

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 10, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON PRESIDING. MR. JOHNSON OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ART CICCONETTI
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. JOEL DAY
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. TOM LOCKER

THE MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2000 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A "Thank You" card from the residents of the community of Goshen thanking Council for their time and consideration in the Cookson annexation proposal.
2. A letter dated June 29, 2000 from Richard Lutze, Area Manager of Adelphia Cable notifying that, effective July 5, 2000, all television channels devoted to adult programming will no longer be available.
3. A letter dated July 6, 2000 from Richard Lutze, Area Manager of Adelphia Cable notifying Council that there will be new channels added and a channel realignment, effective August 15, 2000.
4. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for June, 2000.
5. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of June 27, 2000.
6. Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 28, 2000.
7. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of June 14, 2000.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from June 27 through July 10, 2000. Reported that Dave Cimperman has been promoted to Captain in the Police Department. Reported that the City Slickers defeated the Terminators at the softball game held at First Town Days Festival, thus retaining the yearly trophy. Reported that Pauline Wyrle has been named Executive Director of Main Street, New Philadelphia. Relinquished the floor to Special Assistant Tom Farbizo. Mr. Farbizo presented to each council member a brochure of Tuscarawas County, which was made to promote our area. Mr. Farbizo also presented a copy of a Thank You note that was received from Patricia Rider, Executive Director of Leadership Ohio thanking him for the fine job he did during the recent session held in New Philadelphia.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that bids were opened and awarded for waterline replacement on 3rd St. N.W. from High Ave. to Ray Ave., 2nd St. S.W. from St. Clair to West High Ave., and Maple Ave. N.W. from Tuscarawas to 10th St. N.W.

Reported that the paving program will be complete this week. Ms. Cox asked when work will begin at the City reservoir. Mr. Espenschied said probably this fall, because of water demands over the summer.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the blinking light at Tuscora Ave. is in operation. Mr. Houston asked if the position of Police Detective has been filled, because of the retirement of Sam Hitchcock. Mr. Popham said the position was filled by Jeff Urban. Mr. Day said he received several complaints about parking during the First Town Days Festival and fireworks. Mr. Popham said the police department will respond if they receive a complaint, but manpower is stretched during heavily attended activities, and they cannot police all areas.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Resolution 17-2000.

TREASURER.MR. ROBERT GERBER.NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR.MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Suggested that Resolutions 14-2000 and 15-2000 be held because Resolutions 20-2000 and 21-2000 must be passed first,

CITY ENGINEER, W.E. QUICKSALL & ASSOC.MR. ROY CRAWFORD

Mr. Crawford reported that the 18th St. Bridge is open. Reported that the sidewalks are finished with the curbs yet to be installed on Front St. Phase III of the CDBG project has been submitted to the state for approval with work scheduled to begin next spring. Prior to regular session tonight, a public meeting was held concerning the rate study of the water and wastewater plants. A handout outlining the proposal was distributed, and will be made available on the city's web page.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.MR. GARY ESPENSHIED

Will meet Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.MR. JIM LOCKER.NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.MR. ART CICONETTI.NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at noon in the Mayor's office.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX.

Reported meeting June 28 to discuss the need for equipment for entering manholes. No action was taken, since funds are available in the budget. Also discussed was the split of airport monies. The Committee voted to leave the split as it is currently. The Committee reviewed the stock shares that were given to the city, and the Committee voted, 2-1 to keep the stock for a year and review it again at that time. Donation of \$25,000 to Quaker Stadium was also discussed, and the Committee voted against supporting this donation. The committee also discussed the need for lights and light poles at the ball fields at Tuscora Park. The Committee voted to approve the purchase, pending notification from the Law Director about whether or not this needs to be bid out. The Tax Budget for the year 2001 was reviewed and approved. An additional appropriation was requested for the Beaver Avenue waterline project because there was an unexpected problem with an exposed gas line, so additional funds were needed, and were approved.

SALARY COMMITTEE.MR. JIM LOCKER.NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting June 27 to continue their discussion on the water/sewer rate study. The Committee agreed that both the water and wastewater plants are in need of upgrading. Mayor Brodzinski and Service Director Gary Espenschied will put together a presentation to explain the rate increases to the public. Council President Dave Johnson assigned the proposed changes in television cable service and a letter from the Ohio Consumer Council's office regarding upcoming changes in electricity de-regulation to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Day scheduled a meeting for Monday, July 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the request from Tipka Energy to lease land for oil/gas well use, and all the above assignments that were made tonight.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.MR. GEORGE HOUSTON.NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICONETTI.NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.MR. TOM LOCKER.

Scheduled a meeting for Monday, July 24, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the need for two additional tornado sirens at West High Ave. and Schoenbrunn Estates.

AT 8:00 P.M, COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2001.

Auditor Beth Gundy explained that this is something the city is required to file with the County Budget Commission every year. This budget is for \$14.5 million and is typical of past years.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M, AND COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT THAT TIME.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Ed Streb, 715 North Broadway, New Philadelphia, said people were parking everywhere, including areas that no parking was allowed during the fireworks display on the 4th of July. He asked the administration to look into this situation before another holiday and fireworks display take place. He asked what happened to the money over the years that was encumbered for emergencies such as water, sewer, etc. He urged council to keep the water/sewer rates low enough so that industry will be interested in coming into New Philadelphia.

Carl Russo, 630 Jordan Dr., New Philadelphia, thanked the mayor for having the light at Tuscarawas & Miller Avenues go to caution at 9:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. He is concerned for senior citizens and disabled residents who live on fixed incomes if the water/sewer rates should be increased.

Dick Stone, 380 Donahey Dr., New Philadelphia, said he recently figured his water/sewer bill and discovered that he is only paying 55 cents per day to have the privilege of water, and he thinks everyone can afford that.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if two separate alleys on the west end of town exiting onto West High Ave. could be made "one way" to alleviate traffic congestion. Asked if weeds in the downtown area could be cut down, and also some trees along Delaware Drive at the cemetery need to be cut down. She asked if patrolman Cimperman has been replaced. Safety Director Greg Popham said the civil service test was given, and they are currently interviewing to fill that vacancy. Asked if the city has ever considered another dog that could be used for detective work. Mr. Popham said that has never been brought up since he has been back, and he will look into the possibility.

Crystal Roth, 220 Commercial Ave. S.E., New Philadelphia, said she doesn't like to see trees taken down, but it helps to have them trimmed. She asked that Commercial Ave. be torn up and re-paved since the street is higher than the sidewalks, and there are problems with flooding.

Carl Russo, 630 Jordan Dr., New Philadelphia, asked if there is a possibility of having sidewalks installed along West High Ave. because there is no place for pedestrians to walk along the businesses in that area.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 38-2000 An ordinance authorizing the City of New Philadelphia to contribute 25,000.00 for the renovation of Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium to the Quaker Club, Inc. based upon a dollar for dollar matching donation from private sources and New Philadelphia City school system to the Quaker Club, Inc. for renovation of Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium during 2000 and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Ms. Slough, 616 Sandpiper, said she would rather see the money used for other things, such as lighting at the ball fields. Roll call, 4 yeas 2 nays (Cox & Houston), ordinance passed.
- 39-2000 An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase and installation of light poles, lights, wiring and accessories for the baseball field located within the Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 5 yeas 1 nay (Houston), suspension of rules failed.
- 40-2000 An ordinance by the council of the City of New Philadelphia accepting the Greco property, LTD, plat along Fifth Street SE, New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 14-2000 A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for current expenses of the City of New Philadelphia. (3rd Reading)
- 15-2000 A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the provision of collection and disposal of garbage or refuse. (3rd Reading)
- 17-2000 A resolution to adopt the budget for the year beginning January 1, 2000, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Jim Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Jim Locker, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 18-2000 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Captain Sam Hitchcock for his years of service in the New Philadelphia Police Department. (1st Reading)
- 19-2000 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to honor firefighters Jim Sholtz, Captain Allen Daugherty, and Kendall Bick for their participation in the life Saving of Darcy Dixon.(1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Jim Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 20-2000 A resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax evaluation and the dollar amount based on .82 mills renewal levy required for a levy in excess of the 10 mill limitation, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Jim Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 21-2000 A resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax evaluation and the dollar amount based on 2 mills renewal levy required for providing for the collection and disposal of garbage or refuse, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED JULY 24, 2000

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____