

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 2, 2024
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Harris called the meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

Motion to adopt the Committees and positions for Council for 2024 by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed by acclamation

Council Committees for 2024

Finance

Marmie, Chair
Lang, Vice Chair
Cost
Houser
Chute

Service

Rath, Chair
Neely, Vice Chair
Cost
Bline
Chute

Personnel

Lang, Chair
Chute, Vice Chair
Labutis
Cost
Rine

Safety

Labutis, Chair
Cost, Vice Chair
Houser
Bline
Rath

Street

Houser, Chair
Labutis, Vice Chair
Rath
Rine
Bline
Lang
Marmie

Economic Development

Cost, Chair
Houser, Vice Chair
Lang
Labutis
Neely

Capital Improvements

Chute, Chair
Rath, Vice Chair
Marmie
Labutis
Neely

Recreation

Rine, Chair
Bline, Vice Chair
Neely

Rules

Neely, Chair
Rine, Vice Chair
Rath

Chaplains

Bline
Labutis
Houser

Budget Review

Mayor, Chair
Marmie, Vice Chair
Auditor
Service Director
Treasurer
Cost
Houser
Lang

Ways and Means

Bline, Chair
Chute, Vice Chair
Labutis

President Pro-Tem

Rath

Majority Leader

Marmie

Minority Leader

Cost

MINUTES of December 18, 2023, Motion to accept by Mr. Labutis , Second by Mr. Houser passed by acclamation

APPOINTMENTS

There are none this meeting

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance **Received and Filed without objection**

Service **Received and Filed without objection**

Economic Development **Received and Filed without objection**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

There were none this meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control - Transfer liquor permit application from Draft house of Newark LLC, 15 W. Main St, Newark, Ohio to Draft house of Newark LLC DBA Draft House, 15 West Main St., Newark, Ohio 43055

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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

23-60 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 890 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF

THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO REGARDING THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES

Motion to adopt by Ms. Bline, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 10-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

23-61 AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING CURRENTLY LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK FROM THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE MORATORIUM IMPOSED BY ORDINANCE 23-59 REGARDING ADULT USE MARIJUANA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

23-100 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$6,500.00 -Rec'd as grant from Energy Coop for purchase of drone equipment, needs appropriated to complete intended purchase)

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

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

23-101 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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, Second by Mr. Houser

Motion to Table Indefinitely by Mr. Rath, Second by Mr. Marmie

Motion to Table passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

23-102 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$99,640.00 0Rec'd reimbursement check from Pathways to cover their half of the Soldier Pile/Lagging Wall project)(\$58,760.00 Administrative Loan Fees for S. 2nd Street Sewer Project)

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

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

23-103 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, Second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Rath - While this is a routine piece of legislation that we go through every year, the legislation from the County got to us late, so we need to push this through quickly so those who need to be represented can be, that's why we have the emergency clause.

Motion passed 10-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Arnold Lindner, 576 Blakeley Place - I am here to express my appreciation for Mr. Harris and the City for the cleanup they did on the exit at 21st Street from Route 16. I don't know what all the animals are going to do, but I appreciate the hard work and the cleanup it looks nice. I'm on the Board of Trustees with the Homeowners Association right next to there. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Jeff Hall - I will just wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Labutis - I will just wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome Mr. Cost back to Council.

Mr. Lang - I'll welcome Bill, Dustin and Brad congrats on starting your first terms, I look forward to the next couple years with everybody and I'll wish everybody a Happy New Year.

Mr. Marmie - I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for January 16th. I also want to welcome Mr. Cost back and Mr. Chute and Mr. Neely for their first meetings as elected officials, I really do appreciate all of them and actually what they've done already so, looking forward to a great year. I also just want to say that 2023 was a great year and when the Browns win the Super Bowl it's going to be even better, so I can't wait.

Mr. Neely - I will wish everyone a Happy New Year as well and welcome Mr. Cost to Council.

Mr. Rath - Thank you, I thought it was the first meeting on the first day of the new year, I didn't realize it was April Fool's Day, none the less, I will welcome Mr. Chute and Mr. Neely to their first day of their first full term and Mr. Cost to your first day of your next full term. I want to wish a Happy New Year to everybody and I will call a Service Committee meeting for Tuesday, January 16th.

Mr. Rine - I'd like to welcome Bill, it's a pleasure and as my Dad is a Steelers fan I've been hearing them a lot this year, they don't affect me Mr. Rath.

Ms. Bline - Well, my Bengals are down for a while, but they'll be back next year. I'd like to thank AEP for some really consistent work they've been doing in south Newark and quick work, I just really appreciate their efforts and I'd like to thank the citizens who are already contacting me saying when are we going out, when are we doing stuff and we're getting there.

Mr. Chute - I just want to say Happy New Year to everybody and welcome Bill to Council. I'm reminded that he said several times during the campaign that you couldn't go wrong with any of us because we are all R's, that is we are all Rotarians, so it's somewhat appropriate that we start Council on a Rotary Tuesday, so, welcome Mr. Cost.

Mr. Cost - I did say that in front of Rotary. I am just honored and privileged to be here, I'm thrilled to be back. I appreciate your warm welcomes and I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

Mr. Houser - I'd also like to welcome Bill, it's going to be a good time being on Council and I also want to say to Mr. Marmie, I hope you knocked on wood after your comment there

because we're going to need that.

President Harris - Well, I would like to welcome myself as President of Council starting my first term, since no one welcomed me, welcome Jeff Harris! (laughter) Welcome Mr. Cost, I look forward to working with you. I want to remind everybody that January 15th is the Martin Luther King breakfast, if you need a ticket please let me know, some of you have and I've got your names down. I want to thank everybody who came to the swearing in in Wednesday, it was a packed house and I thought it was a very nice event. So, I think we're ready to head forward in 2024 and Happy New Year everybody. Our next meeting will be January 16th, another Tuesday.

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

Jeff Harris, President of Council