

## COUNCIL MINUTES

June 20 , 2023  
Council Chambers  
7:00 P.M.

**President Pro-Tem Harris called the meeting to order**

**ROLL CALL** - Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rine, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Harris, Mr. Houser, Mr. Labutis

**INVOCATION** – Mr. Labutis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CAUCUS** - Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Lang , second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation

**Motion to excuse President Ellington, second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation**

**MINUTES of June 5, 2023, Motion to approve by Mr. Labutis, second by Mr. Houser , passed by acclamation**

**APPOINTMENTS**

There were none this meeting

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance - **Received and filed without objection**

Service - **Received and filed without objection**

Streets - **Received and filed without objection**

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**City Auditor, Ryan T. Bubb** – Operating report for period ending May 31, 2023

**Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator’s Office** – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending May 31, 2023

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Ohio Division of Liquor Control** - New Liquor Application for Block & Cleaver LLC, 54 W. Main St. Newark, Oh. 43055

**Brian Morehead, City Engineer** - Newark - 2023 Street Resurfacing Project out for bid

**Ohio Department of Agriculture** - Aerial treatment of invasive insect Spongy Moth in the area

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Rochelle Volen-Smith, 237 Violet Ct.** - The other day I found some news on NPR about some funding for parks that are environmentally friendly. I’d like to see us take out the park that is attached to Route

16 because it is not environmentally friendly for kids and because it is in fact a hazard in favor of putting it in a different location close to downtown. But anyway, the article was about an area in Philadelphia that had put in parks that are more environmentally friendly to the neighborhood and low income areas and sources of funding. One of the beauties of this is that the schools and neighborhood have input in development of these parks, like they did in Granville which included a lot of neighborhood input into developing several sites. I don't know whether you're interested in funding organization, I do have information on that, you can let me know if you're interested, but I would seriously like to see the one on 16 that is not being used because of the fumes among other things, gone and put in another safer location.

#### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**By: Mr. Houser, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline**

**23-16** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A SIXTEEN (16) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE AMENDED PLAT OF WOODSIDE ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 185 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED SOUTH OF MOULL STREET, RUNNING EAST FROM WOODS AVENUE, SOUTH OF LOG POND RUN.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 9-0**

#### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

There are none this meeting

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**23-50** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ( \$125,000.00 -Request to Supplement Fire Overtime) ( \$1,565.79 -Received as reimbursement from Licking County OVI Task Force, request it be put back into the OT budget)

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Rine**

**23-51** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO NEWARK DEWVELOPMENT PARTNERS AS ITS AGENT FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, DISTRIBUTION AND RESEARCH

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 9-0**

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath**

**23-53 Exp** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$127,759.55 -Pynt inadvertently left out of budget)

**Motion to waive the 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 9-0**

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie**

**23-54** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT #4 AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN

**Held until July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie**

**23-56** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH STRONG TOWER CHRISTIAN MEDIA

**Held until July 5th, 2023**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Chute, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rine**

**23-57** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO NEWARK DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AS ITS AGENT FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, DISTRIBUTION AND RESEARCH

**Held until July 5th, 2023**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Rath**

**23-58** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$135,480.62 -Change Order for the 40<sup>th</sup> St. Tamarack Water Line project)

**Motion to waive the 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 9-0**

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Marmie** - I just want to explain the expediting of this. There were some delays in information and everything, this is actually some change orders, so what it has caused is the contractors haven't been paid, so we want to go ahead and make sure we get this through immediately so we can get them paid for their services that they already rendered.

**Motion passed 9-0**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Rine**

**23-59** A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS

**Held until July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Laura Cambe, 1120 Wintermute Ave** - I bought my house here in Newark almost 25 years ago and I have always felt safe here, but with shutting down our fire station off and on I don't feel as safe anymore. I've got a son, 34 years old, that has a heart condition, he's been having seizures and I'm taking care of him until he dies. So, I don't appreciate our fire station being shut down, I'd like to know how long it's going to be going on for and how often it's going to be shut down. I know that they are very understaffed at all the fire stations, so even if we call another one of the fire stations, God knows how long it's going to take them to get to my house. Main Street, the bridge is shut down, then we have railroad tracks coming the other way. They're all short staffed, I know a bunch of the firefighters, I've talked to them and they've all told me how short staffed they all are. Then you've got to buy a piece of property for another fire station, you can't staff the ones you have now, they're all under paid no one wants to work. I don't know what else to do, you all spend all of this money on flowers for the downtown and big expensive bridges, but we can't pay the firefighters anything. I don't know what's wrong with this town, something needs to change. Thank you.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Marmie** - I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for July the 5<sup>th</sup>. I want to publicly state that I appreciate what our Fire Chief and our Deputy Chief are doing with their resources and I think that all of our firefighters and our police are doing a fantastic job in the City of Newark in protecting the safety of the citizens and I just think they're doing a great job and I think that we need to continue to encourage, you know all of our firefighters and police officers they love what they do and they don't always get the credit that they deserve, there's a lot of different things that have been said recently. I know that both Chiefs are doing a great job with the resources that they have. They're trying to fix the things that have gone, they've had some obstacles in their way. Obstacles are not excuses, they're things to get over and get around and they're doing that and I appreciate what they're doing.

**Mr. Rath** - I'll call a Service Committee meeting for July 5th.

**Mr. Rine** - I just want to say I appreciate the Zoning Code update. It's well needed, particularly with the zoning issues we've had with the tattoo parlors and stuff like that, I know it's just a start, but I hope we can take care of things.

**Ms. Bline** - I'd like to just give a quick infrastructure update, I've been noticing and going down to visit the progress at the West Main Street bridge, it's looking really good, things are going quickly and they're doing a great job down there and there's also been a lot of questions about the artery at Well's when are you going to be able to get back on 30<sup>th</sup> Street, that is passable and gains the crews there are working very fast, but they're doing a great job, you don't want them to work too fast. All of the resurfacing that's been going on in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward, it looks great and I'd like to thank the crews for doing that. I'd like to thank the American Legion for being invited to come see their Flag Day, that's a great ceremony, it was beautiful, it was very respectful and the new lights on the Hancock Street bridge, that's great, thank you again to AEP and Service Director Rhodes for that and the Community Enhancement project between 2<sup>nd</sup>

and 6<sup>th</sup> is moving, things are getting better. We're getting donations of flowers and the volunteers, they just keep volunteering, a couple of them are here tonight, thank you guys. Boy Scout Troop 4 has been very insistent in helping and the citizens have noticed a real slow down of crime and certainly the fires that were set in that area have stopped because now we have citizens that are watching specifically, so I'd like to thank the community for that.

**Mr. Harris** - Wow, this is quicker than the Finance Committee tonight, I just want to let you know. I want to remind everybody that July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the campus, that's always a nice evening, so if you can make it out. Our next meeting is going to be July the 5<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> because of the holiday and that will be at 7pm, committee at 5:45.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Labutis , second by Mr. Barker , passed by acclamation, with that we are adjourned**

**Jeff Harris, President Pro-Tem of Council**