

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, November 4, 2010, with President Pro Tem Sandra Mongold presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Peterson, absent; Wallace, absent; Mead, absent; Mongold, present; McKay, present.

Assistant Chief Weyand was also present.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to excuse the absent members. Motion passed.  
Absent members excused.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, October 21, as received. Motion passed.  
Minutes approved as received.

President Pro Tem of Council – Sandy Mongold: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor – Mayor Raizk: Thank you, Madame President Pro Tem. I don't have a report tonight other than to acknowledge our community has diminished this week with the passing of Dr. Jack Boyd. He has been an integral part of our community for over 60 years and he certainly has done a tremendous amount for the healthcare of the citizens of Wilmington and Clinton County. Although we are saddened by his passing, he was not just a great doctor, he was a great family man, and he was also great citizen of the community. He was very interested and active in many community activities. He has left us a great legacy, with his work with the hospital, certainly, and with the cancer center – two shining stars of our community. I just wanted to make note of his passing and wish the family well. He was a great, great, great citizen of our community. That is all I have.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Thank you. Committee Reports. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

Asset, Acquisition and Use – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: I have no report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Auditor?

Auditor – Auditor David Hollingsworth: I have no report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Finance Committee, from way over there.

Finance Committee – Councilman McKay: We have one item, which we will only be able to do one reading on tonight. It has to do with landfill architecture. Are there any comments?

Mayor Raizk: Just to let everybody know, what we are doing is transferring this money out of the landfill architecture. The engine went out of our pan, and it is an old, old piece of equipment. We are going to replace it with a trackhoe and a truck. This will be much more modern and actually a little more efficient than the old pans. We've looked at replacing the engine and what needs to be done to the pan, and it is more than half of the cost of a new piece of equipment. So, this money is out of the future where we carry money in there for the western expansion, so that is not imminent at this point. We are going to transfer that money out so we can get these items purchased so we can get to business right now. We are having to rent...we are contracting to get that done until that happens. I don't believe we need a special to get this done. I think we can do it at the next meeting to finish it up. We probably will have to have also an ordinance to be able to acquire something without bidding. We have some good, late-model used pieces of equipment located.

Councilman Wells: I was kind of caught off-guard by this. I didn't know about this. If we spend this money, is it best to spend the money or have we looked at financing?

Mayor Raizk: Yes. We did. Well, we are financing the new loader. In fact, I just signed the lease today. We've looked at this. Since we have the money, there is no reason to pay interest on it. We can buy a used piece of equipment. If we were buying new, I would go the financing route, but with this we can buy a really good used piece of equipment and save the city a lot of money. It is about half.

Councilman Wells: So, we can be assured that this will not cause our trash rates to go up.

Mayor Raizk: Yes. We are just deferring some of the money that we had put in there for the western expansion. You know, it is several years down the road anyway. It was just out of the engineering and architectural line item.

Councilman McKay: Any other questions or comments?

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

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

McKay requested that the second and third readings be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Geoffrey Phillips: I had a call early this week that based on your actions tonight, they wanted a check signed tomorrow. Is that something different? It was for the landfill.

Mayor Raizk: No. That is in the budget...the lease on the loader. I signed those papers today. This does not have anything to do with that.

Geoffrey Phillips: The comment was that whoever we were buying from would not release the equipment until they had a check. I was to call the guy.

Service Director Reinsmith: It wasn't the recycling bin truck was it?

Geoffrey Phillips: I am confused.

Mayor Raizk: This is for...we haven't even bought this piece of equipment.

Service Director Reinsmith: We haven't selected it yet.

Mayor Raizk: We haven't even selected it yet. We were just transferring an amount of money that we knew we could have and that is what we are going to use to buy it out of. It is not the same piece of equipment.

Geoffrey Phillips: I just know the check was not in last night's check run. You had to do something tonight so it could be signed tomorrow.

Service Director Reinsmith: The recycling...you have that in a line already.

Mayor Raizk: Geoffrey, I don't think we have to do it tonight. I think we had to do something today, which was sign the lease agreement on the loader, which I did this morning.

Geoffrey Phillips: I just know that they asked about a check.

Mayor Raizk: Right. Yes, but that has nothing to do with this item.

Geoffrey Phillips: Thank you.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Water Committee?

Water Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Mike Wallace, Councilman Jaehnig: No report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Streets Committee?

Streets Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Peterson, Councilman Wells: We have the second reading on an ordinance amending the traffic control map. This is about the alley between Mulberry and Spring next to the Catholic Church. Are there any questions or discussion?

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to give the second reading only on the ordinance Amending the Traffic Control Map.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

President Pro Tem Mongold requested that the third reading be on the agenda for the next meeting.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Solid Waste/Recycling?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: I have nothing on the agenda tonight; however, I would like to ask Larry again about the packer...the status.

Service Director Reinsmith: I think we're...

Mayor Raizk: I know about it.

Service Director Reinsmith: Is it next Thursday?

Mayor Raizk: Actually, we got an update...because I said, "Don wants an update."

[Laughter]

Mayor Raizk: They lost about four days, probably a week ago, they had a problem with their sandblaster, because they are sandblasting it and then repainting it. They should have the unit back from the paint shop on Monday or Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, which would be next week. Then, from there, they need about two days to finish their end of it. I think late next week we should be okay and have it here.

Councilman Wells: And then we can distribute the bins.

Mayor Raizk: Don is working on a plan. He is working on a plan with one of the clubs at the High School, I think it is the Interact Club, as a public service project to do the distribution of the containers. I think that's a good idea too.

Service Director Reinsmith: Now, talking with Don, you know he has repeat recyclers every week, and they know those lists pretty well. I think they are going to go ahead and deliver those right off the bat. I know they want to set up down here in the lobby too for people to come and get them as they start this process.

Councilman Wells: So we should be able to have our bins at the curbside before the end of the year, then.

Paul Hunter: Is everybody getting some, or do you have to tell them? Do you have to request? It makes more sense because you know you're not going to have 100%....

Service Director Reinsmith: I told Don, I could see these bins being in a garage being loaded up with nails and screws and parts.

Mayor Raizk: Actually, Paul, you're right. That is what Larry was saying. The first shot around is going to be – I mean, they know really the households that recycle. They know them to the letter. They have them on a list, so those folks will get them first and then we have some point-to-point. Folks will be able to come and say, "Hey, my neighbor's got one. Where do I get one of those?" and do it that way. This way, it is not just go to every house and drop one off because, like Larry says, if you're not going to recycle, there is no sense in giving you one.

Paul Hunter: [Inaudible for Transcription]

Service Director Reinsmith: ...and he said that Tuesday route, Geoffrey...

Geoffrey Phillips: Bring them on; we're ready.

Service Director Reinsmith: ...he said there are about 700 pickups on that route and about 300 recyclers in that group.

Councilman Jaehnig: So, if for some reason a household is not using the bags currently, whatever the reason that they chose not to use them, but they want to recycle, they need to call.

Service Director Reinsmith: They can call the landfill.

Mayor Raizk: He's working out the distribution plan.

Geoffrey Phillips: For instance, every bin has a number that is going to be registered to that residence.

Service Director Reinsmith: Right. We ordered 4000. Donnie has talked to the recycling people in Columbus. They say he needs to go ahead and submit another order. They last about a year and a half. They get cracked; they get stolen.

Councilman Wells: Do we need to work on some sort of legislation to by law protect those bins from theft.

Paul Hunter: Whose property are they? City property?

Councilman Jaehnig: [Inaudible for Transcription] you're still in trouble. I don't think we need new laws.

Service Director Reinsmith: Probably, if you stole somebody's trash can they could have you arrested, Don.

Geoffrey Phillips: Are you talking about the contents of the bin or the bin?

Service Director Reinsmith: The bin.

Councilman Wells: The bin itself. We've already got legislation to protect the aluminum.

Mayor Raizk: I think they're city property at this point.

Councilman Wells: That is all.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Wastewater/Sewer Committee?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Judiciary Committee?

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: No report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: No report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Mark McKay – I think we had a rocking Halloween weekend, with yahoos all over the downtown, movies being shown, a picture show that lasted well into the night at the Murphy Theatre, which was sold out or awful close to being sold out. We got the job done, and we're coming into the Christmas season and Holidazzle. Just come downtown and have a great time.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Okay. Parks & Recreation?

Parks and Recreation Committee – In the absence of Convener Mike Wallace, Councilman Wells: No report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Service Director?

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: No report.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Safety Director?

Safety Director – Mayor Raizk: No report.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the Income Tax Report – October 2010, as received.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as received.

President Pro Tem Mongold: Before we open it to the public, I would just like to mention that you do have before you the general fund report through October 31. If you'll take that home and look through it. If it you have any questions, you can call the Auditor's Office. A reminder that the next meeting, November 18 at 6:00, prior to the meeting, is a finance work session to discuss the budget, so mark that on your calendars. Does council or anyone from the audience have anything they would like to say this evening?

Paul Hunter: I just have a couple of questions. A year or two ago, council voted some money to reline the sewer mains up on the north. We did some last year. I talked to Don or the guy there, and they said maybe we are going to do some more this year. Is that money already sitting there just waiting to be used? Is that how that is?

Service Director Reinsmith: Yes. They got sidetracked with that big problem down there at Swindlers. But, I know we met with Harry and the Mayor the other day, and he said the EPA really needs him to get some more of that work done still this year. They have him on a schedule every year.

Paul Hunter: Yes, before the rains come. One other question. Are we going to haul our recyclables to Cincinnati or has that been turned down?

Service Director Reinsmith: Well, Donnie is trying to find the best location at the best...

Paul Hunter: Oh, you're searching...

Service Director Reinsmith: That truck is a 16 yard, so he can load the whole week's recyclables and make one trip.

Paul Hunter: So, you don't know how much they are going to charge.

Service Director Reinsmith: That is what they're working on right now.

Geoffrey Phillips: Larry, do we have an update on the Prairie project at Lowes drive. I think you last mentioned that it is going to be done this year.

Service Director Reinsmith: It is being engineered, but we are not going to be doing it until spring. I've already sent in an extension to Ohio Public Works.

Mayor Raizk: The reasoning is, there was a way to rush it through to the end of the year, but the people had seen enough orange barrels in Wilmington for most of the summer, so we thought we would just spare them until next spring.

Geoffrey Phillips: And I understand that, but I watched a pedestrian today have to go down into the ditch, and there are a lot of people who walk and ride their bikes in that stretch, [Inaudible for Transcription] People are walking that stretch anyway.

Mayor Raizk: I understand that, but the reality of it is, if we did start it this year, it would not have been completed this year anyway. We would have had a construction mess that would have held over until the next season.

Service Director Reinsmith: Like Nelson Road was last winter.

Mayor Raizk: We just decided that we had better knock it out at one time and get it down, because the snow is going to be flying here pretty soon. We also have that other project.

Councilman Wells: I just want to thank Paul Hunter for his neighborhood awareness and letting me know what is going on in the neighborhood and helping keep up with the zoning violations and trying to get things fixed. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Councilman Jaehnig: Just real quick, it is Holidazzle season. I just want to mention. We are in full swing. We are still accepting applications and registrations for some floats. We are still accepting registrations for entertainers and vendors. If you are a vendor with a craft or if you are a nonprofit looking to make a little money on the side, we are still looking for those. The biggest thing is, is we really do run this particular festival on a shoestring. Our budget is only about \$1500 this year, but we haven't come close to meeting that goal yet, so we are still seeking funding to finish off what we are attempting to do. To be honest, if you took that into consideration the number of people that come into town, to pull off a festival of this size for \$1500 is incredible. So, we still need funding and need some help. If everybody would put the word, we would greatly appreciate it. They can contact me directly or Molly at the General Denver and we would be happy to assist them in any of their requests.

President Pro Tem Mongold again asked if anybody else from the public or the council wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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