

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
June 11, 2013

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers following the Safety Committee, on Monday, June 10, 2013. These members were present:

Jeff Rath, Chair	Ryan Bubb
Ed Houdeshell	Shirley Stare
Duke Frost	

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 13-56** authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Newark, Ohio, to sell certain City property as described herein by internet auction was considered.

**Director Rhodes-** we are asking the authority to sell some items that are no longer needed on GovDeals

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Frost**  
**Motion passed by a 5-0 vote**

2. **Ordinance No. 13-17** changing the zoning classification of certain real property, generally described as 1420 Dickerson St, City of Newark, Licking County, Ohio, from that of RL- Low Density Single Family Residence District to GO- General Office District was considered.

**Brian Morehead-** this is the first step in the process when an owner of a property asks for rezoning of their property. He showed them on a map the parcel of land that the owner was requesting to be rezoned in order to expand his parking lot. He also explained to the Committee that the owner came to Planning Commission to have a lot split approved contingent upon the other two things getting done. One of which is an alley vacation and this rezoning. He is adding 1800 sq ft to his office.

**Mr. Cost-** asked what the other steps are that the owner needs to do if this is just step one

**Brian Morehead-** an alley vacation which we will be coming to the next street committee with that and the owner didn't want to change the zoning on the entire residential lot so he went to Planning Commission for that which was approved contingent upon the alley vacation and the rezoning.

**Mrs. Loomis-** asked if he pays the fees for the notifications to the other property owner for his request to vacate.

**Brian Morehead-** stated he didn't want to speak for the Law Director however he didn't think he had to notify anyone else since he owns the property on both sides.

**Mrs. Clippinger-** was in the audience and Mr. Rath asked if she had an opinion on this, to which she answered she would look into it.

**Ms. Stare-** didn't think there was a problem with it; she is one of Dr. Wing's patients and he keeps his property lovely now and she is confident it will continue to be that way.

**Mr. Frost-** does alley vacations go to the Fire Chief at some point because we don't want to say yes let's go through with this then the Chief says he is opposed to it for a particular reason then we have to decide who to go with on this.

**Brian Morehead-** stated the alley is platted and covered with grass.

**Mr. Rath-** asked if there was a valid driveway

**Brian Morehead-**it goes part way back but further north is where this vacation would be happening.

**Mr. Frost-** so it is a field right now then because I didn't see an alley

**Brian Morehead-** correct

**Lesa Best-** in cases like this when you change the zoning and it is residential before don't you need the neighbors to say that it is ok or can you just go ahead.

**Brian Morehead-** explained the neighbors don't say it is ok but the neighbors can make a comment at our public hearing.

**Mr. Rath-** explained that there are two opportunities for public comment. One is at the public hearing for Planning Commission and the other is at Council for its second reading. They are notified by mail and in the newspaper.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Bubb second by Ms. Stare**

**Motion passed 5-0 vote.**

3. **Resolution No. 13-60** authorizing and directing the director of public service to accept bids and sell certain real estate now owned by the city of Newark, Ohio and declaring that such property is no longer needed for any municipal purpose considered.

**Director Rhodes-** stated that this is something that they made a commitment earlier in the year to do. We have assessed the properties the City owns and we have determined these three properties are no longer needed by the City.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Ms. Stare**

**Mr. Houdeshell-** how big are these properties, are they big enough to develop on it.

**Director Rhodes-** stated that the first property on Waterworks Rd is a house purchased by the previous administration as a way to solve a problem they had when Deo Dr was extended. At one point we thought it might be a possible fire station location but after they got the reports back it has been determined not to be in the right area because of the amount of fill you would have to put in. The other small tip on Mt. Vernon Rd is unbuildable and it is a left over piece when the roadway extension, it was the old Scott Handle's piece that used to be a Dairy Mart up there. The last piece is on Bryn Mawr that was given to the City by Orville Rosso years ago.

**Lesa Best-** can the City sell any property or are there perimeters.

**Director Rhodes-** explained the process to Ms. Best and told her it is a long process and it can't be done without the blessing of Council.

**Ms. Best-** asked if he knew how many properties the City owns.

**Director Rhodes-** stated he didn't know but could email her the spreadsheet of the list of the properties the City owns.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Jeff Rath, Chair