

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. with President Pro Tem Mark McKay presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, absent; Mead, present; Miller, present; Milburn, present; McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Spicer to excuse the absent member (Stuckert).

Motion passed. All yeas.

Absent member excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President Pro Tem of Council asked cell phones to be set to silent mode.

President Pro Tem of Council -

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, February 6, as presented.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor –

Mayor Riley swore in Police Officer Whitney McManus.

Mayor Riley notified the community that the Natural Gas Aggregation Contract has been signed. The contract is with Volunteer Energy Services.

Anna Wiederhold, Professor of Communications Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno presented information on a Young Professionals Attitude Survey that was taken recently in the City of Wilmington. It was a collaborative research project between City of Wilmington, Chamber of Commerce, Regional Planning Commission, Energize Clinton County, Wilmington College and Ohio University, with the goal of understanding economic, social and physical aspects of Wilmington and Clinton County's struggle to attract and retain young people (18-40 year olds). Complete results of the survey are available on the Clinton County Regional Planning website. Between the censuses of 2000 and 2010, Clinton County saw a nearly 4% increase in population, but a 4% decrease in 18-40 year olds. It has been noted that if the young professional population had grown at the same rate as the county population as a whole during that time, we would have 600 more young people living in our community today than we do.

In a nutshell, the study suggests that respondents across the board really value a strong sense of community; however, compared to older adults (60 and above), a higher percentage of the 18-40 age group don't feel like they experience a sense of community in Clinton County. Members in this group of residents are more likely to leave the area than their happy peers. Participants in the study celebrated the sense of safety and the small-town atmosphere that gives Wilmington its charm. They also pointed out three specific tensions that they experience in living here. The first is a disconnect between educational preparation and jobs. There are people who want to stay here, their family is here, they consider this home, but they feel as if they have to go somewhere else in order to get a job. On the flip side of that, there are people who are here because a job brought them here, but they don't feel bonded to the community, so they would be willing to leave if a better opportunity came up. The second tension they are experiencing is a difficulty in getting into the inner circle. This is mostly those folks that have come to Wilmington. They feel like outsiders. They love that there is this close-knit community

in Wilmington, but they feel like it's something they can't get into and they don't know how to get into. The final tension is this challenge of balancing respect for the past with the needs of the future. Recognizing the hardship that the community has been through but also trying to move past that and move forward with new ideas is something that the young professionals reported really struggling with.

Some of these obstacles are being met with the Wilmington Succeeds Program. Overall, the researchers were struck with the overwhelming passion with which participants spoke of Wilmington and Clinton County. If young people didn't care about the future of this area, they would not have taken the time or the effort to complete the surveys, show up for the focus groups and to share their opinions with us. I hope this research is useful to Clinton County leaders and can help spark new ideas for moving forward in economic development.

Mayor Riley expressed his appreciation to Dr. Wiederhold for her efforts and talked about how he hoped the Wilmington Succeeds program would help bridge the gap and keep young people in our community.

Taylor Stuckert, Clinton County Regional Planning, discussed the importance of collaborative projects with local educational institutions and organizations.

Auditor - Auditor David Hollingsworth had no report.

Asset, Acquisition and Use - Chairperson Mead presented the second reading on legislation declaring parcels on Columbus Street as surplus.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Miller to give the second reading only on the ordinance Declaring Parcels More Commonly Known as 481 Columbus Street and Adjacent Property in Wilmington, Ohio, to be Surplus Property.

President Pro Tem asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Mead requested that the third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Mead introduced legislation making supplemental appropriations.

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

President Pro Tem asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Milburn to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Ord. No. 5135 passed as read.

Councilman Mead introduced legislation making miscellaneous transfers.

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

President Pro Tem asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes. Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Miller to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Ord. No. 5136 passed as read.

Water Committee - Chairperson McKay presented legislation for hauling lime sludge.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Mead to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Authorizing the Advertisement and Contract for Hauling of Lime Sludge from Water Treatment Plant.

Roll call: Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes. Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5137 passed as read.

Councilman McKay presented legislation to purchase chemicals for the Water Department.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Miller to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing the Advertising for Bids and Purchase of Chemicals for the Water Department, and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes. Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2348 passed as read.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Jaehnig presented the recycling report. The city is currently at 42% participation for residential recycling. With 4000 customers, we distribute 1,662 bins. We average about 900 bins being emptied each week. We collect between 4 and 5 tons per week and are paid \$42 per ton. We truck this out weekly at a cost of \$212 per trip, which is about a wash. The compactor is being installed, which should cut the trucking costs by at least half. The city distributes five new bins per month. We have submitted a grant request for site improvements and a new style of bin for commercial and apartment use. We currently do not have service for these type of customers. The grant request is also for a new recycling truck to replace our current truck. The Solid Waste field trip is being rescheduled.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee – In absence of Chairperson Stuckert, Councilman Mead had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig introduced the third reading on the Gateway Zone.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to give the third reading only on the ordinance Amending Section 1141.01 and Adding Chapter 1152 to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington Creating the G1 Gateway District Zone.

Seeing no discussion, President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to pass the ordinance as read.

President Pro Tem called for a vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5138 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig requested that the mayor, Service Director Reinsmith, Regional Planning get something prepared for Planning Commission so we can start working on placement of the zone.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation reauthorizing a UDAG loan to Adam Bede. This revised legislation states that the city will hold a second position on the mortgage rather than a first position.

[Discussion of UDAG program]

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller to give the first reading only on a resolution Rescinding Resolution 2341 and Authorizing a UDAG Loan to Adam Bede Holding Company from the UDAG Project Income Revolving Loan Fund, and Declaring an Emergency.

Seeing no more discussion, President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2349 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with CBD Advisors for economic development at the Air Park. The contract is initially seven months, which is the amount available in the economic development line, and is paid on a month-to-month basis.

Councilman Mead said his initial thought was to vote no, but since it has been explained that the money is already in line, he supports the legislation.

[Discussion of CBD contract. The fee is \$1250 per month for seven months. Mayor explained that the contract is in conjunction with ATSG and the Port Authority and they are targeting large employers.]

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with CBD Advisors, LLC and Declaring an Emergency.

Seeing no more discussion, President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Spicer to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Miller yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2350 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig introduced legislation amending the parking fine schedule.

Councilman Mead asked if there had been any feedback. Mayor Riley said the only feedback he had heard was it time to change the fee schedule since it had been the same for so long.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Amending §351.98, Fine Schedule In Lieu of Prosecutions for Certain Parking Offenses, of Chapter 351, Parking Generally, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington.

Roll call: Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Spicer to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5139 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation updating the GovDeals online auction contract.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Expressing Intent to Sell City Surplus Items to the Public Through an On-Line Auction Service and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes. Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Surplus to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Spicer, yes; Mead, yes; Miller yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2351 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation updating the City's agreement with WebCheck.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with Ohio Attorney General for National WebCheck Program.

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes. Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2352 passed as read.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener McKay announced that we purchased the property that runs between Mulberry and South Street and runs along the small creek. The extension of the bike/pedestrian trail can now be started as well as the park area this year. The monies are all in place. It's a good way to tie the college to the downtown.

Mayor Riley – The local trail will now run through that section and the urban trail will be re-routed and rebranded as the Q-Path. We have been working with the College on this. Wilmington has a tradition of murals and we hope to have another one there at Xidas Park.

Parks and Recreation Committee – In the absence of Convener Stuckert, Councilwoman Milburn had no report.

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith had no report.

Safety Director – Safety Director Russ Burton had no report.

Reports

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Miller that the Auditor-Treasurer – January 2014 Report be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

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

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph Street. Mr. Hunter presented a new compilation of data from the Ohio EPA, City Auditor, and County Solid Waste District. He said the current data should be reviewed before deciding what to do with the landfill. The question is, do we really need emergent changes in our landfill operations? Residential pickup is handled well. Curbside recycling program has been increasing and the costs have been declining. The landfill financial information is looking good. The Sanitation Department had a \$600,000 unencumbered carryover in 2012. Carryover in 2014 was only down 1%. Thanks to the Solid Waste Committee’s work to bring the tipping fees up to date, we appear to have rates about right. The changes in tipping rates have allowed for approximately a 6-month extension of the cell’s current life. The expansion will extend that even further. The present landfill operation is on solid financial footing, and the idea of bringing in a third-party to run the program needs to be considered very carefully before moving forward with changes. Expenses and revenues are in balance. Increasing revenue will increase commercial traffic.

[Discussion of landfill]

Paul Hunter - Phil Hale, local artist, passed away in Costa Rica.

Councilman Jaehnig – We will be discussing skilled gaming legislation at the next council meeting.

Councilman Mead – Small businesses have a problem with cardboard recycling.

Mayor Riley – There were technical problems with recycling the heavy cardboard fiber. They did ask people for a period of time to stop dropping it off up by Bill Marine’s. The problems have been corrected and that is opened again for dropping off cardboard. Of all the paper recycling, cardboard is the most valuable.

[Discussion of cardboard recycling]

President Pro Tem McKay asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Jaehnig.
President Pro Tem declared meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk