohio. Incidentally if you need an illustration of a trillion dollars of hundred dollar bills stacked up is 678.666 miles tall. That sounds like a pretty tall stack but what does that actually mean. If you take our current deficit in excess of 16 trillion dollars, I have no idea what it is right now, that is 10,858 miles tall that would be 5 trips from the east coast to the west coast. So we all hear millions, billions and trillions we think it's a letter in a word and there is a significant difference between that.

Ms. Stare- we have two Mayor's concerts left and the one is coming this Friday and there will be one other one. Please come they are a lot of fun.

Mr. Bubb- called for a Personnel Committee meeting

Mr. Cost- I have been very encouraged in the last couple of weeks to read all of the incredible accomplishments of our safety forces Our police department our fire department, we should be extremely proud of our safety forces in this City. With regards to 13-24 A for just a moment, I hope that it is understood that I grasp the idea of private property rights, I get that totally. I was always told though that with every right there is a responsibility. I think that what we did tonight was show that we want to act responsibly.

Mrs. Floyd- thanked Safety Director Bill Spurgeon and Service Director David Rhodes they have helped my on a number of issues in the 7th Ward. In terms of parking, I know the Administration is continually working on it, I know it is a major issue downtown, I live close to downtown, I come downtown frequently and I know it's an issue but it something that is continually being worked on and there are some lots that are a short distance away, we are just used to small town I want to park right in front of where I want to go. We truly are and I know when this back parking lot where I usually park was closed and I would have a meeting here I would be parking a block that way or a block this way and I could use the exercise so that works out ok. I would like to agree with Shirley I was at the Mayor's Concert on Final Friday, by the way the Final Fridays that the Downtown Newark Association has is a great venue for people seeing what downtown Newark is all about. It is amazing how many people come downtown, the Art Walk was wonderful and I am sorry if you missed it because it is something that is very beneficial to the City of Newark.

Mr. Frost- today Dave Haren got promoted to Captain in the Newark Police Department and Bert Gliatta was promoted to Sergeant, they are both good guys. I think that it is great that Newark is doing such a fine job grooming people to replace those that we had. Al Zellner recently left, fantastic, amazing officer who served Newark for a long time and we can be very proud of his service.

Mr. Guthrie- first, I wanted to ask Mr. Childers if his St. Louisville Cardinals would stop beating up on my Cincinnati Reds. I would be grateful for that. I would like to thank all the folks that are with the 6th St and Western Ave gardens. Several members of Council I know visited those gardens after our last Committee meetings and it was really inspiring to see the good feeling the folks had. Over at Western Ave the energy or community spirit that the folks I talked to had, it was inspiring, I can't think of any other word that is more appropriate. I think that it is exciting and I hope if anybody didn't get the opportunity to make it down to those two community gardens that they try to do that.

I received a call from a Mr. Randy Wilson regarding a theft of scrap metal in the City of Newark and expressing some interest in us having legislation that would make it a little more difficult to dispose of that scrap metal. I talked to Law Director Sassen and we are going to be looking at that and I think Mr. Frost is going to be looking at it. I think there is a strong argument that any enforcement and penalties need to be uniformed in the State of Ohio. It seems logical to me that the legislator should be dealing with this because if we strengthen our legislation within the City of Newark and then you know we just might provide incentive for that scrap metal to leave the city and go someplace else where it can be dispersed. I think that it is an argument for uniformity but it is an issue that was brought to me by Mr. Wilson and I wanted to bring it to you folk's attention. We may be looking at it here in the Safety Committee in the future.

I'm glad that, since Mr. Rath, you might as well say my name since all your comments were directed at me, I want you to know that I think that you did a really good job with Governor Kasich's talking points. I think the bottom line is this and it was in several media sources that the year-end surplus was going to be between 1.8 billion and 2 billion dollars so I was using the information that I had. These are the facts; I think you said 1,480,000,000.00, 1 billion of that was stolen from local governments like ours. 1 billion of that 1.248 billion came from our coffers and nothing was done to restore those cuts to our communities, not a single thing. We have vacancies on our police and fire departments because of losing close to 2 million dollars from the State of Ohio. Now I am proud of the fact that the majority of this Council supported a resolution and some people say well they don't pay any attention to you at the State level. The fact is whether they pay attention or not we as the legislative body for this Council have a responsibility to speak out. The fact is and I am going to get my facts exact on this Mr. Rath, in the last month the United States House Appropriation Committee cut Community Development Block Grant funds to cities by 48%. Take a look at what we do in this community with those Community Development Block Grant funds. If we can't advocate for our citizens whether it be the Local Government fund or the Community Development Block Grant Funds I think that we have failed our community. So you can beat me up all you want over the fact that I used the numbers in front of me that fact is I have stood tall for my community, I have fought and I will fight until hell freezes over that these cuts to our community are unfair and unjust.

Mr. Houdeshell- I'm sorry the ordinance got changed and passed the other way, he said they can't tow those vehicles anymore vehicles they have so that car is going to sit there. Property owner is going to lose a lot of money, people probably aren't going to rent from her she has already told me that, 2 people have already dropped her so we have done a disservice to a person who owns private property by doing this to her. It's a law now so I'll have to live with it.

Mrs. Loomis- called a Service Committee meeting for Mr. Rath. Mr. Davis I am going to say the same thing it is good to get positive feedback. The City sometimes moves slowly but when they hear an issue and can do something about it they do it. So thank you for coming forward, I do appreciate that. Mr. Childers, your sign on Lamae came about because of block watch program that I have. A lady that is interested in doing the same in your area had contacted me about that sign and really that credit goes to Service Director Rhodes and BJ Varner they got on that right away and it was a good thing. Thank you very much for saying that. Speaking of the safety forces helping out with the block watch it is amazing what they do and all the things that they bring together, stuff that they take care of. The tagging that happened on Day Ave and N. Williams St, he has some ideas about some juvenile delinquent folks taking care of that tagging and getting it off of there.

Randy Wilson is part of the Cox United Methodist Church block watch group and I am glad that he continues to reach out and look for solutions to some issues he is having there in the 3rd Ward.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee meeting. I am going to quickly comment, I keep hearing about parking issues downtown. In my opinion it is a perception that there are parking issues downtown. Now in most peoples' minds perception is reality, however I see people parking at Polaris and Easton walking further than the parking garage to the County building. I myself sometimes have to walk farther than 2 blocks to get the item that I need to get out of the grocery store to go back to the parking lot in front of Wal-Mart. I had the opportunity to travel and I guarantee you in other countries there is nowhere where you can pull up to a grocery or convenience market in your vehicle and pick up something and just walk out into your vehicle. Usually you have to walk at least 2 or 3 blocks if not further in order to do that. The perception and what was told to my 15 year old son by some of the foreigners that he met was you Americans you just fat and lazy and that was what was told to him by other 15 year olds.

Mr. Ellington- Congratulations again to the Licking County Settlers baseball team for being the 2013 Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League Champions. Congratulations also to Dave Heran of NPD for being promoted to Captain this morning as well as Bert Gliatta for his promotion to Sergeant. And Thank you for attending your Newark City Council meeting we appreciate your comments and participation in your local government. We will have Committee meeting on August 12th at 5:30 P.M. here in Council Chambers and the next Newark City Council meeting will be held on August 19th 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT being no further business to discuss there was a motion to adjourn by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Cost. The motion was carried by acclamation and the Newark City Council meeting for July 15, 2013 adjourned at 8:03 P.M.