

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 4, 2024
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Harris called the meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Houser

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Bianca Vogelsang, 4th grade, Ben Franklin Elementary

CAUCUS

MINUTES of February 20, 2024, Motion to accept 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**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

There were none this meeting

Certificate of Recognition - Mayor Hall and Mr. Marmie for Kylie Gibson, Senior, Newark Catholic High School

Mayor Hall - Kylie likes to play basketball, probably a little better than many out there and does a great job. She's a senior this year, do you have plans for after you graduate, that's probably the biggest question you'll be getting.

Ms. Gibson - I plan on going to Bowling Green.

Mayor Hall - I would like to present a Mayor's Certificate of Recognition to Kylie Gibson, Newark Catholic High School for her one thousandth career point and she has surpassed that point which is just outstanding, but she's got many school records beyond that, 3 pointers in a single season, three pointers in a career, steals in a single season, steals in a career, she was co-LCL player of the year, 1st team all central district, 1st team all LCL, 1st team all LCL, 1st team district 11, All Ohio, 11 Varsity letters, so there's much more than just basketball and 3 sport first team all LCL athlete.

Mr. Marmie - Those are the statistics, I just want to say a couple words about Kylie the person. She is just a phenomenal young lady, unselfish, humble, just beyond belief, but yet she's got this grit about her that she will just never give up. The 11 Varsity letters, the one that she did not get, she tore her ACL and could not participate, otherwise there would've been 12 of them. Her leadership is not one where she has to rah, rah the team, she just leads by example, we're getting it done. The other thing, the unselfishness, I don't know if she'll even know that I noticed this, but there was a game a week or two back and she comes down and there is a wide open 3 point, she's there, her teammate is there, she smiles, passes it over, almost like she said it's your turn Sophie, that's just how she is. She is just an incredible person to be around, it's contagious attitude with the team, this group of young ladies are just incredible together, they get along so well, they just won a district championship the other night, they play Waterford this Thursday, it's going to be another battle. The other thing is if you watched the district finals, they face guarded Sophie the entire game. Coach Smith came up with a new play a couple days before where they did a double screen, Kylie was ready to pull the trigger, she did three 3 pointers from that point on, or 4 of them, she scored 12 points in the fourth quarter to carry her team, they were down by 9 and so with her leadership the rest of the team just fed on that and it all came back like I said, it's all about the grit and I want to congratulate her, she's got a bright future in whatever she does because if she sets her mind to something, it's going to happen. I want to congratulate you for just being a great person.

Ms. Gibson - I'd like to thank everyone for making this possible. I'd also like to thank everyone you see back there, they are my number one fans and "Go Green"!

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of liquor Control - New Liquor application LDY2 INC, dba Vape Palace, 730 W. Church St., Newark, Ohio 43055

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Lang, Mr. Chute, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath
24-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DEPARTMENT OF Safety, DIVISION OF Police BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF Body Worn Camera Administrator, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE

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

By: Mr. Lang, Mr. Chute, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath
24-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, DIVISION OF CEMETERY AND PARKS BY ABOLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE
Motion to adopt by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 10-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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

24-09 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 15 MESSIMER DRIVE AND 55 SCHAFFNER DRIVE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY , OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #054-216684-00.000 AND PARCEL TAX ID #054-216684-00.003 FROM THAT OF GO- GENERAL OFFICE AND MFH- MULTI-FAMILY HIGH RISE ZONING DISTRICT TO MFR-MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Referred to Planning Commission

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost

24-10 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 359 THORNWOOD DRIVE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID#054-216606-00.000 FROM THAT OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - RL - LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO AD- AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Referred to Planning Commission

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Cost., Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath, Mr. Labutis

24-08 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$1,670.94 -amount rec'd as cash forfeiture from the Court, Court order states a check must be sent to Trumble County for back child support

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

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

24-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW SECONDARY BOILER FOR THE NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

By: Mr. Chute, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie

24-15 CI APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$91,000.00 -NFD Hollander Fire Station Roof, STR Sign Maker)

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

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Neely

24-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY

LOCATED AT 261 AND 263 MOUNT VERNON ROAD, NEWARK, OHIO.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, Second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

24-17 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$2,886.04 -To put funds back into the Fire Safety Supply account from sale/transfer of Scott Smith turnout to Grandview Heights Fire Dept.)(\$62,884.00 -Funding of newly created Body Worn Camera Admin. Position in the Div. of Police. AFSCME position created by Ord. No. 24-02 and funded by Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the 1st year. Grant will not cover Worker's Comp. Pay Range 35, Step 1 used for calculations@75% of the year)

Held until March 18th

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

24-18 EXP APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$400,000.00 -2023 Note Principal Pymt for Streambank Protection Project, unexpectedly left out of the budget. Will be reimbursed from the renewal of the note in March 2024)

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, Mr. Chute, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline

24-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Held until March 18th

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were none this meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Director, Tricia Moore - "Go Green Wave"

Mr. Marmie - I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for March 18th. I would like to just say "Go Green" for the Newark Catholic girls, also Newark Wildcats, I wish them well, they play Watkins, I believe, on Wednesday, it's going to be a good match for them, but I think they have the talent and they will proceed, so wish them well.

Mr. Rath - I'll call a Service Committee meeting for the 18th. I want to say congratulations to Kylie Gibson, it's impressive that you can excel at a sport at that level, but to earn 11 Varsity letters along with that is very impressive, so that was one of the things I noticed about her.

Mr. Rine - To our local legends, we have a couple baseball players, myself, I earned three

letters, so, 11, I didn't even know it's possible. So, good luck to Newark Catholic and Newark.

Ms. Bline - Hey Come on Newark, Show up, you guys are going to do a great job. I'd like to thank Property Maintenance for coming to the Licking County Park Association, it was a great meeting and it was great to be able to communicate and make sure everyone is on the same page. Great to be able to just come and talk and it was a great night. I'd like to thank the residents in certain parts of south Newark that were formally dumping grounds, businesses dumped things there, furniture, roofing materials, but the residents in that area have had enough and so they've been watching and confronting those that are doing it and saving the City a lot of money in doing so. Incidents have greatly diminished since then and so I want to thank them for pushing back. I'd also like to thank Service Director Rhodes and AEP for putting up some needed lights near the intersection of 11th and West Main.

Mr. Cost - I wanted to make an announcement for the church that I attend, First United Methodist, here in downtown, they are offering what they call a "Shower Ministry" for homeless on Fridays from 9am-11am for men and from noon-2pm for women, so they have showers and use the restrooms and they are providing some food and some clothing. I just wanted to make everybody aware of that.

President Harris - Thanks to everyone for coming tonight, I wish the girls good luck and the boys good luck on Wednesday night, our next meeting is March 18th.

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

Jeff Harris, President of Council