

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 20, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

REGULAR SESSION

Council President Steve Euton called the meeting to order. Pastor Vince Cooper offered the prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council members were present: Chris Mushett, Chris Castle, Steve Euton, Samantha Wilhelm, Steve Schumm, Deb Lucal, and Kelly Beck.

Mr. Beck moved to excuse Mr. Wallace. Mrs. Lucal seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Finance Director Diane Eschen, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Mushett moved to remove *Item No. 16-079* from the table and place it on the agenda, to add *Item No. 16-089* to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES Mr. Castle moved to approve the September 6, 2016 and September 13, 2016 minutes as presented. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. Euton said that the Finance Committee met September 13. He said he had nothing formal to report.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

MAYOR Mayor Duncan read a letter he received from Joe Missler, Owner of Excel Bike, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk. Next he invited Council to the grand opening of the Norwalk Economic Development Council new facilities on October 13. Finally, he recognized Dylan DuPont, an Eagle Scout who painted 54 City fire hydrants red as part of his Eagle Scout project.

SERVICE DIRECTOR Mr. Wendt started by encouraging Council to attend the Huron County 911 Assessment & Strategic Plan Recommendations meetings. He added that there was a fire recently at Midtown Manor which marks the 22nd fire of the year.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mrs. Eschen reported that 2017 budget hearings are in progress. She said Council can expect to see the proposed budget late October.

LAW DIRECTOR – no report

ENGINEER Mr. Snyder directed Council to the City Facebook page to see impressive aerial photos of the Pleasant Street Project. He said letters have been mailed for the 2017 Sidewalk program which consists primarily of the Sycamore subdivision. The Old State Road Widening Project is out to bid and he said 12 bid books have been sold already. Lastly, he said the

Project is out to bid and he said 12 bid books have been sold already. Lastly, he said the Westwind/Route 250 Intersection project has opened the turn lane, signals are to be placed on the new poles and the handrail will be installed atop the wall.

APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIALS

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

Phillip Chester, 26 Liberty Street was present and said that he is still experiencing difficulty accessing Council email addresses on the City website. Mr. Wendt agreed to look into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Item No. 16-079

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Mr. Mushett wished to verify that the money from the sale of property goes into the Capital Trust Fund. Mrs. Eschen said yes.

Mr. Mushett moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Castle seconded. All members voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2016-035 passed.

Item No. 16-080

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY A.J. RILEY, INC., FOR PAVING PERFORMED IN THE CITY OF NORWALK

Mr. Schumm moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2016-036 passed.

Item No. 16-081

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-056 TO SET THE COMPENSATION FOR PART-TIME LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. Mushett moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2016-037 passed.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 16-086

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SERVE NOTICE TO REMOVE LITTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C.731.51 AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF COMPLIANCE THEREWITH, TO CAUSE REMOVAL OF SAID LITTER AND TO CERTIFY THE COST THEREOF TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Beck moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Castle seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-041 adopted.

Item No. 16-087

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO A BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM BY THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTING COOPERATION

Mr. Castle moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Mushett seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-042 adopted.

Item No. 16-088

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Mr. Mushett asked if the City has any agreements with the schools in reference to the property. Mr. O'Hara said no. Mr. Mushett asked if the City maintains the property. Mr. Wendt said yes.

Mrs. Wilhelm moved that the clerk be instructed to read the legislation. Mrs. Lucal seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Council requested it be conveyed to the Planning Commission that they would specifically like recommendations concerning the zoning of the property.

Mrs. Lucal and Mr. Schumm inquired as to whether there has been any interest in the property. Mr. Wendt said yes, he has received inquiries.

Mr. Mushett moved to table the item and refer it to the Planning Commission. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Item No. 16-089

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Chester pointed out a typographical error on schedule A. Mrs. Eschen said the document was prepared by the County and she will have them fix it.

Mr. Mushett moved to adopt the resolution. Mrs. Wilhelm seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-043 adopted.

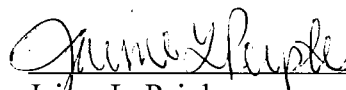
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Euton stated that there will be a Finance Committee meeting September 27, 2016 at 6 pm in the City Hall Conference Room followed by a Work Session at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Stephen E. Euton
President



Jaime L. Peiples
Clerk