

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. with President Fred Ertel presiding.

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

Assistant Chief Duane Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the special meeting, November 17, as received.

Motion passed.

Special minutes approved as received.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Wells to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, December 1, as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

President Ertel announced that his portion was completed.

Mayor – Mayor David Raizk presented a plaque to President Fred Ertel. He said that in this moment he was proud and honored and a little sad. He told Fred that the plaque was in appreciation of his fine public service to the City of Wilmington, not just on City Council, but on other things he had been involved with, most notably the Port Authority and other activities. The inscription read:

*In Appreciation to
Fred Ertel
President of Council
For Dedicated and Loyal Service
To the Wilmington City Council
and the Citizens of Wilmington.
January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2011.*

The mayor congratulated Fred and said that he had done a great job.

[Applause]

Mayor Raizk said that the citizens owed Fred a great debt. He said that he had done many fine things for the community and would continue to do that.

Mayor Raizk announced that the next plaque he was presenting was a great deal tougher. He asked Councilmember Sandy Mongold to come to the front. He said that they had known each other a long time. Mayor Raizk said that it was an honor and a privilege to give her a plaque, with everything that she had done serving the Citizens of Wilmington since 1990. He said that her leadership with Safety and her leadership with Finance had helped steer the ship on a great course over the many years. He said it was with honor and privilege, but also with regret, that he gives her a plaque. The inscription read:

*In Appreciation to
Sandy Mongold,
Councilmember At Large,
Finance Committee Chair,
Asset, Acquisition and Use Chair,
President Pro-tem
For dedicated and professional service to
Wilmington City Council and the
Citizens of Wilmington.
10/18/1990 to 12/31/2011.*

Mayor David Raizk congratulated Councilwoman Mongold.

[Lengthy applause]

[Pictures were taken]

Mark McKay asked the mayor if he had any other report.

The mayor said he did not.

Councilman McKay asked Mayor Raizk to come and stand beside him. He said that he knew that the mayor had requested no plaque or no honorarium, etc. He said they certainly wished to honor his request, but he wanted to say a few words. He said that David Raizk had been in several positions in the city for around 30 years – Safety Director, President of Council, and then of course, Mayor from the year 2000. He said that during David Raizk’s tenure, there have been many changes in the city. He continued that several projects that had been completed under the mayor’s administration – Lowes Drive Connector, Davids Drive Connector, Wilmington Bypass, the Annexation of the Air Park, and the purchase of the former Textron property. Councilman McKay said that with the visionary help and drive of Laura Curliss, the administration had helped the city receive several grants and stimulus funds that had allowed the city to create the mural parking lot, clean up and remove facades and renovate facades in the downtown, and construct curb and gutter and sidewalks on all major arteries through the city. He said that when DHL left, the mayor was the first to realize that a task force needed to be created and has worked tirelessly and continuously on economic development efforts. He said there were many, many other things that the administration had been responsible for, and he said he was proud to have been working along his side during these efforts. Councilman McKay said he believed it had been said that the measure of a man when his work is done is that his peers simply say job well-done. He said not that the mayor is not necessarily done, but for this chapter in the mayor’s life, he would like to say, “Job well done, Mayor David Raizk.”

[Applause]

Mayor Raizk thanked Mark and everyone else. He said that he would make a speech, but there was a five-minute limit.

[Laughter]

Mayor Raizk said that it had been a labor of love for him. He said it had always been about the citizens for him and he hoped he had served them well. He said he hoped for the continued success of this council and the next mayor in continuing to do the same thing. He said the citizens are very important and sometimes we get lost – we have blinders on every once in a while. He said we get lost in the discussions and different points of view about what we should be doing or spending. He continued, “If you take nothing else, remember who it is for and put them at the top of your list – that’s the Citizens of Wilmington.” The mayor said if you put them first, you can never go wrong. He wished everyone much, much success and good luck.

[Applause]

President Ertel said it was time to start committee reports.

Assets Acquisition and Use: Chairperson Sandy Mongold said they had the second and third readings on a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for real property owned by Xidas Enterprises, Inc. (.316 acres more or less) and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter in to a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property Owned by Xidas Enterprises, Inc. (.316 Acres More or Less) and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2267 passed as read.

Auditor – Auditor David Hollingsworth had no report.

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold introduced an ordinance making supplemental appropriations.

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

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5004 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold introduced an ordinance making miscellaneous transfers.

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

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5005 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold announced the second reading on an ordinance making appropriations for the fiscal year 2012.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the second reading only on the ordinance Making Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Wilmington, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012.

Mead, Wells and Stuckert voted nay. All other members voted yea.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Councilwoman Mongold asked that the third reading be on the agenda for the December 29 special council meeting.

President Ertel asked if Councilwoman Mongold had anything else.

Councilwoman Mongold stated that she had something to say but was not sure if she was able.

President Ertel suggested she wait until the end of the meeting.

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace had no report.

Streets Committee – Chairperson Wells had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells had no report.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay introduced a resolution authorizing the deferral of the sewage system rate increase.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Continued Deferral of the Sewage System Rate Increases Scheduled for January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2010, Respectively, for a Period of One Year, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2268 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Rob Jaehnig had no report.

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig had no report, but stated that he would like to pass his five minutes down to the honored Councilwoman.

[Laughter]

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Mark McKay had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Bob Mead had no report.

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith had no report.

Safety Director – Mayor Raizk had no report.

Reports:

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to approve the Auditor-Treasurer – November 2011, as received.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as received.

President Ertel announced the special council meeting on Thursday, December 29, at 7:30 a.m. He said at that time they would be finishing up all of the end-of-year financial business and having the final vote on the budget.

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

Paul Hunter stated that he had no report.

Jonathan McKay: 371 High Street. He stated that he was born in 1986 and he had never known the city without David Raizk in it. He said he was four years old when Councilwoman Mongold started. He thanked them for his service to the city. He said that they had sat through both the best of times during his lifetime and the worst of times. He said that they had handled themselves wonderfully. Mr. McKay said he respected the mayor for what he went through when he was in Germany during the DHL announcement. He complimented Sandy on how she had handled finance during the difficult budget times. He said that Fred Ertel had just banged the gavel one too many times. He thanked them all for their service to the City of Wilmington.

[Applause]

Councilwoman Mongold said that her daughter was there this evening and that she had been there for the first meeting and now the last. She remembered that the first meeting was in the old City Building. Councilwoman Mongold asked her daughter to read what she had written as she was having difficulty speaking.

Krista Weida, Councilwoman Mongold's daughter, stated that her mother had been an inspiration to her, being a woman on Council for 22 years. She said she had always looked up to her and wished her luck in the new chapter of her life. She read the following letter on behalf of her mother:

I'm proud to be a resident of Wilmington, Ohio, and I am even more proud to be able serve the residents for over 22 years. I have seen many changes, good and bad, but our community always sticks together and comes out stronger. I have enjoyed working with many people over the years. I encourage the council members to dig in and learn how the City and finances operate. It can be complex and you cannot rely on others to give you the answers and knowledge. I wish you all the very best.

Christa apologized for not being able to read the writing.

[Applause]

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

President Ertel said that he had a few words. He said he would like to thank everyone. He said it had been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Wilmington. He said that eight years ago he came in with one thought – to give back to the community. He said he did not come in with any preconceived political ideas, and he did not come in with any notion of how important the job was. He said that he found out it was quite important. He said he truly enjoyed serving the citizens of Wilmington. He said he would also like to thank all of the department managers for all of their hard work in the past in the trying times. President Ertel said that last year they came in 1.2 under the proposed budget through the hard work of the department heads. He said that this year we are coming in about 900,000 below the budget. He said it was excellent work on their part. In general, he said, he felt he was leaving the city as good as he found it. The people that he truly enjoyed working on council with included – infamous David Hockaday, Nick Babb, Cindy Peterson, Leilani Popp, Mark McKay, Sandy, Mike Wallace and Rob Jaehnig. President Ertel said he wanted to thank Laura Curliss. He said Laura had been a wonderful person in working at the City. He said that her with her energy, innovation, knowledge, follow-through, drive – you name it – she kept them on track a lot. The final thing, he thanked Mayor David Raizk. He said it had been a pleasure to be with David. President Ertel said he got a call one Saturday morning saying that he had to get up there because the Lt. Governor was coming to town. He said that one of the highlights of city life was sitting in that meeting and setting the stage for the redevelopment committee, which grew into a driving force of Wilmington's recovery from the devastating news that DHL handed them. He said without David's help (he can guarantee you because he was in the meetings), we would not be sitting here with an Air Park given back to the Clinton County Port Authority. He thanked David for his help in that. He said that he knows that the citizens do not always know all of the things that we go through, all of

the tests, but wives and husbands do. He thanked all of the spouses for their support to the council people. He also thanked Law Director Kathryn Hapner for her help.

President Ertel 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 Ertel asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk