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Wilmington City Council

January 5, 2023

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at 69 N. South St. Wilmington, Ohio, 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; M Snarr, absent; B Liermann, present; B Osborn, present; M Allbright, present; N Eveland, present; M Purkey, present

J McKay moved to excuse the absent member (Snarr). B Liermann seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Absent member excused.

Chief Ron Fithen was present as Sergeant at Arms.

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

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

J McKay moved to accept the agenda as presented. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as presented.

B Osborn moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022, regular City Council Meeting. M Allbright seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

December 15, 2022, regular City Council minutes approved.

President McKay presented the 2023 Council Committee Assignments as follows:

City Revitalization Committee

Jonathan McKay (Chairperson)

Michael Snarr

Matt Purkey

Judiciary Committee

Matt Purkey (Chairperson)

Jonathan McKay

Bob Osborn

City Services Committee

Nick Eveland (Chairperson)

Bill Liermann

Jonathan McKay

Public Works/Enterprise Committee

Michael Snarr (Chairperson)

Matt Purkey

Michael Allbright

Finance Committee

Michael Allbright (Chairperson)

Bob Osborn

Michael Snarr

Ad Hoc Committee

Mark McKay (Chairperson)

Michael Snarr

Matt Purkey

Jonathan McKay

B Liermann moved to accept the 2023 Council Committee Assignments as presented. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 Council Committee Assignments approved.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth recognized the city employees or their work during Christmas. Josh Smith, the Wilmington Police and Fire Departments, Chris Reiley and Adam Simpson all responded to multiple reports of burst pipes with the extremely cold temperatures. He thanked all of the employees who gave up their Christmas holiday time with their families to serve the citizens. He encouraged citizens to sign up on the city's website for water usage monitoring.

Jessica Powell at the Transit Department received a grant from ODOT grant 55,480. The mayor congratulated Rick Schaffer, Public Works Director, on \$400,000 in federal

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funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. He noted that Congressman Carey, who is no longer over our district, helped to get the funding for the City.

The mayor pointed out a significant code enforcement concern at 772 Birdsall.

Mayor Stanforth presented a proclamation to Jeff Hawk, retiring employee at the City Water Department, who has worked for the city for 42 years.

Mayor Stanforth introduced the new editor for the Wilmington News Journal, Ryan Carter.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance presented a list of miscellaneous transfers made per Resolution R-22-50, passed December 15, 2022.

- From 580.500.5514 "Grant Match-Bridge Cemetery" to 580.500.5273 "Grounds Maintenance" the sum of \$3,000.00
- From 605.350.5446 "Match-Mulberry Street" to 605.350.5321 "Water Office Supplies" the sum of \$300.00
- From 510.211.5243 "College Reimbursement" to 510.211.5224 "Jail and Workhouse" the sum of \$2,410.00
- From 110.120.5219 "System Upgrades" to 110.120.5111 "Admin Salaries" the sum of \$280.00
- From 110.181.5123 "Director of Law Benefit Insurance" to 110.181.5111 "Director of Law Salaries" the sum of \$2,160.00
- From 110.131.5231 "Accounting and Auditing" to 110.131.5122 "Auditor's Workers Comp" the sum of \$2,177.00

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Rick Schaffer introduced Adam Simpson as the new Water Department Superintendent.

Service Director Brian Shidaker introduced Resolution R-23-01 Accepting a grant from the Clinton County Solid Waste District Curbside Recycling Grant; and Declaring an emergency. He also noted that he had been re-elected as Chairman of the Clinton County Solid Waste District Committee.

B Liermann moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-23-01 by title only. J McKay seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-01 by title only

B Liermann moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-23-01 by title only. J McKay seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: McKay, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Albright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-01 by title only.

B Liermann moved for passage of Resolution R-23-01. J McKay seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Albright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-23-01 passed as presented.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

J McKay noted the committee is working on legislation regarding the hotel lodging tax funds.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

N Eveland had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

M Albright had no report.

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

M Purkey presented Ordinance O-22-65 Authoring the Granting of Access Easement in the Southwind Subdivision.

M Purkey moved to have the second reading on Ordinance O-22-65 by title only. J McKay seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Osborn, aye; Albright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Liermann, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Ordinance O-22-65 by title only.

M Purkey requested the third reading be placed on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

M Purkey introduced Resolution R-23-02 Adopting a revised City of Wilmington Public Records Policy.

M Purkey moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-23-02 by title only. M Albright seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-02 by title only

M Purkey requested the second reading by placed on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

M Purkey introduced Resolution R-23-03 A resolution authorizing the release of a certain mortgage encumbering certain real property in the City of Wilmington, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. Purkey explained that the lien is from an old \$27,000 UDAG loan issued to now-deceased Maurice Henry. The city has no interest in collecting the balance. The release of the mortgage has been requested in order to facilitate the sale of the Hawley building.

M Purkey moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-23-03 by title only. N Eveland seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-03 by title only

M Purkey moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-23-03 by title only. N Eveland seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Albright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-03 by title only.

M Purkey moved for passage of Resolution R-23-03. N Eveland seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Albright, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-23-03 passed as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

M Purkey moved to accept the December and 2022 Annual Report; 2023 Projected Revenue Report and the Income Tax Report – December 2022, as presented. M Albright seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports accepted as presented.

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Greg Pitzer. Subject: Investigation into the death of his daughter, Casey Pitzer.

Darrell Petrey. Subject: Multiple question, mostly regarding reports of personnel issues and criminal investigations.

Tony Thomas. Subject: Public records requests.

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M Purkey noted he had a member of the public ask how much the delineators cost on Rombach. Mayor Stanforth said he did not know the cost; they were included in the ODOT project. It was noted that some delineators were broken after the latest snow event. Mayor Stanforth explained the delineators were there for safety reasons to discourage drivers from making illegal left turns. He further suggested that a concrete barrier could be placed instead if the delineators continue to be driven over. J McKay said he was not in favor of placing a concrete barrier on Rombach.

J McKay thanked the employees who worked on Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

M Purkey moved to adjourn the meeting.

President M McKay declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk