

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, January 3, 2013, with President Scott Kirchner presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Stuckert, present; Wallace, present; Mead, present; Siebenaller, present; McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President of Council asked cell phones to be set to silent mode.

President of Council - President Kirchner wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped that everyone had a good holiday.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the special meeting, November 29, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor - Mayor Riley announced that the Clinton County Regional Planning Office (Chris Schock) was now located on the second floor where Ernie Blankenship's office used to be. He said the first floor office was now the Joint Government Use office and any elected official, state or federal, can use it when they are in town. He said that Congressman Steve Stivers plans on being in that office every day and it would be a field office for him. He said they should have the office open in a few weeks. He added that the public can access the Joint Government Use office from the street side.

Auditor - Auditor David Hollingsworth had no report.

Asset, Acquisition and Use. - Chairperson Bob Mead announced that they need an Asset, Acquisition and Use meeting to start looking at city properties that are currently not being utilized. He said the first one they are looking at is on Davids Drive. He said a meeting was tentatively scheduled for next Thursday.

Service Director Reinsmith said that he had been in contact with Jim Miller and the transaction would be the same format as the when Fulton Street was vacated recently. He said that John Stanforth needed to send a request to the city.

Paul Hunter asked about a lot on Prairie Avenue that the city was paying taxes on.

Mayor Riley noted that Prairie Avenue was a good example of the types of parcels that need to be investigated and they would be looking into it.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Mead had no report.

Water Committee - Chairperson Wallace had no report.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Wells announced that there was a Solid Waste Committee scheduled for January 10 at 6:15 p.m.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no report.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson Stuckert introduced the third reading on a resolution to better enforce tax collection through the Central Collection Agency (CCA) of Cleveland.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to give the third reading only on A Resolution In Support of a Program with the Central Collection Agency (CCA) of Cleveland for Income Tax Collection and to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with CCA.

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to pass the resolution as read.

President called for a vote.

Motion passed with all yeas.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2308 passed as read.

Councilman Stuckert explained the next piece of legislation was to the authorize the mayor to execute a resolution with the County Board of Commissioners in regards to the Clinton County Regional Planning. He explained that the city had to pass this resolution as they signed the original agreement and now an amendment needed to be made.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Execute a Certain Resolution of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners Regarding Clinton County Regional Planning Commission and Declaring an Emergency.

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to pass the resolution as read.

President of Council called for vote.

Motion passed with all yeas.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2309 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Wells asked to have a Safety Committee organized in order to discuss a supplemental appropriation to put the two firefighters, the police officer, and the cruiser back into the budget. He added that they should make cuts to something that is less important than the safety services.

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Income and Levy Tax Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith had no report.

President Kirchner asked how the salt was holding out, and the Service Director Reinsmith said that it was fine. Mayor Riley said that the Streets Department did a great job clearing out the streets.

Safety Director – Safety Director Russ Burton had no report.

Reports

There were no reports presented.

President Kirchner opened the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session.

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph Street – gave a presentation regarding the TBS contract with the city for their facility on Nelson Avenue, in the Wastewater Treatment's building. He explained that the company pays a \$1 rental for the building and the Sewer Department contributed over a half million dollars to purchase it. He said the expectation in the five-year lease was the company would employ 100 workers and the income tax

receipts would make up for the free use of the building. He said that he estimates that they only have around 20 employees and are almost two years into the contract, which is much lower than expected. He said that number of employees would generate about \$900,000 in annual wages or around \$9000 in income tax to the city, which is far short of the \$550,000 that the sewer department has spent on that property. He added that TBS can, at the end of the 5-year period, exercise an option to purchase the building for \$1 million or simply walk away and find another distress city to set up shop on a 5-year plan. Mr. Hunger added that the city is also paying more in property tax than it is collecting from TBS and said that Brenda Woods was working on that. He said it was his opinion that the city should be talking to the company and attempting to modify the agreement or seek some legal form assurance that TBS is committed to purchasing the property and/or increasing employment to the 100-jobs level that they promised.

Eric Lamont Gregory – Wright Patterson Air Force Base – Local office is 444 N. South Street. Two years ago he approached Chris Schock about a proposal on tire recycling based on a project he had worked on at Oxford University. He said the State of Ohio has invested millions of dollars in the project. He said tire dumping was both an eyesore and a health hazard. He explained that old tires are an ideal breeding ground for mosquito-borne diseases, and there was a strong need to clear out old tire dumps. In the United States there are almost 200 million thousand tons of tires that are added to the amount of waste each year. He said he had a packet of information and would bring the entire proposal to the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Gregory added that there was state money available for tire recycling programs. He said it would create employment and the technology was reasonable and clean. You explained that you take the tire and recover the No. 2 heating oil from the tire (about 20%) and the metal from the steel belts. He explained the remainder is carbon for which there is also a market. He said he thinks Wilmington should become a center for this type of recycling market as it will help with economic revitalization.

Councilman Jaehnig asked what the status was of committee assignments for 2013 and asked if an Ad Hoc Committee meeting could be scheduled to solidify the meeting schedule for the year.

[Discussion of upcoming meeting schedule]

President Kirchner asked that an Ad Hoc meeting be added to the meeting schedule in the upcoming week. He said that he was also in the process of making the committee assignments, which should be complete after he has a chance to speak to individual members about potential changes.

Councilman Mead pointed out that the conflict felt in the previous meetings had been put behind them and everyone was working well together and that was what democracy is all about. He thanked everyone for their part in bringing things together. President Kirchner thanked Bob and said he agreed that everyone was doing their part to move the business of the city forward.

President Kirchner asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by McKay to adjourn.
President Kirchner declared the motion adjourned.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk

