

## **Ways & Means Minutes**

Ways & Means Committee Minutes  
Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
July 6, 2016

The Ways and Means Committee met Tuesday July 5, 2016 in Council Chambers with these members in attendance:

Dee Hall, Chair  
Curtis Johnson for Doug Marmie  
Jeff Rath for Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

There was a discussion regarding income tax levy alternatives.

Mr. Fraizer presented information that is attached to these minutes for your review regarding Newark Ohio Municipal Tax Proposal for 2016.

Mr. Johnson complimented Mr. Fraizer on how well done his presentation was.

Mr. Blake discussed the amendments to Ordinance 16-29 and Resolution No. 16-56 that he will be offering at the City Council meeting on July 18, 2016 which are attached in the minutes as well.

Mrs. Floyd stated she appreciated all the statistics that Mr. Fraizer shared but stated she feels an income tax is the fairest kind of tax because it taxes a person's ability to pay.

Barb Jobes, City Tax Administrator spoke to make this clarification; she stated that if a property tax increases there is a possibility that the earned income tax decreases because the land owners of rental properties can take that as a deduction so there net taxable income will be less. She stated also that her office is fundamentally opposed to any reduction in the credit that taxpayers get for working in other cities. My job is based on applying the tax ordinance equitably and I don't see the equality there.

Mr. Marmie stated that he didn't understand why we were trying to increase taxes at this point and he doesn't believe in giving the tax credit or taking away the tax credit would benefit the City of Newark. He stated that the whole tax increase is predicated on earmarking money and that if the citizens of Newark believe that the money will be earmarked than they need to look at our history. He encouraged Council to prove that they can be fundamentally sound with our

money and do what previous Councils have put into place as far as making sure that the money that is earmarked goes exactly where it was earmarked and until we can do that the citizens of Newark shouldn't have to pay by increasing taxes.

Jeff Lewis, 201 Day Ave- spoke stating he just wanted a clear idea of what tax increase Newark was asking for so he could make an educated vote.

Dee Hall, Chair