

Wilmington City Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. with President Pro Tem Mark McKay presiding.

Call to Order

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

Chief Detective Riley was also present.

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

Motion passed. All yeas.

Absent member excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of silence observed

Finance Committee - Chairperson Miller introduced legislation making miscellaneous transfer into the Law Director's consultant services line.

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

President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Ord. No. 5190 passed as read.

2015 Budget

Councilwoman Miller introduced the budget process – My intention is to gain information and understand, not to interrogate or make anyone justify their budget. We will be asking a lot of questions to make sure we are comfortable.

Councilwoman Miller asked what the proposed budget carryover is. Auditor David Hollingsworth answered that it was at around 24%.

Auditor David Hollingsworth – The income tax revenues are up. Last year we used a budget number of \$4 million. It looks like we are going to come in at around \$4.3 million or a little above that. Marque Jones gave us a budget number of \$4.3 for this year. You'll see our in our collections for 2014 the inheritance tax that was phased out at the end of 2012. We ended up collecting some residual monies this year of about \$21,000. In 2013, we collected \$356,642 of state inheritance tax. That is now gone. Also, under contracts, Fire Union Township, there was a pool of money Union Township had accumulated toward their emergency services that we contracted with to receive over a five year period. The last year we will receive a payment will be 2015.

Councilwoman Miller – Are we expecting a lump payment for that contract?

Auditor David Hollingsworth – On December 31, they are scheduled to pay us. This month and next week will tell us where we will be for 2014 because this is the last quarter that we will collect substantial withholding monies. Also, any income tax returns

that were on extension that were filed October 15 and had payments due, those will have been collected in the month of October. That's our last big injection of income tax dollars. We are still scheduled to receive the balance of the Union Township Contract money before the end of the year.

Councilman Stuckert – Are you saying there won't be any money coming from our township contracts?

Auditor David Hollingsworth – No. Just that pool of money that they had accumulated. We are still getting their tax monies. It's the \$175,000 per year that we have been receiving over the last five years that will go away.

Councilwoman Miller – I know that the ending balance had me concerned in the sense that it's a million dollars less than what we are starting with. Some of the difference is going to be because of the salary increases. What in our overall budget is seeing an increase?

Mary Kay Vance – You can't plug an increase into it because every department is different. Some departments saw step increases and then you gave a 4% increase across the board to everybody. There would be one person who only got the 4% and then maybe five people who had different steps. There is no set percentage that you can apply to each department to say that it will have increased by a number of dollars.

Auditor David Hollingsworth – I think the only new hires in the budget are two police officers that are being replaced that either left or for whatever reason aren't there now. So, if you look at the salaried budgeted for 2014 and what are being budgeted for 2015, whatever that change is should be a reflection of whatever the salary increases or step increases or the 4% raise.

Councilwoman Miller – That's the number I thought I asked for tonight. That's important because it puts into perspective the difference of the one million dollars. Some of the million dollars is from salary increases. There is no way to calculate that difference?

Mary Kay Vance – You could, but it won't be reflective of what those increases are because overtime fluctuates, the officer in charge, shift differential. There are so many other fluctuations in there. It would be an imperfect number. You could take all of the salaries from last year and all of the salaries from this year, and the difference between the two would be your percentage of increase, but that would not necessarily be due to your four percent and the steps, because there would be all of the other variables involved in those numbers.

Councilman Jaehnig – If we had a million dollar increase in our budget, you're looking to see if \$700,000 of that is in salaries.

Councilwoman Miller – That is what I need to know. That would mean \$700,000 I can't manipulate because it is what it is. But \$300,000 I might be able to work with.

[Discussion of payroll fluctuations]

### Fire Budget

Councilwoman Miller – I saw that you didn't have any capital items. I appreciate that because when we had the finance meeting back in May, you mentioned the roof was the last in your pipeline.

Andy Mason – The roof was done, but that was put in the budget last year.

Councilwoman Miller – Was there anything the fire fund that you wanted to address?

Councilman Spicer – On the lease revenue, we're showing \$7,000. Are we not leasing that vehicle anymore?

Chief Mason – That lease is finished. The opportunity is always there to lease equipment, but there currently is not anything being leased.

Councilman Spicer asked about why the line for communications equipment was now at zero. Mason said he did not recall what that was spent for last year, but he could find out. Councilman Jaehnig suggested it was to update equipment for the new towers last year.

Councilwoman Miller asked if the emergency ambulance salaries were for the EMT's and paramedics. Chief Mason explained that some were under fire and some were under emergency ambulance salaries. Everyone plays dual roles. He has 17 people, so he splits it between the two funds. Councilwoman Miller asked if it was funded separately based on taxes and line items. Mary Kay Vance said that they were not funded separately. Councilman Spicer suggested that when it was originally set up, it was based on roughly how many people were needed for the squad. This is not accurate anymore because the same people perform all of the work.

Councilman Stuckert asked what was the source of the money being transferred into the fire budget (\$664,679). Auditor David Hollingsworth answered that it was from the General Fund. Councilman Stuckert asked if that was from income tax. Auditor David Hollingsworth explained that the transfer amount was everything the levy did not cover.

Chief Mason pointed out that the EMS billing goes into the General Fund, and there is not a separate line. Last year, \$573,000 went into the General Fund.

Councilwoman Miller – If you look at it that way, you are only supplementing \$64,000.

Mayor Riley – I said a year or so ago, they were at around \$80,000 of almost being an Enterprise Fund in that the money that they brought in from their levies and their EMS billing, they came really close to breaking even. It would not take much for them to be at the break-even point.

Chief Mason said that if you considered the total overall budget, he was asking for a \$1.2 million from the General Fund, and then took out the \$570,000, EMS billing and the \$75,000 for Union Township, the hit on the General Fund budget from fire would be about \$521,000.

#### Police Budget

Councilwoman Miller – How often do you have to replace your vehicles. On your capital item request, you have two more vehicles. I think you got two this year. Should we anticipate a perpetual replacement of approximately two cars per year?

Councilman Jaehnig – It has taken us a while to get to that. When I first came on council, we had to replace a whole bunch at once because we were not on a cycle. That was one of the requests that we made to Duane, and Duane did a very good job of getting this onto a cycle.

Councilman Spicer – In the safety meetings, Duane has been pretty forthright that two vehicles would be needed.

Mayor Riley – We have what I would call a mixed use fleet now. We don't have all Crown Victorias like we did 15 years ago. We have some smaller cars. We have an SUV and a pickup truck. We have several vehicles that service the city well.

Chief Detective Riley – These are marked vehicles that we are asking for.

Councilwoman Miller – The maintenance contract increased significantly. What falls under the maintenance contract and what are we expecting for next year. You had budgeted \$27,500 and now it is \$42,000.

Chief Detective Riley – This line is for yearly bills like the copiers, the phone, and the car computers. This is to add the mobiles and the contract to do all of the maintenance and upgrades on the mobile computers and radios.

Councilman Jaehnig – When we talked about that, Duane said we would have a maintenance contract that we would be stuck with every year.

Chief Detective Riley – This is just because of the new radio system.

Councilman Spicer – On the Police salaries, it looks like about \$150,000 more. Is that for adding two additional or just maintaining the ones we have. Why that increase?

Chief Detective Riley – You have the change in the wage scales for a lot of them and then two additional officers. My understanding is that is to replace what we have lost. We had a patrol officer and a detective go, so we would replace those two.

Mayor Riley – I know Duane wants to get the staff back up where it should be.

Councilwoman Miller – I thought he had recently said it was fine with the last hire. I don't know if anyone has left. At that moment, we were fine.

Councilman Spicer – If we were just maintaining our staff, and it was \$1.2 million for the police salaries and now it is \$1.37, taking in that we have done the raises and all that, but I can't imagine \$157,000 in just those increases.

Chief Detective Riley – I believe it is two additional officers on top of what we have.

Councilman Spicer – It is not just replacing the two from last year, we are putting two on.

Chief Detective Riley – So we can get back up to what our staffing levels should be as far as road patrol, the number of units we have, day shift, night shift.

Mayor Riley – That was my understanding. He wanted a total of four hires. Two replacements and two new ones.

Chief Detective Riley – With time off, training, sick, people out, we are still running two officers on a shift at times.

Auditor David Hollingsworth – My understanding is the contract says 23 was the maximum number.

Brenda Woods – This puts them at 21.

Auditor David Hollingsworth – That is what Duane explained to us.

Councilman Spicer – In 2014, we had 21 and then we lost two and that brought us to 19. We hired two more to bring us back to 21. I know Duane wants two more, but I don't want to hire them and then not have the money and have to lay them off. That is what I want to avoid.

Councilwoman Miller – There is also something to be said for being staffed enough that you don't have to pay overtime.

Chief Detective Riley explained the Explorers Program and said it was privately funded.

Councilwoman Miller – In perpetuity, there is a two vehicle maintenance program. We can call it a capital item, but it doesn't reflect capital equipment in the budget. I would like to see the two motor vehicles as a recurring item in the budget because it is regular. Can that be amended?

Mayor Riley – It is regular, but it is not. You could defer replacing vehicles because of a budget crunch. In the past we have not purchased any.

Councilwoman Miller – I would rather have it on for good and then be able to remove it.

#### Water Department Budget

Councilwoman Miller asked about the increase in the ODNR payment.

Water Department Supervisor Jerry Rowlands – I keep that near \$382,000 because I have no idea what the O&M (Operations and Maintenance) is going to be in June. This is the bill that ODNR receives from the Corps of Engineers and then pass 12% on to us. It fluctuates from \$100,000 to \$350,000. I can't budget for it. If I have something left, I transfer it to another account if needed.

Councilwoman Miller – On the postage, so far you have used \$8000 out of your \$15,000 but then you still ask for \$14,000.

Jerry Rowlands – We went to the Smartbill, so I believe we had some savings this year. I wasn't sure how much it would be this year, so I kept the budget at \$14,000. Smartbill is the new billing system for the utility office. They get a better postage rate than what we get.

President Pro Tem McKay – What was the big change in contractual services from \$53,000 to \$20,000?

Jerry Rowlands – I carried money over from last year in contractual. This year I was expecting it to be more when I cleaned the towers. I also had to convert our tower over.

Councilwoman Miller asked why data processing services went up. Jerry Rowlands gave a listing of things paid out of the line, including Right Stuff payroll system. Councilwoman Miller asked how the payroll system was working for them. He said it was a challenge with the operators.

Councilwoman Miller – I remember Paul Fear bringing up the interest on the notes. We're paying \$490,000 in interest. Paul, I know that this is not your department, but do you remember what you had brought up regarding potential cost savings.

Paul Fear – My understanding we are able to refinance the bonds this year: half of them in 2015 and the rest in 2017. Right now, we are paying for that one bond that we will possibly be able to refinance. We just did the refinancing of this building and the others at about 2% and we were at 4.8%. We are paying 5.9% on the one that we should be able to refinance. If we are able to refinance at our A-1 rating of 2%, it may be a savings.

Councilwoman Miller – Is that something we can pursue as a cost savings?

Auditor David Hollingsworth – Number one, we will be notified by Scott Stubbins when the time is right to do that, because he is the one who does this. He is the person we use to go to market and he will calculate the cost savings. The cost savings will be based on what the market is doing. That is something we will pursue when it is time. That is not something I can tell you right now. Typically with bonds, you can't refund them until ten years out, and that is what Paul is talking about. There is one that we can refund this year.

President Pro Tem McKay – I'm assuming architectural and engineering is for new work we are planning.

Jerry Rowlands. – That is only if we get the grants. Generally, engineering costs are 25% of the project. I generally do \$20,000 no matter what. I do a lot of the small stuff in-house. I put \$100,000 in there just in case we get that grant money for the Fife Avenue project. I haven't had a balanced budget since 2007; we have always cut cost or come

close to make the debt coverage. With the rate increase, it was nice from the get-go to have such a close balanced budget.

Mayor Riley – One of the notes in the RCAP report was we really couldn't do any of the preventative or predictive maintenance, which is going to involve engineering, without having staff or funds to do it. This will help us recapture some of that water that is being lost. We know there are some leaks but we had not had the money to find them.

Jerry Rowlands – We have older meters that are not reading properly.

Councilwoman Miller asked why office supplies were going up by \$3000. Jerry said that he pays for 1/3 of utility billing, but he did not know why it was going up.

Councilman Stuckert – Your increase in water salaries – did you get any new people in that increase?

Jerry Rowlands – I always budgeted for a relief operator. We ended up using that salary because we didn't have anyone to fill in. Basically, we use overtime to fill in for each other. We did replace the relief operator. Most of this reflects step raises.

[Back and forth discussion of budget details]

Councilman Spicer – I notice water treatment is about \$20,000 higher.

Jerry Rowlands – The trend has been that they are going up. We cut it close this year, so I added a little for next year.

Councilman Spicer – The commercial lab fees also went up.

Jerry Rowlands – Yes. This year we have to do the UCMR3, which is unregulated contaminate rule. Basically, what they do is an unfunded mandate. Every five years we have to participate for USCPA. They give us 25 new chemicals to test for every quarter. It is quite expensive. This year, 2015, we will have to do it. I think maybe lead and copper are due this year as well.

Councilman Jaehnig – In terms of capital expenditures and what we need to keep in reserve, you have capital expenditures of \$144,000. That was about what we were losing a year out of the water fund.

Jerry Rowlands – We were losing between \$200,000 and \$500,000.

Councilman Jaehnig – My leaning would be we have to start getting caught up. Looking at your revenues and what you have in your ending balance right now, I would be prepared to start getting aggressive and move this over now so you can start planning so you can get the best prices and not try to do it at the last minute. If we are planning it, we might be able to get better deals, especially on the dump truck.

Councilwoman Miller – I don't disagree. If I remember correctly, we have been buying mowers all year for the streets department. Is that not something that could be overlapped usage?

Jerry Rowlands – We have our own mower. We are due for another one. We have a lot of hours on it. We have 70 acres to mow. Just the water plant is 24 acres. Then we have 14 acres along the railroad, which is surplus property we would love to get rid of. Denny's crew helps to mow that. Then we have all of the tower sites. We mow the top of the reservoirs, but we have a contract with ODOT since 1987. They can use the landfill but they mow the reservoirs once a year.

Mayor Riley – They have to be done because of the dam permit.

[Discussion of capital items – Rowlands expressed that he needed the mower and a dump truck]

Councilwoman Miller asked Jerry Rowlands to prioritize his capital items.

Jerry Rowlands – The water pumps will be number one priority when they go out. They are in their seventh or eighth year.

President Pro Tem McKay – Rather than do this piecemeal. I think we should go through all of the budgets first before we attack capital items.

Jerry Rowlands noted that the council was easier on Fire and Police than on the Water Department.

Councilman Jaehnig – Since this is an Enterprise Fund and not affecting the General Fund, this could be a single meeting then for this Enterprise Fund. We would not have to be bringing him back.

Mayor Riley – The only one that will be affecting the General Fund will be the police cruisers.

#### Wastewater Budget

Councilwoman Miller – I noticed that your other sewer revenue last year was \$112,800 is now \$10,000. There is significant drop in revenue.

Harry McVey – Part of it is Total Baking Solutions. Part of it is because we had scrapped out a lot of copper in one of the buildings.

Councilman Jaehnig – If we are able to lease out that facility, that will be a bonus because it is not planned on.

Councilwoman Miller – The cash ending balance is \$500,000 more than the estimated.

Harry McVey – We do have a contract out that is over \$200,000 for sewer rehab.

Councilman Spicer – On the pretreatment program, you asked for \$20,000 next year but you budgeted \$8000 this year. You only spent \$1900. Is there a reason for the large increase there?

Harry McVey – Our permit expired on July 31 of this year and the EPA issued a new permit. Within six months after they issue that, we have to do review our industrial pretreatment limits. So, you have to have an engineer's stamp approval on it.

Councilwoman Miller – Do they require a specific type of engineer?

Harry McVey – It needs to be someone with environmental experience. We hire a firm to do it. Up until three years ago, we did it ourselves.

Councilman Jaehnig – How bad is the roof?

Harry McVey – It leaks pretty good. It is deteriorating the metal deck underneath it. We do have a company that came and looked at it last week. Hopefully, they will give us a report. We are looking at maybe just doing sections at a time and repairing it.

Councilman Jaehnig – The \$500,000 is for a section?

Harry McVey – That would be for the whole roof. That is an estimate. I have had a couple of people tell me that who are in the roofing business, but they have not actually inspected it.

[Discussion of roofing estimates]

Councilwoman Miller – Can you supply us with the estimate when you get it?

Harry McVey – Yes. We will also have some other things come up next year. They did put a phosphorus limit on our permit, so we will have to do a chemical addition. They will give us three years to meet the permit. We will have to ask for more money as we get into the engineering. The permit will not be issued until the end of the year and then we will have three years from there.

#### Waste Budget

Councilman Spicer – The landfill collection budget of 5.9. We have only done 3.19 and we're projecting 4.03. Why is that dropping so much if our intake is increasing?

Braden Dunham – We have lost a lot of customers.

Councilman Spicer – I thought our tonnage was increasing.

Braden Dunham – It came down and it's coming back up, but it's not where it used to be.

Councilwoman Miller – How do we fix that? What are we doing wrong?

Braden Dunham – It's probably a little high on rates.

Mayor Riley – If we adjusted the rates downward, I think we would pick up quite a few more customers. The trade-off that we have discussed in the past, we fill it out up with more trash and it will last less time. You're using up more air space. It's a trade-off.

Braden Dunham – For instance, we lost one hauler and that was about a \$25,000 per month account. He pulled out basically overnight when we adjusted the rates. That's an MSW garbage hauler. That's what we want in the landfill rather than bulky items and construction and demolition materials. I would like to have him back.

Councilman Spicer – But I thought the scales, everybody said the revenue dropped because of the scales. I'm always hearing complaints about the scales and that we are losing money because of the scales in, but yet our tonnage has gone up.

Mayor Riley – The scales came in about the same time that we upped prices. It's hard to say which was the main cause.

Councilwoman Miller – We've done an audit on every other department for review for pricing...what's another one.

Councilman Jaehnig – One of the things I would like to look at as we move into next year is most other businesses have their large customers – they do contracts on. They do contracted rates. Maybe that is something we could look into and consider.

Councilwoman Miller – I'm also looking at something like that. I would rather give someone a discount and keep their business. I'd rather have half of something than all of nothing. If we are legally allowed to adjust rates, could we do that.

Mayor Riley – That is something we would have to run by the Law Director.

Councilwoman Miller – Aren't the tipping rates in an ordinance? If you could look at the legality, that is a great idea from a sales perspective.

Councilman Jaehnig – Unfortunately, we don't have a lot of municipalities to look at for ideas.

Councilwoman Miller – One of the capital items that we are trying to look forward to take care of in this fiscal year is the off-road haul truck. It is going to be addressed this fiscal year.



Councilman Spicer – On the salaries, there is about \$120,000 increase. Are we adding employees out there above what you had in 2014?

Braden Dunham – No. I don't believe so.

Councilman Spicer – It went from \$466,000 to \$581,300. That seems like a pretty big jump for 4%.

Councilwoman Miller – How many employees do you have for the wage salaries.

Mary Kay Vance – There are two salary lines. One of them is less than the previous year. It's like your fire department where they split so many here and so many here. Donnie did this, so we can't really speak to how they were split.

Councilwoman Miller – I think it would only explain the loss of Donnie's previous pay.

Mayor Riley – We will look into that because that sounds like a lot.

Councilwoman Miller – How many employees do you have in Waste salaries?

Braden Dunham – I believe it is 15 total, and four are paid out the landfill.

Councilwoman Miller – Are any of the landfill employees just landfill employees.

Braden Dunham – Two in the back full time. One that goes back there almost full time and then the scale operator is paid out of the landfill as well.

Councilwoman Miller – So that will make a total of four.

Councilman Spicer – You have allocated \$90,000 in the fuel budget again this year. You've only spent \$41,400. I just wondered why that needs to be that high.

Braden Dunham – Fuel is quite down right now. When we take on the new landfill phase, we have to maintain other equipment operations out there. That would soak up a lot of fuel to do that.

Auditor David Hollingsworth – I have a number regarding the increase in salaries. This is salary, pension and Medicare. It's \$550,000 this year over last as far as items that are budgeted in the General Fund special revenue funds.

Councilman Mead asked if that included the employee health program. Auditor David Hollingsworth explained that it only included Medicare and not the health insurance program.

#### Streets Budget

Councilwoman Miller asked why the street repair was in the General Fund rather than transferring it to streets. Mary Kay Vance explained that since the transfer was coming out of the General Fund anyway, it would have been more cumbersome to go through the amended certificate for the one-time project.

Auditor David Hollingsworth – You are talking about the \$250,000 in the streets maintenance.

Councilwoman Miller – So, that \$474,000 does not reflect that \$250,000.

Councilwoman Miller – The permissive tax, we had about \$350,000 for street paving projects, where it was \$250,000 and then the \$100,000. My understanding was that we didn't spend all of that. I thought we set back about \$100,000 that we did not spend.

Service Director Reinsmith said we did spend it all.

Councilwoman Miller – I have concerns in the sense that there is nothing budgeted for street paving in here. I was optimistic when we discussed that moving forward that would be part of the goal is to fund a street project. My concern is that it is not reflected here and we are already spending more than our previous cash balance was.

Service Director Reinsmith – One problem we have is the price of salt. That cut a big chunk in your budget there. I think that salt...

Denny Gherman – That was \$95,000.

Mary Kay Vance – It does not come out of this budget. It comes out of the state highway fund and the permissive tax fund, neither of which you have in front of you because they are not supported by the General Fund. They are self-supporting from the license tax.

Councilwoman Miller – So when there is leftover, that is what will go to the street paving. But because salt is so expensive, we're not having any leftover.

Service Director Reinsmith – The salt was like double.

Mayor Riley – Did you get the list of streets that we did?

Councilman Spicer – On the street maintenance, this year, you had \$78,900. You've spent almost \$60,000 this year, but we are only asking for \$50,000 for next year. Is that going to be adequate to do your street maintenance?

Councilwoman Miller – What activities fall under street maintenance?

Denny Gherman – Potholes patcher, paving that we do for utility cuts, our street sweeper, and our roadside mowing equipment.

Councilwoman Miller – When we spoke recently, you mentioned that when you do work with other departments, it is normal to split costs. What portion do they pay and what portion do you pay? What was that arrangement?

Denny Gherman – That was in the snowplowing when we use other people. They pay for the labor. Since they split the three departments, we do not have the people to run continuously anymore. So, we use the other departments. The labor is on there.

Mayor Riley – Snow events are like all hands on deck, and they get paid by their department, whichever that is. There are certain times during the winter, and last winter was a bad one, where you get your water department, your wastewater department, your streets department, and your parks department.

Councilwoman Miller – So, the labor comes out of whatever department. Are we allowed to do that? What was the benefit of the consolidated? What made us divide?

Mayor Riley – When was that, Denny?

Denny Gherman – It's been about five years.

Service Director Reinsmith – With the consolidated crews, you would pull people off to do different projects. Sometimes things would get neglected, like valve exercising for water, hydrant flushing, some of the sewer maintenance lines. Some things weren't getting done because people did not have the time, so they split them up. I know it has really paid off on the sewer.

Councilwoman Miller – You had \$100,000 in capital equipment this year.

Denny Gherman – That was for the dump trucks that were ordered in 2012.

Councilman Spicer – How many employees do you have?

Denny Gherman – Nine, counting myself.

Mayor Riley – One of the unknowns that we are facing this year, is the budget that you start with is not going to be the budget that you end with. Our challenge as we go through the year is to continue to maintain the carryover that we have, provide the services that need to be provided, and try to do all of this with fiscal constraint. One of the things, apparently we are going to have a cemetery come January. That is my understanding. I believe the Sugar Grove Cemetery board has decided to turn it over to the city. My goal is to take it and try to run it like an Enterprise Fund. To do that, you have to make a few bucks. There was a period this past year when they went six weeks without a burial. Selling lots and burying people is your revenue. We are going to be looking at ways to make the cemetery park-like and attractive and to bring people there so they will want to use Sugar Grove again. We have a big job ahead of us. Our goal is to make it as budget-neutral as we can. My goal is to have the best cemetery in Ohio, and to do that in a fiscal responsible way.

[Discussion of the how the line items are set up for the Cemetery Fund]

Councilwoman Miller – Back to streets. The South Street to Truesdell Street estimated cost was originally \$59,636. On the updated proposed street paving, it was \$100,000. The Wilmington Savings Bank combined street was originally projected \$130,000 and now it is represented \$32,000. Then the Sugartree Street to Truesdell Street says it is not funded. It was originally \$16,000 and now it is \$28,000.

Denny Gherman – Those numbers are the numbers actually bid by the contractor who did the work this year. That includes no underground work – full depth repair and so forth. Out on South Street, they were about 18-feet deep. There are definitely some problems out there. Those are just what were bid by the contractor this year.

Councilwoman Miller – So, the updated sheet is the more accurate and it's because there is more work involved after the estimate was completed.

Denny Gherman – No. It doesn't include any of the problems.

Councilwoman Miller – What was the first estimate based off of?

Service Director Reinsmith – We had the wrong measurement the first time so it was inaccurate.

[Discussion of the differences in bids]

Councilman Stuckert – We had the possibility of some help with Lowes Drive. What happened with that?

Mayor Riley – I got so upset with those folks. They told us to cram it and they weren't going to do it. The state refused to participate.

Councilwoman Miller – Just for time's sake, does anyone have anything more?

President Pro Tem McKay – How would you like to proceed?

Councilwoman Miller – Lori, we weren't given your budget, but I want to honor your presence. Is there anything you want to share with us?

Lori Williams – No. We have a request in for some one-time items. They will be reflected at some point.

Mayor Riley – They got a really good deal on a half-pipe that will be opening up and on Friday evening, between 6-9, they have a really neat half-pipe there.

Councilman Stuckert – As we are sitting here right now, we are projecting that we are going to spend a million dollars more than we are going to take in in revenue. We are not, at this time, putting any money into streets.

Councilwoman Miller – As the way it has been presented and the way I understand it, that is correct. To answer Mark's question, to move forward, this was to honor everyone's hard work on the budget and to understand where the enterprises were coming from. Some of this...the actual General Fund, I have it marked in questions and I have all kinds of stuff. I don't think it's appropriate tonight because it's 8 o'clock and a lot of it can be answered by the Auditor, Mayor, Treasurer and Danny Mongold. I would like to do a finance or another special. I am not pro tons of meeting. I am flexible with how we want to move forward, but I would prefer not to dig into the actual General Fund expenditures tonight.

Mayor Riley – This is the first time that I can remember that we have had a council budget meeting in October. We are ahead of the game. We have some time to make some adjustments and try to come up with a good budget for 2015. When Governor Kasich came into office, there was a 8.5 billion debt. He has reversed that and there is a \$1.5 billion rainy day fund. That is a \$10 billion shift in the Ohio funds. A lot of that comes off the backs of townships, cities, villages and counties. Even though we are bringing in another \$300,000 in income tax, there is a lot of money that we are not going to be seeing from the state ever again.

Councilwoman Miller – I understand that. My job is to deal with the cards that I am dealt with. I am happy to be as aggressive as Kasich.

Councilman Mead – What I am interested in is that our projected expenditures do not exceed our projected income and that we have at least a half a million dollars in street paving.

Councilman Jaehnig – I am not sure that I understood it. You don't want to see our expenditures over our income, and you want \$500,000. You are looking for a million and a half dollars in this budget.

Councilman Mead – That is what I would like to see.

Councilwoman Miller – We all have different places that we are coming from, and our goal is to not exactly get our way but find a compromise that is best for the city. I think that would definitely be our attitude. I agree with him in the sense that I don't know if I am as optimistic for \$500,000, but I would like to see something for the street repaving. I know that is definitely a priority. I agree also with the budget. I personally don't like dipping into the carryover. I feel like we can do that because we have made it an option.

President Pro Tem McKay – When do you see a first reading?

Councilwoman Miller – We have not been given a full budget. I would like it to be passed by the end of November. If in 2-3 weeks we have a completed budgeted. I don't think we are even close to that yet. I think the next plan of action is to have a full budget. We were encouraged to consolidate or questions. We want everyone's questions answered, but there could be the potential for a lot of duplicates. So, when we do get the completed full budget, you can go line-by-line. If you want to share your questions with me, Brenda or Mary Kay, we're happy to have a conversation and get those answered to streamline the process. Do want a special meeting again so we can all talk?

Brenda Woods – Give us the opportunity to put it together and then we can send out an email. I would suggest we do a special council just because it eliminates talking about it twice.

Councilwoman Miller – We will have a special council meeting. I don't see that the department heads need to come. For sure, Danny Mongold, Larry, the mayor should be there.

President Pro Tem McKay asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Spicer to adjourn.  
President declared the meeting adjourned.  
Council adjourned.

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President of Council

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Clerk