

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 2013

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - Mr. Ellington called the September 3, 2013 Newark City Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL-Ms. Stare, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Guthrie, Mrs. Loomis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

Absent: Mr. Houdeshell

INVOCATION – Mrs. Loomis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Mrs. Loomis

CAUCUS- Motion by Mrs. Floyd to excuse Mr. Houdeshell, second by Mr. Marmie. Motion passed by acclamation.

MINUTES- August 19, 2013- Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mrs. Loomis that the minutes of August 19, 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**

Service- **Received and Filed**

Ways & Means- **Received and Filed**

Capital Improvements- **Received and Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency- notice of receipt of isolated wetland permit application (level 2) - **Received and Filed**

PUBLIC HEARING

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

13-17 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 1420 DICKERSON STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF RL (Low Density Single Family Residence District), TO GO (General Office District)

There were no comments for or against this issue therefore Mr. Ellington closed the public hearing

Motion to adopt Ordinance 13-17 by Mr. Rath, second by Mrs. Loomis

Mr. Rath- we have had two public hearings on this so far and there hasn't been any opposition. I have talked to the people in this neighborhood around this property and they have not had any opposition, the only comments that they have had is that the lighting be directed so that it doesn't infiltrate the rest of the neighborhood instead it be directed directly down on the parking lot. The other is the construction traffic be routed so that it doesn't come down McMillen. That has really been the only comments, for the lack of opposition and for helping a business expand I would strongly encourage everyone to support this.

Mr. Cost- Mr. Rath you said that there was concern about construction traffic on McMillen because I had someone express a concern of traffic coming from the other direction driving through the neighborhood area to get to the commercial from a block further, that would be west.

Mr. Rath- what is the road, and I apologize I can't remember the name of the road

Mr. Ellington- is it Terrace?

Mr. Rath- no, no, it's not Terrace, it is still a block east, there is McMillen then there is the road that CVS is on and the new entrance to the hospital. They don't want them coming down McMillen and turning right on Dickerson because that is a very narrow road, it is all residential. They would rather have them come down the road that CVS is on and turn left into Dickerson that is all business.

Mr. Ellington- that is McMillen

Mr. Rath- ok you are right, Westmoor that was the name of the road I couldn't think of. They don't want them coming down Westmoor and turning on to Dickerson they would rather have them come down McMillen and turn on to Dickerson where the roads are wider and more apt to handle construction traffic.

Mr. Cost- the lady that approached me about it said that there are trucks coming down there then they aren't able to make the right turn to get onto Dickerson so then they find themselves having to back up and back out onto W Main because they couldn't make the turn. They are concerned about that kind of large traffic running through that little residential area. That has been the only concern that I have had about it other than that it has been positive. So I didn't know if there could be a no thru truck sign that could be added to that or to be able to route that traffic for construction.

Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher- 129 W Main St, he asked what was going to happen with the old school, he said that he thought it should be used for a community center to keep kids off the street and keep them out of trouble.

John E Guy- better known as Eddie, I bought the bar back here Pounder's Pub. I got myself into a jam with some sprinkler systems I didn't know about. I have learned from numerous people it is like a \$4,000.00 repair. I am willing to put the money up; you guys are doing a vote or something on my license. I would like to tell everybody that I have no problem with paying the \$4,000.00 to update this mans' sprinkler system. It's not a big deal; the big deal is finding someone to do it and getting it done. I don't know if there is anything else that I can say or do. I do need these license, you guys stop these license. The worst part about this is that I have already paid this man for a year's lease. He's got his money ok. If you guys give me my license and a month down the road you guys condemn this building I can still move. Now if you deny my license tonight, I have nothing. You condemn this building, whatever happens, I am out everything. But if you gave me a chance and you gave me my license I could at least move and go somewhere else. We have a good thing going here we are not just out here getting drunk, this is a pool hall. This isn't just a bar. Anybody is more than welcome to come check out what we are doing. Like I said I am more than willing to put up the \$4,000.00 to get the sprinkler system fixed, I don't have a problem with that. We will get it updated, whatever it takes. I have a car over here for a raffle, I would like to see the Mayor come over and pull the ticket on the 21st. I have all kinds of ideas. I am trying to raise up some money to get the outside fixed. The last thing that I want to do is to be put out of business before I get started. We have had a real good month. We pulled a benefit and raised \$2,000.00 for some people who really needed the money that is what I like to do.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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

13-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND POSITION AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK BY CREATING THE POSITIONS OF GIS COORDINATOR WITHIN THE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND DATA TECHNICIAN WITHIN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER EACH WITH A STRENGTH AUTHORIZATION OF ONE (1) EACH AND ELIMINATING THE POSITIONS OF GIS TECHNICIAN IN THE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND CLERK-TYPIST/DISPATCHER IN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to adopt Ordinance 13-14, second by Mr. Marmie

Motion passed by a vote of 7-1(Mr. Guthrie)

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

13-29 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN FOR VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Ordinance 13-29, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- this gives the Service Director the authority to research a contractor for our energy needs within the city. He will still have to come back to us and ask us to allocate money for that.

Mr. Marmie- I would like to make a motion to amend to this. Anywhere it references House Bill 295 I want to substitute that with House Bill 420. House Bill 420 is a little different than House Bill 295 in which it will allow our Service Director a longer period of time as far as the financing with this. They just found that out that the 420 gives them a little bit more flexibility.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to amend Ordinance 13-29, second by Mr. Guthrie

Motion to amend Ordinance 13-29 to 13-29 A passed by an 8-0 vote

Motion to adopt passed by an 8-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

13-72 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(General Fund-\$1,068.77: Memberships; General Fund-\$1,137.60: Computer Hardware/Software; General Fund-\$8,045.15: Salaries)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution 13-72, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

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

13-73 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Motion to pass Resolution 13-73 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Cost
Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

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

13-75 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution 13-75, second by Mrs. Floyd
Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

13-76 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(293 AG Demo Grant Fund: \$126,500.04- Children's Home; 621 Water Dept Fund: \$109,581.60- Force Account work on St Rt 16 and 21st St

Held to First Reading

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

13-77 A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO OPPOSE FURTHER CUTS IN FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

Held to First Reading

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

13-78 A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE TRANSFER OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL PERMIT NUMBER 63675700005 FROM NEWARK DOWNTOWN CENTER, INC TO JOHN E. GUY AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO PROHIBIT THE REQUESTED TRANSFER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-78 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- the owner of this building has had since January to make this right. He continues to defy us and he continues to defy the orders of the Fire Department of the Safety Director. He continues to do absolutely nothing to make this a safe building and to make it safe for the patrons that are in the building as well as the patrons of three other businesses attached to that building. Nor has he done anything to make it safe for the Fire Department who would have to respond to that location. It has been on fire watch since January. I appreciate the offer to pay for the repairs to the building but at this point we don't have any assurances at this time that the owner will even allow that to happen even with someone else paying. Unfortunately this is a tool that we have to help to motivate him to come into compliance and make that building safe. I feel bad that we have a business owner caught in the middle of that. I would say that if you were sold that business on the understanding of it being safe and in compliance and ready to move into you would have grounds to take further action on that and I would encourage you to do so and that could even help us in the long run as well. For all those reasons stated I am going to support this and would encourage others to do so as well.

Mr. Guthrie- I am going to vote for this for obvious reasons but I feel very bad for this gentleman. I feel very bad for him. That he is in the middle of this. I hope that we don't have to have too many more pieces of legislation in front of us like this but I understand why we have this one.

Ms. Stare- I just want to reiterate what Mr. Rath and Mr. Guthrie said because this makes me feel very bad because this will affect you personally but there again this is something that needs to be done.

Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

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

13-79 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL

CORPORATION- CI EMERGENCY (335 Capital Improvements Fund: \$1,000,000.00- W Church St Bridge Deck Replacement)

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

Mr. Marmie- said he didn't know the particulars because Mr. Houdeshell had this but that he knew it had to be an emergency.

Mr. Guthrie- is it possible, could we ask someone with the administration to just tell us why it is an emergency, just so we know.

Mr. Ellington- asked Brian Morehead to tell Council why the Church St Bridge was an emergency.

Brian Morehead- this is just a memo appropriation. The work is planned on starting; actually the closure is planned on starting September 16th. I am trying to get these numbers on the actual purchase order for that time. If you don't feel as though it is worthy of that it probably isn't a big issue. It's basically an accounting issue in the Auditor's office.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 6-2 (Mr. Guthrie, Mrs. Loomis)

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-79 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

John E Guy- I only have a couple of things to say. One, I think that all of you guys voted wrong because you don't really understand what you are voted on. First of all you voted to turn my license down. There aren't his. Like I said before if you would have given me my license. If you felt bad enough for me you would have given me my license so at least I could have continued on doing what I am doing. You guys denying my license doesn't stop him from doing what he is doing once again. As Mr. Rath said I believe it was last week, you used me for leverage. You got it I offered to pay for it. What more leverage do you need? You guys are making this sound like a big emergency; it's not a big emergency. I am willing to fix this sprinkler system. I talked to Mr. Tom Cotton today he has agreed everything is good to go. You guys gave him until the 27th. Let me prove my point before we sit here and deny my license. You guys have really not given me a chance. You guys have turned me down. I have \$20,000.00 at stake here, none of you guys do. It is easy for you guys to sit back there and say no. I am willing to give \$4,000.00 more to save \$20,000.00 but that is ok obviously you guys don't feel it or you guys would have voted the other way. That is all I have to say. I don't mean it personally towards anybody but I am very disappointed on what happened and I don't appreciate being used as leverage.

James Childers- 1550 Lemae Ave, I recently started a block watch in my neighborhood, I am the Captain. I have sent out over 300 flyers, worked with Sergeant McKee over on the north end by the Wal-Mart. There has been some trouble over there. From what I have been told we only have four police officers that patrol us at night. I know funding is bad and everything but I don't know how. But I heard on the scanner the other night they couldn't respond to a call because they were all tied up at one call. Even the Sheriff's Department had to help out Heath in certain sections because they have been hurting so bad. Funding and everything, there are 19 police cars there and I was talking to Sergeant McKee today and he said that they could be hiring 2 police officers, maybe a third one. Before I heard that they were going to hire three, I don't know. But I definitely think we need more police officers on the road, more at night. Detectives are in the office during the day and all that stuff and that is very important but four officers at night just don't cut it. There is going to be a lot of cut back coming. You said that there were 84 officers when you started and now there are 70 I think now. One way in my opinion is and this should have been 10 years ago and I know you are not going to like this but as you can see Hollander Pool did not have a good year this year. I would sell Hollander Pool. You put a lot of money into it, I know you did, maybe not everybody put here but as far as I am concerned you are not going to get that money back. Talked to some people I at the YMCA, not going to say their names to risk their jobs, they told me they didn't know if they were going to be able to have lifeguards to watch that pool next year because they had such a bad year this year. That is what I would do I would have gotten rid of it a long time ago because it's not making any money and it's not going to make any money. I just got done saying a week before that someone was going to drown in that pool and we almost had someone drown in the pool. To me I just think that it was a waste of money. What is more important to Newark and Licking County to have more police officers? Every time there are cut it always seems as though it is Newark police officers or fire fighters or probation officers or somebody up in the office. I don't see how they can maintain both pools, the taxpayers are paying for that pool they just oversee it. That is what I would like to see done but I know that it is never going to happen.

William Butcher- 129 W Main St, I have a good idea for the Newark Fire Department I don't see why they should have a fish fry, I think that would be a great idea and I would like to see the old school down here turned into a recreation center.

Mr. Ellington- Mr. Diebold, William's brother.

Bob Diebold-262 Cherry Bend Dr, I looked at the City's website trying to find a semblance of an administrative plan for Council candidates there is an opportunity or depending on how you look at it there could be as many as 5 or 6 new faces up here. Anything that you could do to help new comers as well as folks that are going to step in mid-stream with the administration, if there is any kind of written plan that we can look at that we could peruse to get on board that would be a help for all candidates. I asked one Council member and they said not off the top of their head but I am sure that there are goals and objectives. If that copy could be put together and circulated with Council candidates that would be a huge plus for us.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Stare- Mr. Childers I wish you luck on your block watch. Speaking of block watch tomorrow the south side block watch will meet. We meet at the Police Department at 6:00p.m. Sgt. McKee also oversees our block watch and we really appreciate him doing that. Newark has so many wonderful things in the downtown area. Coming up Saturday evening is the Light the Night Car Show and I read in the paper that there is supposed to be 500-600 cars there. There will also be vendors and crafts and displays and music. Happy Birthday William tomorrow.

Mr. Bubb- one item this evening, Mr. Guy, just clarification again, this Council did not deny your liquor permit. It is just objecting to it for safety reasons and quite frankly if those safety improvements are made this resolution is null and void. If you have the money,

you guys work out an agreement it is a win, win for everybody. But just so you are clear this Council did not deny your liquor permit we are objecting to it for safety reasons. I just want to make that clear with you.

Mr. Cost- I think that I would like to reiterate what Mr. Bubb just said. Mr. Guy, there is none of us sitting here that just took a vote like we just did and have it be something that is considered easy, not by any of us. I don't like the spot you are being put in by your landlord it is horrible. I would hope that you are able to get it resolved. I know with my vote it is one word, it is safety. It is that plain and simple and we need to get it resolved.

Mrs. Floyd- I agree with what Mr. Bubb and Mr. Cost said Eddie. Eddie is a former student of mine. It was a hard vote for many of us to take because we know that you have put a lot into this. If you can get this resolved that would be a good thing but like they said it is the safety issue that people are concerned about. I would like to mention that in addition to the Mayor's concert the other night the history walk was great. The Final Friday that the Downtown Newark Association had it started at Licking County Players, I go to all those plays but I had never been back through the whole building, it is a huge building. It was interesting to wonder around. I didn't go on the jail tour this time because I went on it last year. I did get to go in the Lewis Sullivan building and see what they had done to it so far. There were a lot of people downtown and that is encouraging to see. This Saturday there will be lots of people downtown as well. Finally, in terms of block watches I am glad to see more and more block watches getting started in the community. I realize we don't have near enough police officers and it is something that we need to work on, help the economy turn around and if we could stop the funding drain that would help a great deal. It helps to have extra eyes and ears for police to be able to contact them if they see something. There are two block watches in the 7th Ward that have become very active and I try to go to all those meetings and encourage them to do their best, it is very much appreciated.

Mr. Guthrie- a couple of things I would like to mention. First, I just want to remind folks that Thursday evening at Camp O'Bannon is the Kiwanis fish fry. I believe it starts at 5:00 and 100% of the proceeds go to funds Camp O'Bannon which serves over 400 underprivileged kids at no cost every summer and it is a wonderful program that we can be proud of. I just want to encourage folks to support it. I think that it is \$10.00. I actually have had my second call and I am trying to decide, maybe on the 30th of the month we might ask the Safety Director and the Police Chief to come in and talk about this. I have gotten a couple of calls regarding this scrap metal issue, the re-sale of scrap metal in our city and the theft of it and the re-sale, wanting to know why we can't do more with our City Ordinances. One of the things that I have attempted to tell folks that I have talked with is in order for the law to be uniformly enforced it really needs to be a change at the State level but maybe it is something that we need to take a look at because the gentleman that called me the other day lives on Central Ave a Mr. Packer, Carol in your Ward, he indicated that he had a bunch of stuff stolen recently from the back of his house. I want to thank Mr. Rhodes, I wanted to thank you. I had communicated with him actually a week ago this last weekend about a problem with a grate on Londondale. I was actually taking a walk and there was a grate that was literally falling apart, a tire could have gone in it. I communicated with Mr. Rhodes and I mean they were out there within 48 hours and fixed it. I am very grateful for that, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Rhodes very grateful and I am sure the residents are too because it was right at the end of the driveway. I am really trying to work well with folks here but I just have to tell you Mr. President I think that your comment to Mr. Butcher and Mr. Diebold was highly inappropriate. I think that we should respect everybody that walks in this Chamber.

Mr. Ellington- I will take that under advisement Mr. Guthrie thank you.

Mrs. Loomis- Happy Birthday William you make 57 look good. Mr. Guy that was a hard vote and it certainly wasn't personal just as what you said up here wasn't personal. Mr. Bubb put it very, very well, we are not denying it, we are just objecting to it. You have a plan in place I hope that you execute it then you should see no interruption and I am sorry that you had to learn the hard way about Mr. Cotton. Mr. Childers the neighborhood block watch program is as Mrs. Floyd said the eyes and the ears for the Police Department. So what you are doing as a citizen and the one I have going is helping out the Police Department. I don't think that there isn't anybody up here who doesn't agree that more police officers on the street wouldn't be a good idea. We have a very fiscally responsible administration and until money comes available we are going to have to continue to be the eyes and the ears. So congratulations on being a good citizen and helping and being a part of the solution. Speaking of being good neighbors, I get a lot of calls about garbage companies. Most of them are about Waste Management and I really, really would like to see, I know Director Spurgeon is trying to reach out and I hate to drop names but if you could maybe. They are just not obeying the laws and there is no point in having those laws on the book if they are not obeying them. It's not before 6am, nobody wants to put them out of business but they are not being very good neighbors. I would just appreciate maybe a bigger gun talking to them that would be great. As for Director Rhodes that goes without saying he has been very helpful. The one thing that I have said to everyone is that we have a real live business man that understands from a business perspective how to get things done and it has been amazing. I have been watching Council for 10 years and in that time we just have not had a better Service Director. I would like to the neighborhood is Two Guys Pizza Villa, they have this recipe that tastes like the Newark pizzas like Park, Plaza and Don & Sue's but the thing that makes them different is that they deliver. It is a wonderful addition to not my waistline but to the 4th Ward. (audience and Council laughing)

Mr. Marmie- I want to call a Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Guy I am going to first of all say that my vote had nothing to do with leverage; I am not trying to leverage anything. My vote was also not difficult and here is the reason why. This Council had until September 9th to respond to the Department of Liquor Control. We have a moral and legal obligation to do what is right for the citizens. If we do not comply with the Ohio Department of Liquor Control and give them our input, positive or negative, we could be sued found legally liable because we failed to act. We have a duty to act as far as if there is something not in compliance. The only

one that can issue or deny a liquor license is the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. This just starts the process; you have a process to go through the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, you still have time but we did have a duty to act and we had to act on that. I really felt as if we had no choice to do what was necessary. Again I am pulling for you. I hope everything gets corrected before this. I hope that the Ohio Department of Liquor Control gives you some kind of time but we were out of time. The Ohio Department of Liquor Control said we had until September 9th. I really don't think that it was difficult and I am not using you as leverage. It was just something that we had to do. Finally, Mr. Childers, as far as cuts in the City of Newark, anytime that there have ever been layoffs, what I call the boots and badges have always been last. Not only that the safety forces have usually found a way that it is more on the administration side, somebody in the administrative capacity. Now that is not to say that there hasn't been rehires or attrition hasn't depleted our safety forces and we are hoping to get that back up. As far as positioning, the positions that are available are they are there. As far as the funding for the safety forces it's still a number one priority with this Council, it is still a number one priority for me. Our safety forces is basically the primary reason why government exists. It is the safety of its' citizens. Therefore as for the funding we put the funding out there, how the administration or the safety forces, how they choose to spend that funding, a lot of that is more or less up to them. We make sure that the percentages of the General Fund that were in place 15 years ago are still there, however that percentage is a smaller dollar amount because our revenue stream has shrunk. There have been cuts across the board but I guarantee you that our safety forces are still a number one priority with the administration, with this Council, I have seen it with this Council, I am not going to speak for them but I sense it and I know for myself it is a number one priority. The more boots and badges that we have out there for our citizens the better off our community really is.

Mr. Rath- called Service Committee meeting. Mr. Guy let us know when you are up and running I will most definitely come down and spend some money down there. I will support you in that way anyways. I just wanted to let everybody know that on Saturday September 7th, that is this coming Saturday, the 211th Maintenance Company of Newark and the Ohio Army National Guard, a good neighbor and resident of the 3rd Ward, will be having an open house. Again that is Saturday from 11:00am until 3pm. There will be hot dogs, cookies and snacks there. There will be a lot of activities for the kids. They will take you on tours through the base. It's a great open house; it is a great opportunity to get to see what the Army National Guard is actually doing right here in our own neighborhood. I do know a great deal of their officers are actually overseas right now in war so the people right here in Newark stand a chance of being deployed into war time zones. So get over there and support our local hometown heroes. I want to give a shout out to Sgt. McKee, he was mentioned here a couple of times tonight. Every time I turn around somebody is talking about Sgt. McKee. He does a lot. He has a wife and two kids, one of which is a newborn at home and I have seen him at a block watch meeting and I know that is after hours. It is on his own time, he does an awful lot above and beyond. To put a plug in on something that I care about that he takes care of as well, the Urban Deer Hunting Program. Applications are out if anybody is interested in deer hunting in the City of Newark applications are over at the Police Department you can pick those up. I think that you have until the end of September to get those back. Don't quote me on that I could be wrong. Finally, on Wednesday September the 11th I am going to jail, I am going to be calling a lot of people up here and others to help me out. I have to raise \$2,400 in bail to get out of there. This is all for muscular dystrophy. I will be in the fire station in the 3rd Ward at Cherry Valley and W Main so come on over.

Mr. Ellington- Mr. Guthrie I appreciate your comments. I make it a policy or at least I think I make it a policy to be very respectful to anybody who wants to come up and speak. I try to let everybody speak without cutting them off. If you felt that way I will call Mr. Diebold and make sure that he doesn't feel that way and if he did I will apologize.

Mr. Guthrie- Mr. President it was Mr. Diebold and Mr. Butcher that were the butt of the joke.

Mr. Ellington- actually I didn't think so but thank you. The next Committee meeting is September 9th, next Council is the 16th at 7:00, and the 23rd since it is a five Monday month we will be off then the Committees will be September 30th.

ADJOURNMENT- Being no further business to discuss Mr. Rath made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cost. The September 3, 2013 Newark City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.