

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

President Harris called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL -Mr. Chute, Mr. Houser, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Neely, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rine, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- Ryder Wilson, 5th grade, Ben Franklin Elementary

CAUCUS

MINUTES of November 6, 2023 Motion to accept by Mr. , Second by Mr. , Passed by acclamation

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hall - Re-appointing Phil Claggett to the Newark City Board of Zoning Adjustment. New term will begin January 1, 2024 and will expire December 31, 2027. **Passed by acclamation**

Mayor Hall - Re-appointing Linda Parks and Mark Mauter to the Licking County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) New two year terms will begin January 1, 2024 and expire December 31, 2025 **Passed by acclamation**

Mayor Hall - Re-appointing Linda Parks and Mark Mauter to the City of Newark Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) New terms begin January 1, 2024 and expire December 31, 2027. Subsequent terms will be four year terms **Passed by acclamation**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - **Received and Filed without Objection**

Service - **Received and Filed without Objection**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator's Office – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending October 31, 2023

Both Received and Filed without objection

COMMUNICATIONS

Jacqueline H. Parrill, VP & Chief of Staff COTC, Chief of Staff OSUN - Shape the Future of Public Art on our Newark Campus

Ohio Division of Liquor Control - Transfer application from MAP 99 LTD DBA Dew Drop Inn, 62-64 Union Street, Newark, Ohio to B & B Bar & Pub LLC, 62-64 Union Street, Newark, Ohio

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There were none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

23-54 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$612,514.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTAINENCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Held until 12-4-23

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline

23-58 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF THE STREETS IN WILLOW BEND SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1.

Held until 12-4-23

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Neely, Mr. Rath

23-90 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$25,000.00 -Hiring for Safety Forces and Promotional Processes

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Neely, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-92 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$400.00 -Request funds be appropriated into the equipment supply account from sale of a snow blower thru City auction) (\$260,000.00 -transfer to GF for purchase of land) (\$260,000.00 -purchase of land State Route16 and Dayton Road) (\$16,625.00 -Raise curb boxes for Kokosing paving project)

Held until 12-4-23

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Neely, Mr. Rath

23-93 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION(\$550,365.64 -Utility Burial, Horns Hill Roundabout, Church St Between 3rd and 4th)(\$18,512.09 -repairs to 2023 Chevy 4500, funds received from Dairyland Insurance)

Motion to waive the 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed

10-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 10-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were none this meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Director Moore - Great weekend for Browns football, right? I just want to say Happy Thanksgiving and I hope everyone enjoys their holiday.

Mayor Hall - Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, have a safe and very thankful Thanksgiving and remember our Safety Forces, many of them will be working on that day so we can all relax, I appreciate their service.

Mr. Chute - I will just say happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Houser - I want to thank everyone who helped with the bike path cleanup on the east end of Newark, Councilman Neely and his wife helped and it was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Labutis - I would invite everyone to the Courthouse lighting on Friday evening and would wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Lang - I had the opportunity to attend with Councilman Rath the MHA's annual dinner, annual gala, I think they are doing a really great job extending their services and they have a really good vision for the future, I think it's an organization that we need to continue supporting. I would like to welcome back our former President, it's good to see you Mr. Ellington, it's been a while, good to see you back. With that I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Marmie - I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for December 4th. There's a lot to be thankful for this week, I just hope that everybody can just say an extra prayer for those in the Tusky Valley area, that was a horrific tragedy in which that community was just rocked. We never know when something like that could happen to our community and it was just devastating and I happen to know a few folks up in that area and it's just unbelievable, so if everybody could just say an extra prayer when they are being thankful this week. I want to welcome Mr. Ellington back, I can't see you with your suntan back there, but welcome back and you are always welcome to come listen to us, so appreciate you coming. Our friend over here Mr. Fraizer, welcome. We do welcome you back. I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving, I have a lot to be thankful for, first and foremost my savior above and then also for my family, I am just blessed with everything that goes on as far as my family and all of you here in the City that I reside in, I'm just very thankful for a number of things.

Mr. Neely - I will just wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rath - The MHA event was pretty awesome, I liked that. Also I attended a big brothers, big sisters fund raiser and they were able to raise a little money there. I still have faith that the Browns are going to find a way to lose that game, so I'm not giving up hope on that, that's what they do, find a way to lose. I love having Mr. Ellington and Mr. Fraizer back in the chambers. Congratulations Bill on your victory and everybody else on your victories as well. I will wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rine - I'd just like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, I couldn't be surrounded by any better people.

Mr. Barker - As Mr. Labutis said, we do have the 75th Annual Lighting of the Licking County Courthouse Friday night, the show starts at 6:15, Santa will arrive by Newark Fire Department sometime around 7pm, depends on how the sleigh works that night, so we'll see. This brings in, depending on the weather, somewhere between 4-6,000 people in the downtown, so I know the businesses are really getting primed for it, coming off the holiday and the Midland's got the Nutcracker going on, so there's going to be a lot happening I downtown on Friday so I would encourage everybody to come, it's going to be a great night, we're going to have a lot of fun and kick off the Christmas season downtown.

Ms. Bline - Happy Thanksgiving everyone, it's so good to see you here. I'd like to acknowledge my neighbor, Ms. Adams, she's here, I can't believe she's sitting here taking notes on this, I've known her forever. I'd like to thank the people of south Newark. We've been gathering almost every weekend, some businessmen, some neighbors, some people who are considering investing in south Newark and certainly those established businesses seeking ways to operate to lift the area, to make it a better place to live and I'd like to thank the mayor for his insights too, I really appreciate it. The love for Newark is amazing, we live in a great place, we really do and for all the little things that are going on I guess little is an opinion, but we have a lot of really great things happening here and that's because of you, thank you and have a great Thanksgiving.

President Harris - Mr. Ellington, would you like to say something?

Mr. Ellington - You did a great job, I don't know if I ever had a meeting go this smooth.

President Harris - I'd just like to say that the Mayor and the Law Director and I attended the Veteran's Ceremony on the 11th, it was a nice little ceremony down at 6th Street for our veterans, it's always nice to get out and support our veterans. Not one of you guys said "go Bucks" tonight, the Buckeyes play Saturday, so hopefully the boys can go up north and take care of business.

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I want to wish everybody Happy Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving is probably my favorite holiday, not because of the food, I know you guys are thinking that, but it's because it's family time and you get to spend a lot of time with family and I appreciate and love all my family, I appreciate all of you guys, all you guys do for the City and I'll end this on the Browns are now in 2nd place, the Steelers are behind the Browns and our next meeting is December 4th.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Barker , second by Mr. Labutis, passed by acclamation

Jeff Harris, President of Council