

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, May 15, 2008, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Peterson, absent; Wallace, present; Popp, present; Mongold, absent; McKay, present.

Chief Hatten was also present.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to excuse the absent members.
Motion passed.
Absent members excused.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, May 1, 2008, as received.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as received.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: Okay, that takes care of mine. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Raizk: No report, Mr President.

President Ertel: Very quick meeting here. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

Clerk Laura Curliss: That would be Sandy.

Asset, Acquisition and Use – In the absence of Chairperson Sandy Mongold, there was no report.

President Ertel: Mr. Auditor?

Auditor – David Hollingsworth: I have nothing, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Finance Committee? That would be Sandy.

Finance Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Sandy Mongold, Councilman McKay: I'll be taking over those duties tonight. We do have a couple of things which we will be giving first readings on only. Are there any questions about any of the supplemental appropriations?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.
Motion passed
Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

McKay requested that the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the special meeting meeting.

President Ertel: Yes. That meeting is set for May 21. Am I correct?

Clerk Laura Curliss: We are trying to refine 5:30 or 5:15 maybe to accommodate Mr. Wallace.

Councilman Wallace: Sooner is better for me.

Clerk Laura Curliss: Right. I have a call into Sandy. She is the only one I haven't heard from.

Councilman Jaehnig: That is going to be on...?

President Ertel: The 21st.

Clerk Laura Curliss: The 21st.

Councilman Wallace: I am going to have to leave no later than 5:45.

President Ertel: Okay. We can do that. 5:15?

Clerk Laura Curliss: Maybe 5:15 will be...

President Ertel: That will be fine. We will see if we can do that. Yes, Mark? Excuse me.

Councilman McKay: The other item we have is an ordinance making miscellaneous transfers. Are there any questions on that item?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Miscellaneous Transfers.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

McKay requested that the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the special meeting.

Councilman McKay: That is all I have.

President Ertel: Okay. Thanks, Mark. Water Committee?

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Streets Committee?

Street Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Peterson, no report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Solid Waste/Recycling?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Judiciary Committee?

Judiciary Committee: Chairman Mark McKay: We do have one item, which we will also be giving the first reading on. I believe that this is pretty much a housekeeping measure. It was learned when they were looking at this job change in the zoning area that there was still something on the books having to do with the residency requirement that that person live in the city. We believe that that has been expunged from all of the other records, so that is what this is about. Are there questions or comments on that?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to give the first reading only on the ordinance Repealing Sections (C) and (D) of Chapter 133.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

McKay requested that the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the special meeting as they are going to be filling that position as soon as possible.

Councilman McKay: Is that right Larry – that it needs to be a second and third? Thank you. That's all I have.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Don Wells: Mr. President, we have one item tonight. The first reading on a resolution accepting grant proceeds. Are there any questions?

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Accepting Grant Proceeds.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

Wells requested that the second and third readings be on the Agenda at the special meeting.

Councilman Wells: Thank you.

President Ertel: Thank you. Downtown Revitalization?

Downtown Revitalization Committee – In the absence of Convener Sandy Mongold, there was no report.

President Ertel: Parks and Recreation?

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Mike Wallace – No report, Mr. President.

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: We opened bids today on our southern loop project, connecting our water lines from Davids Drive over to the water tower by Ahresty. The climate is good for bidding out stuff. We had 12 bidders that bid that project. Our engineer's estimate was high – it was \$655,000 for 12-inch line, and we thought it was high. He had taken comps from other projects in the area and that is why he used those numbers. Our low bid came in at \$399,000. It wasn't a fluke because the number two guy was \$900 behind him. There were four of them grouped there within \$30,000. The high bid was \$250,000 off, so there was pretty good range in there. I'm glad he was up there too – Davey knows that bidder. We would have all lost our jobs.

[General Laughter]

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: Anyway, the reason I am telling you this, Mike, is I think that when we passed this ordinance to bid it, we didn't pass the ordinance to contract. Scott Kirchner was chairman then, and he wanted to see how the numbers came back in before we went that way, so we need to get consensus from the committee to get the approval to contract that project. I am going to be out of town next week, but if you want to have a short meeting or do a telephone meeting or whatever – Ernie has all the information on that project. I know they have a Board of Control Meeting, I think scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday morning. Isn't it, Laura?

Clerk Laura Curliss: I thought it was Tuesday.

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: You're going to open bids Tuesday on the Little Giant. I thought it was Wednesday morning.

Clerk Laura Curliss: Wednesday.

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: Anyway, we want to get moving. As soon as it is dry enough to get started, we'd like to get going on it, so we need to get that done. That is all, Mr. President.

Mayor Raizk: If you could get that consensus and get it back to us. We could do it at the Board of Control meeting on Wednesday, could we not? Even though you're not here.

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: Yes. The money is in place. It's sitting over there in the bank. It's ready to go and...

Councilman McKay: Does that require legislation?

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: Probably.

Clerk Laura Curliss: But we have a meeting Wednesday night.

Councilman McKay: Okay.

President Ertel: Yes. If we can give it three readings, we could handle that...

Service Director Reinsmith: We could go ahead and get it contracted and get going. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you, Larry. Safety Director?

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Nick Babb, there was no report.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the Auditor-Treasurer– April 2008 and the Hotel Lodging Tax Report – 1st Quarter 2008 as received. Motion passed.

Reports accepted as received.

President Ertel: At this point, I would like to open the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session. If you would, please approach the microphone/podium with your name and address.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, President Ertel asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk