

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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**Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Henry Pirowski presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Pirowski.**

**Meeting called to order**

**NB: Meeting being recorded**

**Roll Call: Council: Present: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski  
Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Comptroller, Public Works, Recreation,  
Excused: Public Safety, Development**

**Approval of Minutes:** of regular meeting of February 2, 2015

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to adopt minutes of regular meeting of February 2, 2015 as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. City Clerk-Monthly Report for January 2015
2. City Comptroller-Statement of Condition of Appropriations, December 31, 2014
3. City Treasurer-Receipts deposited into General Fund, January 2015

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to receive and file departmental reports one through 3

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Mayor:**

**Lobbyist-Mayor Request to Hire**

4. To: City Council

Last year, the City decided to try again in regards to utilizing another fighting force to advance our City's goals. The City's contract with our lobbyists: Masiello, Martucci, Calabrese & Associates, proved to be a very prosperous venture for the City as they teamed up with Senator Timothy Kennedy and helped push through a spending bill that assisted in securing \$2,500,000 for paving of South Park Avenue and Ridge Road.

As the Council and the Mayor's Office agreed; if our second venture with utilizing lobbyists was not successful, we would not continue to retain them or pursue another. However, they proved to be most successful and I am looking forward to having them advance new ventures on behalf of our City.

I am hereby requesting the City Council authorize my office to sign into agreement an extension of their time in service for us at a rate of \$3000 per month along with lodging, travel, and meal allowances.

Mayor Masiello and Supervisor Calabrese are willing to meet with the City Council anytime to discuss further plans that the City may have for them.

**MAYOR GEOFFREY M SZYMANSKI**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Lewis, to table for study, meeting to be set up for the Council to address the potential lobbyists

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**City Hall Parking Lot-Illegal Activity/Trespassing**

5. To: City Council

Neighbors are concerned with what appears to be illegal activity of vagrant/trespassers congregating in the Lackawanna City Hall parking lot.

I am requesting more police patrol and I would like someone to check if the lighting should be brighter in back of City Hall.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**ANNETTE IAFALLO-2<sup>ND</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to approve additional police patrol of area, Commissioner of Public Works to get an estimate on replacing lighting

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Department/Division Heads:**

**Commissioner of Deeds-Police Department**

6. To: City Council:

This letter serves to request your honorable body renew the attached listing of personnel that serve as Commissioner of Deeds for the Police Department. The licenses expired on December 31, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact this writer. Thank you.

**JAMES T KUNA-DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge, to approve request for Commissioner of Deeds status within the City

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 215 Traffic and Vehicles**

7. To: City Council:

Please put the attached ordinance on the agenda for Council approval. Thank you.

**ANTONIO SAVAGLIO-CITY ATTORNEY**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Lewis to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Rename Street-Rev. Wendell Hamner**

8. To: City Council:

Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 195 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, N.Y., will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wendell S. Hamner Sr. during July 2015. During his Pastoral service at EBC Pastor Hamner has extended his reach beyond the church facilities to provide services to the entire community and the City of Lackawanna. He has labored faithfully throughout a period of thirty-two years preaching, teaching and laboring in the Word of God. During his pastoral ministry Pastor Hamner has routinely walked the city street ministering and through Ebenezer Baptist Church Mission Department he has lead the way, in providing food, clothing and other human essentials to those in need.

One of Pastor Hamner’s most proud accomplishments is the positive effects that he has achieved in the area of Youth Ministry and Development. Tirelessly he has sought to provide safe and constructive alternatives activities through which to engage young people and those of all ages. Dr. Hamner introduced, conducted and provided Friday Night Activities Worship opportunities specifically designed to capture the attention of the youth. These efforts resulted in keep young people off the streets, cultivated positive and productive mindsets and redirected focal points, directions and life goals.

Rev. Dr. Wendell S. Hamner is dean of the Lackawanna Ministries Alliance School of Ministry and also serves as a member of the Baptist Ministry Conference of Buffalo and Vicinity. Dr. Hamner earned his Doctorate of Diversity from the Martha’s Vineyard Seminary in 1997. Pastor Hamner is a loving and powerful Preacher of the Gospel who has lovingly and willingly contributed his time, talent and resources to our community. The faithful of Ebenezer Baptist Church believe that through the will of God, Pastor Wendell S. Hamner Sr. will also contribute much more in the years to come.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, in light of Pastor Hamner’s spiritual leadership, community commitment, and productive service, requests the City of Lackawanna, NY to honor Pastor Hamner Sr. by designating and dedicate the strip of Ridge Rd including but limited to Steelawanna and Wilkesbarre as:

REV DR WENDELL S HAMNER SR WAY

Please take this request into deep consideration. We greatly appreciate your time effort and consideration. Please contact Sis LaShauna Woody, should you have any additional requirements, questions or concerns.

**SIS LASHAUNA WOODY-PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to table for study

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Business Licenses:**

- (1) William Parker-Bill Parker Photography-1805 Abbott Rd  
Photography Business

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Lewis to approve business license

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

(2) James Dunz-Style Rite Fabricating Inc-1770 Abbott Rd  
Woodworking/cabinet making

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to approve business license  
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Ordinances:**

An ordinance amending and establishing a two (2) hour parking limit on various streets within the City

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, OF THE  
CITY OF LACKAWANNA MUNICIPAL CODE**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York that City Code Chapter 215.45 (A), shall be rescinded and replaced with the following:

**A. Two Hour Parking**

Two (2) hour public parking provided by the City of Lackawanna is hereby designated in the following locations:

1. At Lackawanna City Hall on the north side of Ridge Road between South Park Avenue and Electric Avenue
2. At Memorial Field on the north side of ridge Road at Center Street
3. On the northwest corner of Center Street and Edna Place
4. On the south side of Kirby Avenue at Center and Warsaw Streets
5. At Ron Jaworski Stadium on the east side of South Park Avenue opposite Newman Street
6. On the north side of Ridge Road, one hundred forty-five (145) feet west of Meadow Lane
7. On the south side of Ridge Road between Victory Avenue and Colton Street

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt ordinance as written  
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

**Executive Session:**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to move to executive session at 7:07 PM  
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Meeting reconvened at 7:42 PM

Roll Call: Present: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo meeting is adjourned  
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

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Henry R. Pirowski, Council President

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Jacqueline A. Caferro, City Clerk