

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 10, 2005 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: MS. SANDRA COX  
MR. BILL ELLWOOD  
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON  
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER  
MR. JIM LOCKER  
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCILMAN SAM HITCHCOCK WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for September 2005.
2. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions for September 2005.
3. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for September 2005.
4. Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 26, 2005.
5. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of September 27, 2005.
6. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for September 2005.
7. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for September 2005.
8. The Auditor's Financial Statement for September 2005.
9. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for September 2005.
10. The August 2005 Summary of Reports for the New Philadelphia Fire Dept.
11. An announcement from the Mayor's Office that Trick or Treat night will be observed Monday, October 31, 2005 from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from September 26 through October 10, 2005. Congratulated the water and the wastewater treatment plant for controlling their costs in helping to keep the costs lower to the residents of New Philadelphia than the residents of Dover pay for the same services, as compared in a recent newspaper article. Also thanked Council for running the city efficiently. Reported that, on September 27, he swore in the new Police Chaplain Steve Bailey. Reported that the City has come to an agreement with Tuscarawas Central Catholic Schools for the use of new ballfields being constructed at TCC. Reported that the new Homeless

Shelter dedication was held October 1. Reported that he read a Proclamation for Domestic Violence at a recent rally on the Square. Welcomed the new Kohl's Department Store at New Towne Mall. Reported attending the Safety Council meeting on October 7, as required for the city to receive a 4% rebate on BWC costs. Reported that the NBC television show "3 Wishes" staff is in the area for taping for a future show, and the Square will be closed this weekend. Reported that the new soccer fields on the South Side will be ready for use later this week, at no cost to the city. Requested an Executive Session tonight to discuss personnel and land acquisition. Relinquished the floor to Health Commissioner Joan Robis, who introduced Keith Eames who is replacing Sanitarian Jim Ullis, who is retiring later this month.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the fall leaf pickup crew will be hired soon. Relinquished the floor to General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, who reported on the paving program.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM . . . . . ABSENT . . . . . NO REPORT

AUDITOR. . . . . MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her September reports.

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his September reports. Mr. Houston made a motion to accept the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports. Mr. Ellwood seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed. Mr. Houston made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel. Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Informed Council that the city is being named in a lawsuit, but he is requesting dismissal because New Philadelphia had nothing to do with the claim.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet October 12, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet October 11, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Met September 28, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Park office. Reiterated the news of the agreement between the city and Tuscarawas Central Catholic for use of new ballfields.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet October 12, 2005 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE . . . . . MS. SANDRA COX.

Reported meeting on September 26 to discuss Resolutions 29-2005, 32-2005, Ordinance 33-2005, Resolution 31-2005, and Ordinance 32-2005. All issues were approved.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

Reported that he will be scheduling a meeting in early November. Mr. Johnson said he would like to have suggestions by the second meeting in November indicating whether or not the non-bargaining employees are going to receive back pay for this past year.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. SAM HITCHCOCK..... ABSENT

In the absence of Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Lautenschleger reported that the Committee met tonight to discuss fire codes. The Committee gave permission to Law Director Mike Johnson and Fire Chief Jamie Snyder to work on any changes and prepare legislation for council’s approval.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. ROB MAURER. . . NO REPORT

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

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. BILL ELLWOOD

Scheduled a meeting for Monday October 24 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss State Issue 1.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Gene Jasper, 163 Bob Ed Harris Dr., New Philadelphia, asked if there are any plans to widen South Broadway because of the new park area on the south side. Service Director Gary Espenschied said the city would like to acquire more land in the future to widen it, but it will take a lot of money.

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook Dr. S.W., New Philadelphia, presented an additional petition for the sump hole on Springbrook, and asked if any decisions have been made as to how to solve the problem. Mr. Johnson said he will indicate that under “New Business”.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, said there is a tree in the curbstrip at the Fair Ave. Cemetery that needs to be trimmed. She asked that a white line indicating motorists to stop on Ray Ave. NW at the intersection of Ray & Beaver Aves. Because cars turning on to Beaver from Ray pull into the intersection too far. She asked where the city’s money is and what the status of the Hi-Tech Park is. Mayor Brodzinski said the city’s share is \$1 million which is coming from water and sewer. Changes in engineering are being made and is awaiting approval for the project is put out for bid. Service Director Gary Espenschied said he will take care of the trimming of the tree and the line on Ray Ave.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

30-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the New Philadelphia Fire Department billing write-off and adjustments policy, and declaring an emergency (2nd Reading)

- 32-2005 An ordinance to allocate funds collected under Ordinance 5-2004, Income Tax Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 34-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 25-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Officer Christen L. Marzilli for her years of service through the New Philadelphia Police Department, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)  
  
Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
- 29-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio amending Resolution 18-2002 adopting a fixed assets policy documenting the threshold and fixed asset accounting procedures, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 30-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio proclaiming support of State Issue 1, amending the Ohio constitution to authorize the issuance of general obligations of the State to finance local government public infrastructure capital improvements, research and development, and the development of certain sites and facilities in Ohio, and to expand State and local government authority regarding economic development, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 32-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to require the Service Director to submit to City Council all changes in water and sewer rates for review and consent prior to passage, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

AT 8:04 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:35 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Dave Johnson announced the formation of a new “Storm Sewer Planning Committee” to address the areas of the city that need to be improved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED October 24, 2005

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_