

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. with President Cindy Peterson presiding.

Call to Order

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

Chief Weyand was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of Silence

President of Council - President Peterson – The July 3 council meeting will be held as regularly scheduled.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, June 5, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the special meeting, June 12, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor - Mayor Riley introduced Mark Rembert and the Community Fellows.

Mark Rembert gave an overview of the Clinton County Fellows Program and introduced the fifth class of fellows:

Stephen Crouch – Just finished first year at University of Cincinnati, studying Urban Planning. Matched with the Experiential Academy and am working with Headmaster Bruce Saunders with developing a master campus plan as they start to expand the campus. Also working with the CMH Health Fund.

Josh Rhodes – From Xenia Ohio; senior at Wilmington College this year. Matched with the Farm Bureau and Otmar Woodworking. With the Farm Bureau, I am working on their communications and advertising materials. With Otmar Woodworking, I am helping design a brand to develop a digital storefront for his business in a way that will allow him to communicate with more potential customers.

Victoria Martini – Graduate from Wilmington High School; currently attending Wilmington College with a major in English and minor in Theatre. Hope to continue with a Masters in Communications. I am working with Arcadia Learning Commons to successfully create a business plan that includes a marketing and social media campaign for them. I am also working with the Beth Huber at the Port Authority to update some of their marketing tools to help successfully bring about new tenants at the Air Park.

[Discussion of Clinton County Fellows projects]

Mayor Riley announced that the Third Friday Party at the Mural has been postponed until the fourth Friday because of weather. Councilman McKay added that there will be no Cruise-In at the rescheduled event.

Auditor - Auditor David Hollingsworth had no report.

Asset, Acquisition and Use. - Chairperson Mead had no report.

Water Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay – There will be a Streets Committee meeting Wednesday, June 25.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Jaehnig – A Solid Waste Committee meeting is being scheduled for Monday, June 30.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Milburn had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig introduced legislation amending the Enterprise Zone. Each time the city goes through an annexation, we also have to adjust the Enterprise Zone map to include the new territory.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Stuckert to give the first reading only on the ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Enterprise Zone Agreement By and Between the City of Wilmington, Ohio, and the Board of Commissioners of Clinton County, Ohio. (Amending boundaries of Enterprise Zone 391).

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Jaehnig requested that the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation approving a revolving loan fund (UDAG) to New Life Clinic in the amount of \$50,000. He questioned if the name of the loan should be changed from UDAG since the program had been updated.

Mary Kay Vance - Council would have to legislate a name change if they want it to no longer be called the UDAG revolving loan fund, since that is how it was originally set up. Any change in name would have to go through a formal process and would have to go through the budget commission.

Councilman Jaehnig – The New Life Clinic wants to rehab the old Moonlight Chili building at the corner of South Street and Sugartree Street. This is the same building the city talked about tearing down a year ago. They have already purchased the building. The \$50,000 loan is to rehab the building. The city will hold a first position mortgage. Because of their non-profit status, it is recommended that we give them a zero percent interest rate. The term is 10 years. The application has already been reviewed by the Revolving Loan Committee and a third party agent.

Councilman Mead – I noticed in an article in the newspaper that it is going to cost \$132,000 to complete the rehab and \$50,000 is not going to cover it. I assume the clinic has plans to raise the rest of the money?

Sherry Weller, New Life Clinic – Yes. We just started a capital campaign, which is what allowed us to purchase the property without a mortgage. We are in the process of raising more money and much of the work is being done by volunteers.

Paul Hunter – Is there a problem with it being a religious organization?

Councilman Jaehnig – Even though there is a relationship with religion in the organization, their services are not religious in nature.

Law Director Brian Shidaker – I have offered an opinion on the matter and am happy to provide it in writing.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller to give the first reading only on A Resolution Authorizing a UDAG Loan to New Life Clinic from the UDAG Project Income Revolving Loan Fund; and Declaring an Emergency.

Seeing no further discussion, 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 Stuckert to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

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

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2364 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation amending the pay plan for employees. At the end of the last council meeting executive session, council had approved the acceptance of the contract agreement with the bargaining units for employee raises and the need to apply that to the rest of the employees. This is the legislation that backs that up. It's a duplication of the decision to give a 2% increase and bringing our non-bargaining employees current on their step raises.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to give the first reading only on the ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4740 to Increase Wages Under the Employee Pay Plan for Calendar Year 2014, and Declaring an Emergency.

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance 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 ordinance by title only.

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to pass the ordinance as read.

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5161 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Miller presented the second and third readings on bond and note financing legislation related to Lowes and Davids Drive.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Various Purpose Notes in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$302,500, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Discharging at Maturity Notes Heretofore Issued to Pay Part of the Costs of Constructing (I) Lowes Road and Related Improvements, and (II) An Extension to Davids Drive, and Paying Related Lawful Costs, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5162 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller introduced legislation providing for issuance and sale of notes for financing of the landfill expansion.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$700,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying Part of the Cost of Constructing Additional Vertical Expansion to the City's Landfill Facility, and Paying Related Lawful Costs, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5163 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller introduced legislation to establish a new fund regarding the transfer of the Sugar Grove Cemetery to the City. The proposed transfer is scheduled for early July.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Establishing a New Fund.

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Milburn to pass the ordinance as read.

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5164 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller introduced legislation making supplemental appropriations to move money into the Sugar Grove Fund.

Auditor David Hollingsworth explained that this will allow the city to pay bills that need to be paid before the transfer of the funds from the cemetery to the city is complete.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mead to pass the ordinance as read.

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5165 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller introduced legislation making supplemental appropriations.

Auditor David Hollingsworth explained that the list of supplementals were just the estimated costs to operate the cemetery for the remainder of the year.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5166 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller presented legislation for supplemental appropriations for various purposes.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mead to pass the ordinance as read.

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5167 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller presented legislation making miscellaneous transfers.

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

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5168 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig asked if adjustments would need to be made in departmental budgets because of the employee raises. Auditor David Hollingsworth said at some point there may. Mary Kay Vance expressed that she would prefer to wait until closer to the end of the year. It would be nice if there was some overestimation in overtime or officer tracking that might absorb some of the increase. Rather than over-appropriating today, we could wait until the fall and then estimate what will be needed to finish out the year. Mayor Riley added that in some cases, we may be able to transfer monies rather than do supplementals.

Councilwoman Miller introduced the discussion about Streets as part of the LEAP audit.

Mayor Riley – We had originally planned on talking about the insurance benefits costs as it was a large item on the LEAP audit. In recent discussions, we decided that we would look at Streets first. The LEAP audit did very little in terms of streets. In the summary of recommendations, there were 12 items identified. Four of them had no money tied to it. One recommendation is to reduce the street department staffing by one FTE. Denny can speak to this. We have reduced our number of street employees by five over the past five years, primarily through retirement without replacing them. We replaced one of the five who was a key person. Denny has called some of his peers in other communities about this recommendation.

Denny Gherman – Like a lot of other departments, there were a lot of discrepancies in the report, and I would like to point out a few. We were compared to Urbana, Dover, Bellefontaine and East Liverpool. I spoke to all of the peer cities, and I found out the following. We reported nine employees – that includes six on the street, a street sweeper operator, a mechanic, and myself. The peer cities reported in their audits only the people on the street, so right away that puts us three employees less than any other city we were compared to. All of the peer cities have at least two mechanics: we only have one. All of the peer cities have a secretary. We have none. Our lane miles were reported as 102 miles. We actually have 110 miles now. The lane miles for two of the peer cities were overinflated. By the State Auditor's list, we perform 14 services. The other cities: one perform six, one seven, and one eleven. The mowing costs in their report calculated the lowest employee hourly rate as \$18.49 per hour. That should have been \$14.30 per hour. That is a big savings. Only two of the cities own a street sweeper. Only three of the cities pick up leaves. Leaves in one of the cities are picked up only once during the first week of November. After that, the residents are asked to take them to a dumpsite. We continually pick up leaves until they are all picked up. Unfortunately, this year, with the weather, it took us five months to do it. Three of the cities do not maintain traffic signals. The one that does has 19 signalized intersections: we have 43. None of the peer cities have a portable sound stage, so therefore, the State Auditors could not compare us to that. That takes a lot of time to set up and take down. None of the peer cities perform bike trail maintenance. We do minor maintenance of the bike trails. Two of the cities use summer help for mowing in the summer and plowing in the winter. We use other departments to help us. Two of the peer cities do not plow or salt the streets until there is at least two inches of snow on the ground. We go out for every snow event. None of the cities have an asphalt paver; they do minor patches. It takes seven people to pave and at the present time we have six. Two of them do not perform any sidewalk maintenance. We have been way behind on sidewalk maintenance. Only two of the cities perform street painting. Two of them do not do any right-of-way mowing.

Councilwoman Miller – Did you see any of the recommendation to be of benefit or anything you could apply?

Denny Gherman – They did recommend that we combine mowing. Mayor Riley had already talked about that.

Councilman Jaehnig – The services that we do that the peer cities do not, like right-of-way mowing, are they contracting that out?

Denny Gherman – Most of them, their city limits do not have much right-of-way such as we have on 134 and 22 east and west. Most of their area is urban.

Councilwoman Miller – When you say the sidewalks weren't done because of lack of help, do you mean lack of funding or lack of employees?

Denny Gherman – At one time, water and sewer were combined with the street department, and we had a concrete crew. When they split those up, the concrete crew went to the Wastewater plant, so the street department does not do as much concrete work as we used to. We actually have a situation right now where we need to replace a sidewalk, and the sewer crew is so far behind on their concrete that we are going to farm it out.

Mayor Riley – As Denny said, they well-overestimated what we are paying for our mowing. In fact, we started looking at this before the LEAP process. It wasn't a big rush item because we're getting all the mowing done. But we're going to have a whole lot more mowing and trimming once we take responsibility for the cemetery sometime next month. We have been looking for direct costs of the city to hire some of the mowing. We're looking at the possibility of contracting for those services. I think we can do it for less than we would pay seasonal help.

Councilwoman Miller – Even though the hourly rate was off, would it be fair to say that some of the mowing responsibility leads people into overtime?

Denny Gherman – We have not spent any overtime on mowing.

Councilwoman Miller – So it's not like you have to pay somebody time and a half to mow something.

Councilman Jaehnig – One of the problems we have is the properties that have not been maintained. They tend to pile up because we are not willing to pay overtime on it.

Denny Gherman – We went to one last Friday that was actually chest high on me.

Councilwoman Miller – You say to do street repairs and run the paver, it take seven people and you have six. So if you were to be given funding, would it be able to be used for street repair or would you have to hire a seventh person to do something with that money?

Denny Gherman – Most of the paving that we're doing at this point is from water and sewer patches, so we use a person from their department. The departments work great together.

Councilwoman Miller – So if we were to find money to move to you, we could still get the street repair done?

Denny Gherman – The major paving is always farmed out. We do the minor streets in-house.

Councilwoman Miller – Is it cheaper to farm it out or was it more efficient at the time for you guys to handle it?

Denny Gherman – It was cheaper for us to do it for the streets that we did. On the major streets, we do not have enough trucks to keep it going to make it worthwhile.

Councilwoman Milburn – You mentioned that we were reduced. Was that just the streets or was it other maintenance?

Mayor Riley – In the LEAP audit where they talk about the enforcement of weed and grass removal, they dinged us on that, but we bill people when we mow. We charge for mowing on the property tax lien. They noted that the city does not require a registration of abandoned properties and the fines for violation of weed and grass removal outlined in the city ordinance is not properly enforced. They stated that if the city were to implement a plan that required the registration of abandoned properties, along with a fee, revenues could be generated to cover the cost of the maintenance of abandoned properties. They are abandoned properties – if they are not mowing their lawn, they're not going to pay a fee. I don't know if we could do any better than we are now. Being over 10 inches triggers the letter. We usually try to get it by the time it's knee high.

[Discussion of properties]

Councilwoman Miller – I know that the mayor and Councilman Stuckert and Councilman McKay were very enthusiastic about finding some funding. We were

talking about the permissive tax being used to help fund the street department, and we didn't know where it had been expended.

Paul Hunter asked if there would be any state highway money coming in for repairs.

Denny Gherman said that there was none scheduled for the current year.

Mayor Riley - At our last meeting one of our requests was to look at those streets that are in the greatest need of repair. Denny has offered us a list of the top 12 streets and they have been rated according to need. Three of them are U.S. or state routes (South Street, Fife Avenue, and part of Truesdell). Before we do any of those, we would need to talk to ODOT and see if we can cost share. The total cost is \$415,000. We have approximately \$100,000 in permissive tax available. We will still have about a 30% carryover at the end of the year. Council has said that it thinks we should have a 25% carryover. If we take the 5% of the carryover, it is \$200,000. With the funds available, we can take care of the first six. Our tax commissioner shows a year-to-date 10% increase in collections of corporate withholding of our 1% earnings tax. This is not included in this year's budget at all. It looks like it will be about \$200,000 plus. If council is willing to go to a 20% carryover, we can take care of more projects. Bottom line, we can start working on the street supervisor's top 12 list immediately without negatively impacting the city budget. I would like to look at implementing an annual maintenance repair program. It would be more costly than just hitting the top 12. I think we need to repave a little over eight miles of our streets each year. Most residential streets should last at least about 12 years. We haven't done full out milling and repaving on city streets in probably 12 years.

Denny Gherman – All of the streets listed are 3 miles. Less than 3%.

Councilman McKay – As chair, I would ask for at least a discussion or indication of what the other Streets Committee members think of this plan. I think if we could agree on a plan, we could get started pretty quickly.

Councilwoman Miller – I have a few things I would like to double check. You said we might put the repair on the next year's plate, but I don't want to move forward financing a street if we can get a discount on it with the state. In my opinion, the first six projects are great. If someone would champion getting the assistance for the state, we could knockout seven through ten for the same price.

Mayor Riley asked for a letter of support from council regarding cost sharing.

Councilman Stuckert – I'm delighted with this start. I don't know if we would want to go to the extra 5%; I'm more comfortable at 25%. This is what we need.

Councilwoman Miller – I appreciate you taking the time to thoroughly prepare this. We changed directions midstream because you were planning for three weeks for it to be health insurance, and I know we surprised you last week.

Mayor Riley – Honestly, it wasn't that difficult because we work on this all the time. It was just a matter of getting this together for presentation.

Councilman McKay – The thing that changed the direction was finding out that we would not be able to receive any of the R&L funds.

Councilman Jaehnig – To be clear, this would get us through 2014. But for 2015 and beyond, we would look at how to fund a program forward – a levy or tax increase or something like that. It looks like you would be looking at more the primary ballot season of next year.

Councilman McKay – I think there are several steps that would have to happen. We will be meeting next Wednesday and we could discuss this plan in more detail.

Councilman Jaehnig – I think this is a great way to get us through the rest of the year.

Councilman McKay – If we're talking about \$800,000 plus annually needed, it's probably not going to come from the General Fund, so we will probably need additional revenue from some place.

Mayor Riley – One of my hopes for the past two and a half years and one of the things that many, many people in the community have been working on diligently for the past few years is economic development. That earnings tax revenue that we are seeing increase 10% is what we are getting from employers who are paying withholding from their new employees. We will keep moving to bring in more diversified businesses. I don't think we need to even think about earnings taxes or levies right now. I think that is a conversation that could wait.

Councilman McKay asked his street committee members, Councilman Mead and Councilman Spicer, if they were positive about moving ahead.

Councilman Spicer – We need to make this happen. The streets are getting worse every day.

Councilman Stuckert – I really like that we are working within our existing budget. The streets are one of our obligations to the citizens. I feel with the increase in our revenues up 10% now, if we are really prudent, I would love to see the ongoing maintenance program in addition to the fixing potholes. We need to find a certain amount of money in all of the future budgets to do these things, without looking at levies and things like that. We just lifted the freeze on the wages. It would not be good to ask for a levy for street repair. The next is financing through the budgeting process.

Mayor Riley – I'm very disappointed in the LEAP process. One of the reasons I'm disappointed is I expected them to make other recommendations on consolidating services and finding efficiencies. One of those, which Denny referred to just a second ago, there was a time when all of our labor pool was together. Right now, the labor pool is divided. Jerry Rowlands is in charge of a labor pool that takes care of water distribution, digging lines and all of those things outside the treatment of water. Jerry is a water treatment plant expert. He is not an expert in backhoes and laying lines. Harry McVey does a great job with the wastewater treatment. He has a crew that does concrete and sewer lines. Of course, Denny's guys do streets. This is a labor pool that they are not always working together on the same project. I was disappointed with the LEAP. I expected them to say something about bringing the labor pool together. This is something that I'm looking at doing and working to prioritize the projects that need to be done and find efficiencies in getting these projects done and maximizing the use of our labor pool. We have great employees. If we reorganized and brought the laborers back together again, we might find efficiencies and be able to get some things done. That is something from an operational point of view that I would be willing to look at. This might come up with some more savings.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener McKay – The party at the mural tomorrow night will be postponed until next week. Hopefully we will get a notice in the paper.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Convener Stuckert asked Chief Weyand or Paul Fear to give a report on the Banana Split Festival.

Chief Weyand – We had good attendance and great weather. It was a great time.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson Bob Mead had no report.

Service Director – In the absence of Service Director Reinsmith, there was no report.

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Russ Burton, there was no report.

Reports

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Milburn that the Auditor-Treasurer Report – May 2014, be accepted as presented.
Motion passed.
Reports accepted as presented.

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

Councilwoman Milburn – On behalf of members of Timber Glen, a great job was done on the mowing of that area.

John Schum – Director of the Wilmington Community Arts Collaborative. The members of the collaborative are wondering what is council's pleasure with respect to the trees in the windows on South Street. Is there a proposal to auction them off? Will they be returned to the artists?

Mayor Riley – I was waiting for direction from the Arts Collaborative. I think they look great. I was hoping that maybe they could stay in the windows.

John Schum – We don't mind, we just wanted to make sure that we didn't overstay our welcome. Since we received council support to generate those, a question of ownership arose.

Mayor Riley – Let the artists know how much we appreciate them. I consider it a loan of the artwork. I wouldn't mind having a few more trees. If they are interested in doing another project, we would also be open to that. We talked about using the downstairs area to put up some fine art. I love that idea. I will work with you in any way you want as far as the display.

Chief Weyand said that he had talked to people about a rotation of displays.

[Discussion of rotating art displays and funding]

Mayor Riley offered to come and talk to the Arts Collaborative. John Schum said they hold meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at the General Denver at 7 p.m.

John Schum – In terms of the streets, if the streets are a mess, people don't want to live there. Wilmington is too cool of a place to run people off just because the streets are bad. I applaud your efforts. I encourage you to do whatever is fiscally responsible and reasonable.

Councilman Mead – 316 E. Sugartree Street. Shoppes at the Old Mill. I mentioned at the last meeting that there is a pile of trash dumped illegally on the property next to my business. It looks really bad. It has been laying there for 18 days now. It is still sitting there. What does a citizen need to do to get it out of there?

[Discussion of location of trash]

Councilman Mead – Sunday afternoon when I was at my business, I saw a guy in a pickup truck with side racks on it pull in the driveway just ahead of me. He was heading over by the drop off box for the Olympics. I thought, "He is going to dump all of that trash by the drop off box." He didn't because he saw me. But on Monday morning, the trash was dumped where it is now. I'm thinking it's probably the same guy. Eighteen days is too long.

Mayor Riley explained that sometimes items are not picked up for extended periods of time because of the bed bug issues. Basically, we contact the landowner there and told them what they have to do. They either have to wrap it in plastic for us to pick it up, or they can haul it to the landfill themselves, or we can go out on a special run and charge them \$300 to do it. With your situation, it's even worse. I don't want to bill you \$300.

Councilman Mead – It's railroad property. How do we get it out of there?

Mayor Riley - We'll get it taken care of.

Councilman McKay – We've had a couple of instances where semi-trucks have been traveling some of the streets in town that they shouldn't be. We've had a couple of resident complaints. I know the chief has followed up on some of that. We may look at putting signage on some streets so we can enforce it better. The problem is on Walnut Street.

Mayor Riley – I've driven all over town trying to see if there is signage that would make you think if you were driving a semi that this is the way to go. I have no idea why someone would take a semi off of Locust Street and back behind the library.

Councilwoman Milburn – From my understanding, I think GPS is directing them that way.

President Peterson – I am reminded of something that Councilman Jaehnig said in a streets committee meeting. He said a miracle happens in the trucking industry once tickets start to be issued.

[Discussion of fines and enforcement]

Councilman McKay asked that the issue be put on the streets committee agenda.

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 Jaehnig and seconded by Miller to adjourn.

President Peterson declared the meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk