

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. with President Cindy Peterson presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, absent; Mead, present; Miller, present; Milburn, present; McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Spicer to excuse the absent member.

Motion passed.

Absent member (Stuckert) excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President of Council - President Peterson:

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to approve the minutes of the special meeting, December 10, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to approve the minutes of the special meeting, December 11, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to approve the minutes of the special meeting, December 19, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

President Peterson introduced legislation appointing Councilman McKay as President Pro Tempore of Council.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Spicer to give the first reading only on a resolution Appointing the President Pro Tempore of Council of the City of Wilmington and Declaring an Emergency.

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Jaehnig to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2342 passed as read.

President Peterson introduced legislation appointing Brenda Woods as Clerk of Council.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Appointing the Clerk of Council of the City of Wilmington and Declaring an Emergency.

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes. Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Jaehnig to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2343 passed as read.

President Peterson pointed out that she had a cheat sheet provided by the Clerk of Council.

[Laughter]

Mayor - Mayor Riley – Happy New Year everyone. Two weeks from now on January 16 will be the State of the City address. Also, I have been in contact with the Ohio EPA and they are planning on attending that meeting also. Someone will be here to discuss the landfill and the issues there. Councilman Jaehnig gave me a flyer that was hanging on his door from a water purification company in Cincinnati. The City had to send notices out about the water recently. The trihalomethanes were a little high but only at the Nike Center, which is the farthest end of our line. These folks are offering to do a water analysis for free from your tap water and they will pick it up tomorrow. Of course, I'm sure they will find a problem and I'm sure they will have something in place to help solve your problems. I would encourage people to not respond to this. If they have questions about their water, contact Larry Reinsmith or Jerry Rowlands. Our water is absolutely fine. I will give this to Duane as well because they did not get a permit to solicit. They may be trying to capitalize on something that may be frightening to some citizens and that bothers me.

Service Director Reinsmith – Our water hasn't changed; the EPA lowered one of their thresholds. Now we test slightly above the threshold.

Paul Hunter – They are also soliciting for gas contracts and people might want to hold off on that as well until the aggregation comes through.

Mayor Riley – Under Judiciary, we will have legislation appointing Joe Spicer as the city's representative to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Will we be able to do three readings this evening using Councilman Spicer's vote to help suspend the rules and regulations?

Law Director Shidaker said he thought it would be fine.

Auditor – In the absence of Auditor David Hollingsworth, there was no report.

Asset, Acquisition and Use. - Chairperson Bob Mead – Has there been any progress on the Prairie and Lowes Drive property?

Service Director Reinsmith – We got a favorable bid of \$26,000 on the Lowes Drive. I think it is scheduled for closing on January 21.

Councilman Mead asked about the property behind the Manhattan.

Mayor Riley – We're still working on that. It is in process. Nothing has changed.

Councilman McKay asked where the money goes from the sale of the Lowes property and Service Director Reinsmith answered that it goes to the Water Department.

Service Director Reinsmith – One item that we will probably need to look at is the old Rainbow Village property. Jerry does not want to keep it and maintain it. I know the Police Department is vacating the property in the back and I think Jerry would like to get rid of both of those at the same time.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Mead had no report.

Water Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Chairperson Jaehnig had no report. We will hold off on our first committee meeting until the next council meeting when the EPA comes in. I'm sure we will have things to discuss after that.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Stuckert, Councilwoman Milburn had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig presented legislation appointing Joe Spicer to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau board. He asked for discussion.

Councilman Mead asked Councilman Spicer if he wished to serve on the board.

Councilman Spicer answered that he would. He believes it would be a good fit because he has been involved with the Downtown Wilmington CIC, Main Street Wilmington, and the Murphy Theatre.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on a resolution Appointing Council Member Joe Spicer as the City's Representative to the Clinton County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and Declaring an Emergency.

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes;

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2344 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig – During the Judiciary Committee meeting that we had this evening, the committee did vote to set a standard meeting for Judiciary. We will be meeting every first and third Thursday before Council at 6:00 p.m. for exactly one hour. By setting a standard set meeting, that will allow us to move onto other things if we cover everything on the agenda. We have a great deal on our plate.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Stuckert, Councilwoman Milburn had no report.

Income and Levy Tax Committee – President Peterson said that she was not assigning members to the Income and Levy Tax Committee.

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith – It's going to be very cold and we'll keep the crews working to keep it safe and clear for everyone. Be careful.

Safety Director – Safety Director Russ Burton had no report.

#### Reports

There were no reports.

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

Councilman Jaehnig noted that the employment numbers have been updated on the front of the building. The count now is at 662 for 2013. Our increases on the count include 8 from CMH, 8 from Cole Taylor, and 28 from Timbertech. We expect that the next council meeting will be the final count for 2013. We have put a request out to all of the businesses to give us their final numbers.

Mayor Riley noted that if we take all of the businesses that have declared that they are coming and the number of employees they are bringing, we are actually at 1000 committed. By late spring, we should definitely be at around 1000. My recommendation is let's not rest on our laurels; let's double it. I appreciate the work of the JETT committee.

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph. Our solar array over by the Textron property has saved the sewer budget almost \$20,000 over the past two years. At the next meeting on the jobs report, could we have a net amount?

Councilman Jaehnig explained that have not been tracking losses that occur in companies other than those reporting gains.

Paul Hunter – The quality of the jobs is not keeping up with the number of jobs. Hopefully the JUMP hangar will make that better.

Councilman Jaehnig said that at a recent council meeting it was reported that there was an increase in salaries of a little over \$5 million as of 2013 based on estimates on withholding tax.

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

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

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

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President of Council

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Clerk