

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 16, 2008, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: I would like to call the Thursday, October 16, meeting of Wilmington City Council to order, please.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Assistant Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Wells to excuse the absent member. Motion passed.
Councilmember Mongold excused.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the council meeting of October 2, as received. Motion passed.
Minutes approved as received.

President Ertel: At this point I would like to introduce Mike Hammond, and he is the Executive Director of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association and he is here to present a Safety Award to the City. Am I correct on that?

Mike Hammond: Members of Council, I am very pleased to be able to be here this evening representing the Miami Valley Risk Management Association. Just a little bit about our organization, we are an association of 20 select municipalities in Southwest Ohio and the City of Wilmington is one of the six charter members of MVRMA. This year we are celebrating our 20th year of operation and we are pleased that Wilmington is actually a charter member. The reason I am here tonight is annually our organization does a safety performance evaluation checklist that is conducted by our Loss Control Manager. We do that for each one of our members. This is a vehicle which members risk can be reduced by the application of what we call best practices in municipal operations. This is a very extensive evaluation of all of your operational areas in regards to safety and loss related issues and practices. Additionally, we assist our members in compliance in all these areas by providing training and model policies for them to adopt. Our last board meeting in September, the Board of Trustees of our association recognized the City of Wilmington as the recipient of the Ascension Award. This is an award for the member with the most improved percentage overall of the safety performance evaluation checklist. To give you just a few numbers, your overall score, this is a comprehensive evaluation. There is a total of five hundred points on the evaluation. But your overall score increased from 73% compliance rate the previous year, to a 92% compliance rate this current year. We believe that is an exceptional significant accomplishment for the City of Wilmington as well as for your employees. I would like to acknowledge both Laura Curliss and Danny Mongold for their contribution to that effort. Laura as you may know serves on the Board of Trustees of our association, Laura also chairs our Risk Management Committee; she is a very valued member of our Board. Danny as your HR Director and your Safety Director was actually the driving force behind the improved spec performance score and your safety program. However, we believe that this would not have been possible without the hard work and cooperation of all of the employees of the City of Wilmington. By working together, they have created a safer workplace and they have created a safer community for all your citizens and you are to be congratulated for their effort. I do have an award I would like to present.

Mayor Raizk: I would like to say that my congratulations to number 1, thank you very much. We think a lot of MVRMA as you noted to everybody we were a charter member. We are very excited about our participation in it. I really want to thank Laura for her participation as an active board member. She does not miss meetings, she is active in the risk management committee and has been instrumental in communicating to

all the departments and to our supervisors the wishes of MVRMA. I know they get upset every once in a while because they come up with a project and we kind of run it by, well wait a minutes, lets call over and see if we can do that or do this or best practices and procedures and sometimes they get a little tired of that but they do all buy in and especially to Danny Mongold because we really have no documented safety program, workplace safety program in place until Danny came on and in addition at the same time he was trying to deal with the handbook and so forth. He was putting in a really great program for workplace safety. He has gotten all the supervisors and all their employees to buy in and I just wish to thank everybody. Because basically the bottom line, this saves the City of Wilmington money and ends of savings the citizens money. We just have a safer community and workplace.

Mike Hammond: Well said. Mayor, this is the Ascension Award, the Most Improved Overall Percentage on the Safety Performance Evaluation Checklist Compliance for the calendar year 2008. Congratulations.

Mayor Raizk: Thank you, Mike. I appreciate that.

President Ertel: Mike, thank you so much. We certainly welcome you to stick around for our meeting. However, if you would like to start your trip back to Dayton that would be okay.

Mike Hammond: Actually, I spent 25 years working with city council in my own community so I might just head out here after while.

President Ertel: You've seen this ritual before.

Mike Hammond: Many times.

President Ertel: Thank you so much. Congratulations to the Mayor and the City, wonderful.

President Ertel: At this time I would like to recognize Debbie Stamper, she is the Clinton County Convention and Visitors Bureau director. She has some words for us.

Debbie Stamper: Good evening, thanks a lot for having me here tonight. As you all know, every two years we subscribe to an economic impact study that is put on by the state for our county and we just recently got the figures for 2007 so just want to briefly go over those and instead of just standing here and rattling off numbers cause I have given you something we will go through it together. I think it will make it a little easier and make more sense and then to follow up with these figures. What are we going to do now? We are facing some challenges like everyone else. If you could turn to the first page, this kind of shows overall our growth and it shows 2005-2006-2007 what those figures were. Bottom line is from '06 to '07 we had a 12% growth in tourism sales or what visitors spent in our county. When you compare that, if you see below there, it gives you the percentage of growth for southwest region, which we are part of, and all the percentage of growth for the whole state. We more than doubled in the growth for tourism here as they did in our region in our state. On to the next page, we do know that 750,000 people came to Wilmington and Clinton County last year and that could be for multiple reasons, whether its leisure or meetings or whatever the case maybe. You know that it real important to us that we can show return of our investment for the money that is passed through to the visitors bureau from the lodging tax. You will see below there it talks about for every dollar invested by the visitors bureau, so I'll just run down those. For every dollar invested in '07, 3 people visited the county, \$324 was returned as Visitor Spending Revenue. State tax revenue generated per dollar was \$12.81 and \$9.56 was returned as local tax revenue. For my viewpoint, that is a pretty good return on investment. Next page, this is just a chart that is going to show you where was that money spent when people came here, where were they spending their money. Not real surprising, I guess, the number one area where they spent their money was in retail trade, that could be in shops, that could be at a craft vendor, at a festival, that type of thing, followed by food and beverage and lodging. Nothing real profound there, but just worth mentioning. The next page shows employment, who was employed in our county working that would have generated tourism dollars. A little different you see the strongest area was food and beverage which again isn't really surprising because that is a

very heavy manpower, labor intensive type of service, followed by retail, recreation and entertainment and lodging is on down a bit. Next page, page 6, shows our county in relationship to the other counties, color-coded by the sales that we did. We had \$81 million in sales by tourists in 2007. The wages that were generated by people that worked in hospitality and tourism related businesses was \$21.9 million and the taxes generated was \$10.9 million almost \$11 million dollars. There were 944 people altogether that were employed in the entire county in tourism related jobs. Next page is just an overview, basically, what I've just said but those tourism jobs did represent 3.3% of all the private sector jobs in the county. Some of that is just repetitious, let's go to page eight, this shows the wages that were earned by those employees that were working in the county in tourism related jobs. The most paid out in wages was in the food and beverage industry, then retail trade and then lodging. I would like to mention real quickly, you've got direct – indirect and induced, direct would be like I go to a hotel and I pay for a room, that's direct spending. I own the hotel and I have a breakfast bar, so I have to go and buy food to put on the breakfast bar for my guests, that would be indirect and induced would be that person that works behind the desk and has to go and buy groceries for her family. Does that kind of make sense? You have to take all those things into consideration and it is basically kind of that multiplier effect that we always hear about. On page 9, this is talking about the taxes. \$11 million worth of taxes and fees, that includes federal, state and local and then it breaks it down for you by state and local so \$3.2 million in state taxes and \$2.4 million in local. Page 10 is kind of interesting, it just gives an overview of our accommodations and what happened in the county last year. We were up on hotel rooms, we had 474 rooms and that was up 25% mainly because of the opening of the Hampton Inn, so that gave us quite a few new rooms. Persons per party 2.1 up, we were down just a tiny little bit on the average length of stay 2.46 nights, we're seeing that over the course of the last 4 or 5 years it continues to do down. People are taking shorter trips and fewer nights away from home instead of going away

Mayor Raizk: Debbie, would that also reflect maybe some of the folks that stay that are here on business?

Debbie Stamper: This is going to be an average of that. You are going to have people that are going to be here for 5 nights from Sunday through Thursday for business.

Mayor Raizk: But some of that in the past has been a real strong portion of the business with the current economic thing that could be going down.

Debbie Stamper: We are going to talk about that in just a minute, a little more specifically. Campgrounds we had 758 sites, few more people per party than hotel rooms, which I think you would expect. It is generally families that are staying in the campsites. Average length of stay 2.4 nights down just slightly. Kind of interesting on hotels and the campgrounds though, on hotels almost 50% of them are from out of state, which I found very interesting, that was higher than I anticipated, it really was, and then on the campgrounds out of state 30% which was up 102% from the year before and I have been asking and trying to find out why would we be up so much. Tim Carr with Cowan and Caesar's Creek, his belief is that it is different things like if they have a special program that brings people in, then you will see a significant rise for that year, so we don't know what specifically that is but it was up. That is kind of an overview real quick, an overview of what happened in '07. We are going to talk real briefly, what is going to be happening going forward because it is things we have to plan for, we are in the budget process right now. We have been meeting with all the hotels and that is kind of, what these pages are about. If DHL leaves and some of you may have heard, these statistics but these are concrete numbers. We have five hotels that will be majorly affected. We would lose a minimum of 10,000 room nights per year that is just right off the bat and that doesn't have anything to do with indirect loss which those 10,000 room nights would represent a \$1 million in revenue to those hotels. Inevitably there is no way they can lose that kind of revenue and keep the same number of people working and you know it is going to reduce taxes paid and something would have to be done. The next page talks about indirect impact, pretty logical, you know, we would see loss of revenue by the restaurants, loss of revenue retail and all this is kind of proven by where we just looked, where most of the dollars are being spent. We know that is going to be affected. Even transportation like cab service, gas, that kind of thing, loss of jobs we've talked about. We are going to be budgeting next year, if things continue as they are, we

are anticipating 1/3 of our budget being cut, which is a lot, a whole lot. That is because of course bed tax would be reduced, because the hotels are not being filled. There is one other change that is going to impact us in '09. We don't have, the word is still out on this, but we have been hearing that Roberts Arena is closing. Apparently Wilmington Horsemen's Group is not renewing their lease with the Roberts family, that brings a significant amount of business to us as well and as you will see there we have at least 3,334 room nights in one year for three hotels and were talking about \$276,000 in revenue, from these two events it would be a million \$2.76. So what are we going to do? That's the big question. You know I am not a believer in sitting back and letting things happen. We are trying to look at all our options in ways that we can work to fill those room nights. One of the things that we are working with, and Mike is involved with this, is possibly looking at bringing in sporting events, larger partnerships, countywide sporting events. We have had one meeting, we invited all the athletic directors, all the hotels, all the sporting venues, that type of thing. There seems to be a real interest in it. The only thing when you go after these big teams and stuff, it would probably be non-pro, but still they want you to put up some money and stuff to get them here, or give them incentives. We've got to investigate all that, look at what is it going to take to bring them here and is it something that we really want to do. We've got another meeting in November, we have a specialist in sports marketing coming in to speak to us. You will be hearing more about that, that is one of the things we are doing. Roberts Centre also has begun, they are going to have two events this year and then going forward many more we hope. Creating their own events for the public so that we can bring people in that way, rather than them setting back or trying to sell to someone else, a promoter to bring in a show, they are going to start producing their own shows. I think that is a great opportunity, a lot more work on their part, but a great opportunity. Also, we feel like we are missing the boat in getting, everybody in our community and our county belongs to an associations, and are in groups, and we don't see that a lot of those meetings and conferences and things are coming to our own convention center. So we want to look at marketing to our own local community and possibly even adding, putting in some kind of incentive that would, you know that would (unable to understand word) the business, so that person gets some type of incentive. I will be working with the Roberts Centre on that and hope that will work well too. That's kind of what's initially on our horizon, we will be (unable to understand word) as we go and trying to find other opportunities as we go, I think we are all going to be in constant change, but we are prepared for that. I'll probably come back in two months and talk to you about budgets. Does anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Peterson: I just have a comment about the last bullet that she said, Debbie has on this. I just suggest to council, that means you too, we all belong to organizations, many of us have full-time jobs that are with companies that have events, and have meetings somewhere. Why not here, so I would challenge everyone on council to (unable to understand word) their own association, they own business contacts and try to get them. All you have to do is put them in contact with Debbie; she'll do everything.

Debbie Stamper: Granted it is a lot more fun to go out of town, but we would really like for you to bring them here. We work with them, we kind of hold their hand and walk them through it. We will give them that personalized service so it won't be embarrassing. We will take good care of them. Anything else? Thank you very much.

President Ertel: Okay, that completes my portion of the agenda, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Raizk: Thank you Mr. President, I don't have any other report this evening.

President Ertel: Looking at committee reports, Asset, Acquisition and Use. Is there a representative from that area?

Asset, Acquisition and Use: Councilmember McKay - I would say there is no report.

President Ertel: I think you are probably correct, thank you.

President Ertel: No Auditor.

Auditor: No report.

Finance Committee: Councilmember McKay: I will be the Finance Committee tonight in Sandy's absence and if you look through these two ordinances it looks rather daunting, but Mary Kay did provide us with a sheet, each one of you has it at your place, and it details both the supplementals and the transfer that we will be talking about. The first item is the supplementals and would entertain any questions that anyone has.

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.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. 4804 passed as read.

Councilmember McKay: The second ordinance is miscellaneous transfers, any questions?

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.

A motion was made McKay and seconded by Wallace to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wallace to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. 4805 passed as read.

President Ertel: Very good, thank you.

Water Committee: Committee Chair Mike Wallace – No report.

Street Committee: Committee Chair Peterson: We have one item. We had a Streets Committee meeting earlier this week and (unable to distinguish a few words) and Larry I apologize I didn't get back out to my car for my files. Will you just review the streets?

Director of Public Service – Larry Reinsmith: We are only doing two streets. We find that Nelson Road is falling apart and we really need to re-build that whole street, curb cutter, storm system. This project is probably going to be around \$300,000 and we don't have the money this year to do it. However, we do have some of the permissive tax and we are planning on doing the full depth pavement repair, crack sealing and we have milling and patching in preparation to pave the street next year. So we are going to be doing repairs all along Nelson Road from corp line into Truesdell and then we do have a strip that we need to make a repair out near Wal-Mart on State Route 3 & 22, out by the light, it is in the straight through lane. It is about \$11,000 expenditure, total project should be around \$56,000. We do get a check for about \$66,000 Permissive Tax from the county that's what we paid for that project this year. We have some big commitments for next year with our ODOT paving project and then we want to also piggyback that with the Nelson Road project next year. So we are going to save some of our Permissive Tax money for next year.

Committee Chair Peterson: Any questions?

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on the ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Director of Public Service to Advertise and Contract for the Purchase of Materials and Repair of Certain City Streets and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Wallace to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Wallace to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. 4806 passed as read.

Solid Waste/Recycling, Committee Chair Wells: Mr. President I have no report tonight this evening, however, I would like to ask our citizens to please re-cycle and help save our landfill. Thank you.

President Ertel: Excellent, thank you.

Wastewater/Sewer: Chairperson McKay - No report.

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson McKay: We have a couple of things under Judiciary, first item is the third and final reading on the ordinance amending the change or transport of curfew violators. We discussed that at the last meeting and think any questions people had were answered. Are there any further questions?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Peterson to give the third reading only on the ordinance Amending Section (C) of Chapter 509.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Peterson that the ordinance be passed as read.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. 4807 passed as read.

Committee Chair McKay: The second item we have is the second reading on the ordinance amending the ward boundaries and are there any questions at this point?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wallace to give the first reading only on the ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance §§ 103.02, .03, .04, and .05 Establishing Ward Boundaries in the City of Wilmington.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

Committee Chair McKay requested the third reading on the agenda for the next meeting.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Wells: No report, Mr. President.

Downtown Revitalization Committee : Convener Sandy Mongold – Councilmember McKay – Sandy is not here but I might relay that I attended a couple of events today along with some of our other council members. We attended a ribbon cutting across the street at Rome Jewelers, Janine Sodini and Laurie Jenkins are partners in the old Miller – Hiatt Jewelry store and they are going to have a whole new store there. We are just moving right on down the street. Also, attended a ribbon cutting at the old David Adair building, the Chic Shanty had a ribbon cutting and we're real happy to have a new tenant in that building.

Councilmember Peterson: And I encourage everyone to stop by. Much to my husband's regret, I have visited both businesses.

Councilmember McKay: And I am reminded that we will be having our final mural event next Friday, its Brats, Beer and Band. Streetwise is going to be playing. But it will be another fun way to spend a Friday evening in our hometown.

President Ertel: Excellent, thanks Mark.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Mike Wallace, Convener: Mr. President, we have one item on the agenda this evening. As you are aware, our Parks Department has been working judiciously hard to get this trail through the Denver Williams Park. To be honest with you until I saw it on the agenda for this meeting I thought it was already named. I've been calling it the Judy Gano Trail for so long I had just forgotten it hadn't been done properly. But you know, I think the naming rights putting Judy Gano's name on this is quite apropos with all the work she has done for the City through the years. Especially, helping with what we now call Castle Park and some of those things. I just think it has a good name and so we are trying to make this formal, this section of our trail as the Judy Gano Trail.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on the resolution Naming a .53 Mile Section of the City's Trail System Starting at Fife Avenue and Ending at Rombach Avenue the "Judy Gano Trail."

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Peterson to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Popp to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Resolution No. 2107 passed as read.

The passing of the resolution received applause from the members of council and the audience.

President Ertel: Judy, congratulations. You are now immortal.

Judy Gano - It is a nice feeling.

Mayor Raizk: I think everybody had this at their place tonight. There is a ribbon cutting, seems like we just moved the first shovel of dirt, and I wish all the projects got done this fast. But there is ribbon cutting Wednesday, October 22, at 12:00 noon and it will be, I think the ribbon cutting will be near the historic marker, the Indian Trails historic marker at the beginning there. We would like to see everybody out there if they can. We won't be long but we certainly would like to see everybody if you could make it. Thanks you and Judy thank you for all your hard work.

Judy Gano: You're welcome.

President of Council: Thanks you very much, at this time Service Director, anything Larry?

Director of Public Service- Larry Reinsmith: One quick item, we were talking about paving not having a lot of money to pave streets and we do have money in state highway Permissive Tax but that street department has been hit hard this year with the loss of the license plate fees and high fuel costs and so to compound everything we did get a bid back for our salt for the winter. Last year we paid \$40 per ton for salt and we went into a cooperative group with the county and the state on the purchase of salt and the first time it came back \$175 per ton so we re-bid it and we did get a bid and it was accepted it is \$101.07 per ton. We have about 400 ton in the shed right now but we are going to be kind of conservative maybe on how the snow is going we may just hit intersections and see how the winter goes, slow down. It is going to be very costly this year for salt, that is a problem throughout the whole state I know the Governor has mentioned having a team of people research why salt is so expensive and why certain areas are paying a lot more than other areas.

Mayor Raizk: You have probably seen some of this on the news. It has been a statewide problem. What we have decided to do is since we did get a shipment late last year if you remember, you know we got some after we didn't need it but we held on to that. We've got about 400 tons and I think at this point with the costs we are only going to buy another 400 tons and that should probably, it is going to mean we are not going to be

salting as much as we have in the past. But if we get the intersections and let the others go and just plow and use the snow crunch we are going to have to do the best we can. But a lot of communities have already set up front that they are not salting at all or just on

Councilmember Jaehnig: Hillsboro has already made that statement.

Mayor Raizk: Cincinnati said they would not salt any residential streets already they're only going to do the main things that they have to do, intersections and that kind of stuff.

Councilmember Wallace: On an average, do we know how much tonnage we typically used in the last 10 years?

Director of Public Service-Larry Reinsmith: I think we used like last year we used like 1200 tons. We had a blizzard.

Mayor Raizk: Now the year before we didn't use that much.

Director of Public Service – Larry Reinsmith: No, usually it is around 800 tons.

Mayor Raizk: That might get us through! That might get us through if we don't have a really bad event like we did last year.

Councilmember McKay: Do we use beet juice?

Director of Public Service- Larry Reinsmith: No.

Councilmember McKay: I am correct that's one of the items...

Councilmember Jaehnig- That is an option that is being considered in other communities used. I believe test marketed in Cincinnati last year and Columbus. That is something that I know that is something they have been looking into but it is something that can be produced locally. But it is a spray and it is much more environmentally friendly. But the cost initially was substantial in comparison.

Director of Public Service – Larry Reinsmith: Was that a rumor Mark?

Councilmember McKay: No, I just didn't know.

Mayor Raizk: We do spray, but it is a salt product.

Councilmember McKay: I knew that, that's the pre thing.

Mayor Raizk: The pre-treatment.

Director of Public Safety – Nick Babb: No report, Mr. President.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Wells to accept the Auditor-Treasurer's for September 2008.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

President Ertel – At this point we would like to open the meeting up to any members of the general public or member of council to address council while in session. Since I am here first I get to say one thing, let's let the young lady go first, Terri Thobaben would like to present to us. State your name and address for the record please.

Terri Thobaben, 1835 S R 380, it is a Wilmington address. I am only going to take a few minutes although I can tend to talk a little bit too long I suppose. But I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew that I am running for County Commissioner and I am opposing Mike Curry. But some of the ideas that I wanted you to be aware that I am concerned about, I gave most of you a card and I will give you some as well. First I wanted to thank and commend the Task Force for all the work that they are doing working together and this is something that I had hoped that we would be able to do in

the county between the county and the city and the villages and all the governmental entities that they would be able to work together and bring in businesses and try to do what is best for all of us. I commend the Task Force for working on that now. I think that what we need to do is to make sure that we have a diverse set of businesses. Not just one, we need a lot of different kinds and one of my specialties or my focus right now is that of alternative energy and I think that we are in a nexus of things coming together, the electric companies are required to produce electricity by 2025- 25% must be from alternative energies and 12.5% must be from renewable energies and I think we have a perfect place, and as I suspect we will probably get to keep the airpark so I think that would be a wonderful sight that we could set up all of the different kinds or several of the different kinds of production, manufacture and generation of various kinds of energy using solar, as well as wind energy. That section of the county is amenable to production of wind energy, it is a high enough wind- a sustained wind-that would allow us to generate electricity by wind. We must also produce .5% of all electricity by solar, so DP&L is looking for a place to buy that electricity from. We have people that will be needing jobs and we also need to wean ourselves off of using so much oil. So I think that we've got kind of the perfect storm. I hate to use all those clichés but it does work. The other thing that I am very interested in is open government and by open government it's not just being transparent but it's also where we all work together and I think that that is an important thing, I think that I would like to see our meetings be video taped and made accessible on the web. There is no reason we can't, we have a website and patching a link to a video of what's going on is just a technological matter and I spoke with Chris Schock and he said it can be done. So I think that would be good and we could also archive all of those meetings so if somebody wanted to go back and find out about it they could. I am also a board member of Clinton County Open Lands and on the board of Rails to Trails. I am very interested in preserving open space and in preserving farmland and maintaining the quality and character of our county. If you have any questions, I would be glad to answer those. I know that one of the questions everybody asked me about, as I have been going around, I probably have knocked on over a thousand doors in past few weeks. One of the questions everybody asked me about is the casino and I am not in favor of the casino because of the way that it is being proposed to our county and to the state. I feel that they are going in the back door. If we needed casino gambling here then our legislators should have set up the rules, set up the guidelines and then put it out for bid. Not have the one company get the monopoly and dictate how things were going to run. However, if it is the will of the state and the people of the state that it is going to be sited here in Clinton County, we need to insure that all of our sensibilities are followed and I think that if there is a big windfall of money that comes in, it should be shared between not just the county but all the cities, the villages and the townships.

President Ertel: Well thank you so much for coming.

Terri Thobaben: Well, thank you, I was going to give a hit of my biography but I figure you all know that anyway.

President Ertel: Thank you so much.

President Ertel: Also, I would like to announce that our next meeting, which is the November 6th Thursday meeting right after our meeting starting at 7:00 pm there is going to be a book signing by a person I know quite well, dear to my heart, that's my wife. She has written a children's book, it is called Belle the Hound That Was Found, its going to be at Books & More, I'm going to pass the invite on down so everyone can take a look at it and certainly everybody in the audience is also invited down to the signing. If you have already purchased the book, thank you so much. I truly appreciate it and be sure to bring it with you and she can autograph it there for you personally. That is happening after council next meeting.

Councilmember McKay: Fred, I had the pleasure of, your wife was at our store today taking a look at the book and pretty neat and it is a children's book but it is written on many levels. I think everyone would enjoy reading it from a 2 year old to a 90 year old.

Councilmember Peterson: It is at 7:00 pm, right?

President Ertel: That is correct. Thank you so much Mark for those kind words, appreciate it.

President Ertel: Any persons wishing to address council?

Richard Unger, 1036 N. Lincoln Street, Wilmington- What I have tonight is the corrections of the minutes of the September 18th, city council meeting, and my portion, there were some words omitted and one whole paragraph omitted. So I'll read what the minutes said and put the corrections in. Dick Unger, 1036 N. Lincoln St., I don't have anybody to yell at or anything tonight because of a previous conversation. I just want to bring something up that was brought to you three years ago, years is the key word here, this month. I stood before you to advise you of a dangerous travel route for walkers and people who ride bicycles. I used to ride my bike on this road to, going to shop at Lowe's, Ace Hardware, Generations, city park and other businesses in the Rombach shopping area. Twice I was almost hit by a car so I no longer ride my bike to shop at these businesses or go to the park. Mr. Unger concluded by asking council to address this problem as he has asked them and the minutes says three months ago and that should be three years ago. Now, and that I have read that you noticed there was no description of where I am talking about that was the omission. What I said the route I am referring to is Prairie Avenue from TimberTech north to Lowe's Drive a path or sidewalk needs to be constructed on the east side to provide a safe route for walkers and bikers, it's broke it needs fixed. Since this article came out in the News Journal and by the way, the News Journal reads, City resident Richard Unger of 1036 N. Lincoln St., addressed council members regarding a safety concern which he first mentioned three years ago and is still waiting for some action to be taken by the city. Unger says an area along Prairie Avenue to Lowe's Drive present a hazard to residents who walk or attempt to ride a bicycle in that area. The lack of a sidewalk hampers anymore who attempts to travel this area. I received after this come out in the Journal I had received some calls from some folks that drive and they have encountered walkers or bikers and they said yeah that's bad and in other words I got an "ataboy" for it so I think we ought to move that up to the agenda and get something done.

President Ertel: Also, if I remember right you read it from a written note?

Richard Unger: That's correct.

President Ertel: If you would provide that to our office please, we will include that, Pauline just mentioned that there was, the tape ran out on that.

Pauline Buckley: Laura was here that night, it didn't beep and so it didn't get turned.

President Ertel: Good provide that to us we will put that in a form of a motion and amend those minutes.

Richard Unger - Do you want to stand by and I'll give you a Xerox after the meeting?

President Ertel: That would be excellent.

President Ertel: Okay, any other persons wishing to address council while in session, seeing none do I have a motion.

A motion was made by Jaehnic and seconded by Peterson to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk