

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 6th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. with Acting President Mark McKay presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Purkey, present; Spicer, absent; Stuckert, present; J. McKay, present; Swindler, present; Milburn, absent; M. McKay, present.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Stuckert to excuse the absent members. Motion passed.

Absent members President Riley, Spicer, and Milburn were excused.

Chief Weyand was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President of Council-

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by J. McKay to approve the agenda as received.

Motion passed.

Agenda approved as presented.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Purkey to approve the September 15th minutes as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

Acting President M. McKay introduced Jeff Ryan and Ken Houghtaling from Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren and Clinton County who represent Citizens for Mental Health. Mr. Ryan explained that a 5 year renewal for the Mental Health Levy is on the ballot this November and this particular levy will not raise taxes. The services include addiction and recovery services, counseling, school counseling, and a 24-helpline.

M. McKay introduced the two new Interim Directors of Main Street Wilmington, Julie Bolton and Darcy Reynolds, who spoke briefly about their qualifications and experience.

M. McKay read the Notice to Legislative Authority regarding Nirmal LLC. Xenia Ave Market 659 Xenia Ave 1st Fl Wilmington, Ohio 45177 who are requesting a change of LLC and stated it would be on file and available by request in the Mayor's office.

MAYOR

Mayor- Mayor Stanforth thanked Bible Baptist Church for painting the fence at the cemetery, stating they had a great group of volunteers. Stanforth also stated the workers restoring the headstones were doing an incredible job.

Mayor Stanforth reported the Doan Street rail road crossing is now paved. The crossing guards are not up yet, but will be soon. Stanforth stated they are in the process of removing some of the downtown trees and patching concrete. Main Street may look a little bare. They have made new cut outs to make room for new trees and those would be planted soon.

Mayor Stanforth gave a shout out to Honor Flight, commenting on how wonderful and emotional it was for everyone involved.

Stanforth stated homecoming was taking place on Friday, and Wilmington would be beating Washington C.H. Mayor Stanforth stated the city had also recently given out 2 grants for the Wilmington Succeeds Program. Stanforth explained the grants are given to college graduates who are homeowners living in Wilmington. The grant funds are used to make improvements on their homes.

AUDITOR

Auditor – Auditor Hollingsworth stated the annual audit was completed and for the 2nd year in a row they received the Auditor of State award. Hollingsworth stated this means that the city had a clean audit report and the excellent record keeping earned them the award. Hollingsworth explained the award is given to local governments and school districts upon completion of a financial audit and those receiving the award meet certain criteria within the audit. Hollingsworth stated the credit needs to go to his staff who do a great job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

Asset, Acquisition and Use – Chairperson Purkey had no official report, but Purkey stated that one of the Clinton County Fellows, Levi Luttrell, had done some work over the summer on creating a database for city owned property. Purkey stated in light of the current budget situation, he would be spending some time identifying properties that could be sold, traded, or liquidated.

Mayor Stanforth commented that in the past there have been some problems regarding public contracts, and that would not happen on his watch.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson J. McKay had no official report, but he stated that a committee meeting was held the day before where they discussed, among other things, a columbarium, headstone restoration, and the budget. J. McKay stated soldiers' point is about halfway finished with the headstone restoration project, and he wanted to thank the Commissioners, who are paying for the project.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – M. McKay stated that the Interim Directors had gone over future events and asked if anyone had more to add. Purkey stated that a fundraiser concert for Operation Cherrybend would take place on Saturday at the Murphy Theatre and will feature the band Lonestar. Purkey stated tickets are still available.

Finance Committee - Swindler introduced the first item, O-16-64, Making miscellaneous transfers. From "Collection Vehicle Fuel" "Collection Vehicle Expense" the sum of \$10,000.00, due to the break down of the Recycling Truck and the need to replenish the Collection Vehicle Expense. The funds will be used to attach hydraulic lifts to the existing trucks for toter collection. From "Consultant Services" to "Consultant Services- Bldg Inspect" the sum of \$3,000.00, additional funds to pay for October Code Enforcement expenses, and from "Program Expense" to "Operating Expense" the sum of \$8,000.00, this is just changing an incorrect line item that was previously transferred.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Purkey to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-16-64- Making miscellaneous transfers.

President called for a vote.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Swindler requested that the second and third readings of O-16-64 be on the next agenda.

Judiciary Committee – A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Purkey to give the second reading only on Ordinance No. O-16-63- Amending section of Chapter 505 Animals and Fowl and Chapter 549 Weapons and Explosives of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Wilmington and declaring an emergency

President called for a vote.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Swindler requested the third reading be on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Purkey to give the first reading only on Resolution No. R-16-44 Authorizing loan assistance through the Revolving Loan Fund to Rowseworks LLC.

President called for a vote.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Swindler requested the second and third reading be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee – No report.

Safety/ Transportation Committee – No report.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Councilperson Purkey stated there is no official report, but mentioned the new toters were up and running, and referred anyone with questions to call. Swindler stated that Braden Dunham had received praise from the community for all his hard work. J. McKay also commented praising the entire staff is doing a great job.

Streets Committee –No report.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no report, but stated they had a meeting before council where they went over the 2017 budget.

Water Committee - Chairperson Swindler praised Jerry Rowlands for his work on the budget, and also stated that the 2016 revenue had increased from 2015, not because of rate increases, but because of more accurate meter reading. Swindler stated they may be moving away from the coin operated bulk water machine, and encouraged anyone who had concerns to let the committee know. Swindler stated it is an inefficient system that results in a lot of water loss.

Safety/Service Director – Director Shidaker had no report

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Auditor Hollingsworth clarified the increase in tax collections is largely in part because of the monthly tax payments no required by the State of Ohio. The city will have received an additional two months of revenue due to the fact that payments are no longer made quarterly.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by Swindler to accept the Income Tax Report as presented.
Motion passed.
Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Paul Hunter of 200 Randolph Street, expressed concern about how income tax money will be spent and stated caution should be exercised.

Bill Lierman of 1069 Linhoff Road stated he utilizes the Doan Street crossing and stated it looks great. Lierman also stated it has been 24 years since the city has had an income tax increase. Lierman also stated he is for the proposed earnings tax, highlighting all the services that the city provides that could be lost if it doesn't pass.

Mike Mendelstein had a question about how the Splash Park is progressing, M. McKay stated they are still collecting donations and they are scheduled to start taking bids in January of 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Swindler.
Acting President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk