

COUNCIL

April 2nd, 2020

Wilmington City Council met via video conferencing in regular session on Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. with President Mark McKay presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: J. McKay, present; Snarr, present; Fickert, present Purkey, present; Eveland, present; Liermann, present; Swindler, present.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President M. McKay asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by K. Fickert to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed.

Agenda approved as presented.

President M. McKay asked if there were any changes to the minutes. K. Swindler noted a correction under the Public Works Committee, stating that Committeeperson K. Fickert be changed to Chairperson K. Swindler.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by M. Purkey to approve March 5th minutes as amended.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as amended.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth thanked Governor DeWine for being so proactive in his decisions dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. Stanforth also mentioned Tom Breckel, from the Emergency Management Association, and his continuing involvement keeping the community informed with weekly updates. Mayor Stanforth noted the Transit Department has been hit hard, and only 15 out of 51 drivers are still working. Hours have been reduced and fees have been waived so that the remaining drivers will not have to handle money. He stated that area churches had offered their assistance with transportation to make sure citizens can get to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and pick up prescriptions.

Stanforth also spoke regarding the Primary Election, reminding citizens they will need to request an absentee ballot if they are planning on participating. The deadline is April 25th and a ballot must be postmarked before that date.

Stanforth briefly went over the current operating systems for the City Departments, noting changes to the Sanitation, Utility Billing, Water, Wastewater, M & R, Sugar Grove Cemetery, and City Hall Departments. Stanforth also noted each department's Superintendents are taking temperatures of all employees as they report to work. The Fire and Police Departments are also taking more precautions, such as dispatch asking more questions during intake and officers and firefighters wearing face masks and only entering residences when necessary.

Stanforth gave an update on Officer Hamilton, stating he was able to come home recently, and a ramp was built by city volunteers with supplies donated by Lowes. He thanked Jerry Runk, Bob Wilson, Dave Ross, Jack Coates, Tyler Binkley, and Ron Cravens. He went on to thank Lowes and Kroger for their recent donations to the Police and Fire Departments.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance was present but had no report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

B. Shidaker spoke briefly on the Rombach Avenue, stating the capital bill is uncertain which is the main source of funding from the state. The State is not going to release the agreements until funding is in place. There will be a meeting held to discuss options on moving the project forward on Monday and there will be more information at that time.

B. Shidaker had two items and presented the acceptance of the G-11 Waiver for the Police Union, stating the city and the police union are still in active negotiations. He explained the next steps, and how the ongoing crisis would affect the negotiations going forward.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by M. Purkey to accept the waiver. All yeas.

B. Shidaker introduced R-20-11 for city participation in the 2020 road contracts and gave an update on the current amount of salt in the shed. Shidaker stated the city has 2,000 tons in storage and he's requesting 1,500 tons of salt for next winter. He explained the new barn holds 4,000-5,000 tons and the salt does not expire.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by B. Liermann to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-11 A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Contracts Awarded in 2020 and declaring an emergency.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by B. Liermann to suspend the rules and regulation and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No

Roll Call.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by B. Liermann to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll Call.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-11 passed as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairperson M. Snarr had no report.

City Services Committee – Chairperson N. Eveland had no report but had questions regarding suspending of recycling and what citizens would do in the meantime. M. Miller clarified that the program has been suspended, but they may be able to do one round of pickups in the future.

Finance Committee – Chairperson K. Fickert had two pieces of legislation to present and introduced O-20-13 Making supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to 110.120.5236 "Direct Deductions" the sum of \$3,300.00.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-13 making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

All yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Ordinance as read.
All yeas.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-13 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced R-20-09, Enacting Tax Incentive Review Council Recommendation. K. Swindler asked if one application was declined and K. Fickert confirmed. J. McKay asked for clarification on if he was required to abstain, since he serves on the TIRC board. M. Miller diverted to Law Director Rudduck, who stated he was not required to abstain.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by N. Eveland to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-09 Enacting Tax Incentive Review Council Recommendation.
All yeas.
The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded N. Eveland to suspend the rules and regulation and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No
Roll Call.
All yeas.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by N. Eveland to pass the Resolution as read.
Roll Call.
All yeas.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-09 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey had no report.

Public Works Committee – Chairperson K. Swindler had no report but thanked Public Works Director Schaffer and the dedicated essential staff who are working for the community during this time.

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee- Chairperson J. McKay had one piece of legislation regarding the Landfill Expansion bid. J. McKay thanked Auditor Vance for all her hard work.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-10 Authorizing and directing the Director of Pubic Service to enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder for construction of the Phase 7 Expansion at the Wilmington Sanitary Landfill and authorizing expenditure of funds for same, and declaring an emergency.
All yeas.
The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded M. Purkey to suspend the rules and regulation and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No
Roll Call.
All yeas.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by M. Purkey to pass the Resolution as read.
Roll Call.
All yeas.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-10 passed as read.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by M. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to accept the reports as presented.

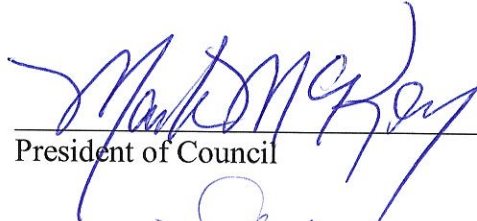
OPEN TO PUBLIC

Paul Fear asked if the City would be announcing to delay the Income Tax filing. M. Miller stated city will be updating the website and generating a press release.

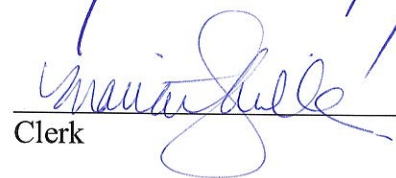
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Liermann at 8:21 p.m.
President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk