

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. with President Pro Tem Mark McKay 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 Miller and seconded by Spicer to excuse the absent member (Stuckert).

Motion passed. All yeas.

Absent member excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of silence observed

President Pro Tem of Council

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, October 2, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor - Mayor Riley presented a proclamation recognizing November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. He announced that the city would have purple lights in the municipal building during the month of November.

Chief Weyand introduced the new communications officers in Dispatch: Kaitlin Rager and Darcie Mayberry.

Ben Emery – Spyglass is an independent telecommunications expense auditing firm. We specialize in working with municipalities and corporations, public and private, to find and identify savings in the telecommunication services. On April 17, 2014, we were hired by the city to review and provide recommendations based on potential savings with the telecommunications services you have today. I met with the Mayor and Chief Weyand back on July 10 to review the initial findings of that audit. Some of those were specifically erroneous taxes you were paying. There were some contracts that we had suspected had gone out of contract and by re-contracting those services, we thought we could get some savings there. There were some line disconnections, and some data service disconnections. Essentially, once we have obtained documents from the carriers, typically what are called customer service records, we will call each individual line associated with your account to identify whether we suspect the line is either being used, unused, or potentially excessive. In this case, this was one of five different areas we saw potential savings to be. In taking action on these, the city is going to realize some substantial savings by eliminating some of those services from the local and long distance lines, by re-contracting your main phone service here, re-contracting your long distance, taking advantage of an agreement that CenturyLink has worked on with the State of Ohio and a number of other things. After presenting that information to the Mayor, we went ahead and took action on quite a bit of it, thus some savings is going to be achieved on your behalf.

Councilwoman Miller – You identified lines and some of them you have already taken action on. You said you took care of some, but not all. What are the rest and how do we make sure we get the cost savings you identified.

Ben Emery –Some lines did not require action because they were needed. We will provide invoices showing the savings that were achieved.

Councilwoman Miller – Did you take action on all of the identified lines? On the ones that you did not take action on, how do I know that they haven't had the action taken and how do I make sure we follow up to get the most savings?

Chief Weyand – Everything that needed action has been taken care of. We had to research some of the items to determine why they existed. All of the punch list stuff was done.

[Discussion of savings]

Ben Emery - At the end of the engagement, I will provide a complete inventory so you will see all of the lines that are on your account and what we have taken action on.

Councilman McKay asked if the city pays Spyglass before they receive the report or after. Ben Emery answered that the city will need to pay prior to receiving the report, but he can discuss that process with his Vice President.

Mayor Riley asked how much the bill was and Ben Emery answered just over \$18,000.

Mayor Riley – So it was about half of the annual savings. We will realize savings far beyond that.

Ben Emery – Because of the erroneous taxes, we will get some savings. That will reduce the length of time to see return on investment.

[Discussion of savings]

Ben Emery – In the initial findings, we identified roughly \$36,000 of savings. Some of the savings we could not take action on for any number of reasons. \$18,000 of the \$36,000 was what we were able to save you.

[Discussion of terms of contract]

Ben Emery – There are three components to the overall project. The first two are cost elimination and service reduction. The third component is a cost recovery where anything we were able to find you, like erroneous taxes and retroactive credits, that would be a 50% component. Everything else is 12 times the monthly savings.

Councilman Jaehnig – Unlike the state audit, they are only getting paid in what they actually saved us instead of what they suggested.

Ben Emery – If there is a need, we can take a look in six months or a year from now to make certain there are no additional things that need to be taken care of.

Councilwoman Miller – How often do you recommend follow-up?

Ben Emery – I would recommend having it looked at every 36 months, essentially the contract term. If you are really diligent about doing it, if you look at every quarter, that is when you find the smaller cramming charges.

Mayor Riley – This is correcting things that have evolved over a long time.

[Discussion]

Councilman Jaehnig – I see, under slamming analysis, MCI. Is that really the carrier or is that an acronym?

Ben Emery – Often times, carriers will purchase one another but they haven't migrated off one billing platform to the other. You might see an MCI code but it could be someone else.

Mayor Riley – When Duane and I met with you, it really highlighted to me how complex the telecommunications industry and billing process is.

Ben Emery – From our perspective, we try to make sure we are aligned with what we want to accomplish for you, our customer. We want to make sure you are paying as little as possible for the services you need. The carriers want you to pay as much as possible for the services you have.

[End of Spyglass presentation]

Mayor Riley – There has been a lot of news lately about Ebola. Obviously, now Cleveland is getting in the news because of Ebola. The Department of Health has issued Ebola information to all cities. We have passed this information to all of the departments in the city. I am not worried about this in the least at this time. If anyone is interested, we have these in our office.

Councilman Jaehnig – Do we have the response materials needed, God forbid, if there is something here so that our emergency personnel are protected if needed?

Mayor Riley – The personal protective gear that we have will protect our employees from these pathogens, but they have to use it. No one knows quite yet what the breach in protection was. It is not airborne; it is contact. If you were in a hospital in Africa and you walked through a ward with Ebola patients on both sides and you didn't touch anything, you're chances of getting Ebola are slim to none. However, you should wear some type of protection on your shoes, in case you step on something that dripped or fell. You should also wear gloves, so you can take off the shoes. It is not something we need to be scared of, but we need to become aware of what is going on.

Councilman Jaehnig – The indication is not that the equipment was not available, but the training and use of the equipment was not completed. It might be a good time to do a specific training on this.

Mayor Riley – The Texas hospital is taking a lot of heat for sending one of the patients home. I can't tell you how many patients show up in ERs across the nation with a very slight temperature and they get sent home. It is very, very common. You give them a little something and you send them home. There is a saying when you're doing diagnostics, "When you hear hooves, you don't immediately think of zebras." You think of the most likely thing it might be. When you see someone with a temperature, you think the flu. I don't blame them for sending this person home. If they would have performed a much deeper history and found out that he had been in West Africa and found out he had been near patients who had Ebola, then they might have suspected Ebola. We are going to be taking this seriously and we are letting all of our staff know.

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

Asset, Acquisition and Use. - 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.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Milburn had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced the second reading on resolution to approve a Revolving Loan Fund for the Masonic Temple Company to assist them in purchasing an HVAC system for the building where Books 'N' More is currently located. Councilman Mead will be abstaining from the vote and we will be only doing one reading.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to give the second reading only on A Resolution Authorizing a Revolving Loan Fund (UDAG) to Wilmington Masonic Temple Company, Inc., and Declaring an Emergency.

President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation authorizing a UDAG loan to James Bisig. The legislation has to be redone because the city will be holding a third position on the mortgage. The first loan is through NB&T, the second is the Small Business Administration, and then the city will hold the third position. A portion of the UDAG money will go to retire the debt of the first loan, so that will keep the value of the entire debt under the value of the property.

Law Director Shidaker pointed out that the previous resolution authorizing the UDAG loan would be rescinded. Also, the Revolving Loan Fund committee has also reviewed this before sending it to council for review.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to give the first reading only on a resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2384 and Authorizing a UDAG Loan to James Bisig and Bisig Automotive, LLC from the UDAG Project Income Revolving Loan Fund; and Declaring an Emergency.

President Pro Tem 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: 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 Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to pass the resolution as read.

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

Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Res. No. 2387 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Spicer had no report.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Miller introduced legislation authorizing supplemental appropriations.

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

President Pro Tem 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: 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 Mead to pass the ordinance as read.

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

Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Ord. No. 5188 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller introduced legislation for miscellaneous transfers.

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

President Pro Tem 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; 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; Mead, yes; Miller, yes. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Ord. No. 5189 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller – We are moving into budgets. We will only be concentrating on those major departments first. The grant-funded budgets will be looked at later.

Clerk Brenda Woods said the meeting would be on October 28.

Councilwoman Miller – You will be getting the budget prior to the meeting. If you do identify questions right away, please share them Brenda or myself so we can provide answers for you at the meeting.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener McKay announced that the Chocolate Walk is this Friday. Dancing with the Stars is also coming up soon.

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

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith: We did get our street paving completed and we have a little bit of painting to do. Hopefully we will get it done tomorrow. They are bringing in materials to do the repairs on the Sugartree Street railroad crossing.

Councilman McKay – We haven't striped the courthouse spaces yet, have we?

Denny Gherman – We're concentrating on the center lines and the lane markings first.

Councilman McKay – Are we going to restripe in the same way we have in the past or should we maybe think about eliminating a space or two there and making those a little wider? We would have to have a resolution to change the traffic control map. Maybe we should think about that before we stripe them.

Councilwoman Miller – We have that dream sheet of street repairs. Is there a way that we can have that updated to represent which ones were completed so we can have that going into budget season? It would be nice to know what is left out there to do.

Safety Director – Safety Director Russ Burton had no report.

Reports

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller that the Auditor Treasurer Report – September 2014, be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

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

Councilwoman Milburn – I had a nice compliment from someone from Centerville who was passing through Wilmington. He said he decided to stop because there is always something going on in downtown Wilmington. The town was really nice and he liked the murals.

Mayor Riley – The mural is over halfway done. Jason has quit for the winter. It is too cold right now. He did put enough detail into so you can see what the images will look like. Last month I was traveling in the New England states. A lot of the communities had baskets of flowers. None of them came close to our flower baskets. What Brenda was able to do with all of our volunteers and Swindlers is amazing.

President Pro Tem McKay asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by Miller.
President declared the meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk