

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. with President Randy Riley presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call: Purkey, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, present; J. McKay, present; Swindler, present; Liermann, present; M. McKay, present.

Sargent Martin was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

M. McKay stated that item “a” under finance should be O-17-33 not O-17-32. A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Liermann to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed. Agenda approved as amended.

J. McKay stated that he would like the minutes amended to reflect his comments during the update Cemetery Committee as well as his comments and questions about the Sound Stage in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph under “Open to the Public”.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by M. McKay to approve the June 1<sup>st</sup> minutes as amended. Motion passed. Minutes approved as amended.

President Riley introduced Julie Bolton and Darcy Reynolds from Main Street Wilmington. Bolton and Reynolds presented an update on their summer projects, which include overseeing volunteers who help with the flower basket watering, continued progress on “Operation Store Front”, and promoting the Murphy Theatre Summer Art Program. Bolton stated the first 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Event will be taking place on June 16<sup>th</sup> with a classic rock band, beverages, and food vendors. Bolton also stated September will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday event as well as an Art and Soul festival on Saturday featuring craft vendors, food, and music.

President Riley spoke briefly about the passing of Lee Hendee and introduced Dennis Mattingly who gave an update on the WALH Radio Station and its future. Mattingly stated the radio has switched its focus to internet radio that can be heard on WAHLRadio.com and will continue to be a community radio station and the “Voice of Wilmington and Clinton County Ohio.”

Riley stated that Amateur Radio Field Day would be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> with a potluck and Dinner in the Fields will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Stanforth was absent.

**AUDITOR**

Auditor – Auditor Hollingsworth was absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION**

Asset Acquisition and Use – Chairperson Purkey had no report but they are in the process of setting up a meeting in reference to the Mobile Stage.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson J. McKay had no report but asked Director Shidaker if he had the numbers that were needed to have a Cemetery Committee meeting. Director Shidaker stated he wasn’t sure which numbers J. McKay was referencing

because he wasn't part of the conversation between J. McKay and the Mayor. J. McKay stated he wasn't sure what numbers either, but they haven't had a meeting in 6 months and they need to get on the ball.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener M. McKay had no report. Spicer stated that the next Murphy events would be “Operation Cherrybend” and “Dancing with the Clinton County Stars”. Spicer noted this years DWCCS will include Councilperson Swindler and Clerk Miller as contestants. J. McKay stated he had recently been asked to MC the “Dancing with the Stars” event, but President Riley stated he had actually been asked and already accepted the invite from the Murphy to host.

Finance Committee – Chairperson M. McKay had two action items and introduced HR Director Jeanne Pope who gave a brief summary of the supplemental from the Insurance Funds and the Employee Assistance Program. Pope stated these funds are aimed at aiding employees and their families with counseling and wellness services through the City's Insurance program.

M. McKay introduced O-17-33, from the General Fund to “Service Payments” the sum of \$163,460.00, from the Insurance Fund to “Contractual Services Fund” the sum of \$2,436.00, from the Fire Fund to “Fire Uniforms” the sum of \$10,000.00, from the Cemetery Fund to “Incidentals” the sum of \$500.00 and from the Cemetery Fund to “Contract Opening and Closing Graves” the sum of \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-33- Making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-33 passed as read.

M. McKay introduced O-17-34, from “Equipment” to “Operating” the sum of \$862.00 for Community Corrections, from “Insurance” to “Firearms” the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Police Department, and from “Insurance” to “Education and Training” the sum of \$3,000.00 for the SWAT Team.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-34- Making miscellaneous transfers.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; Purkey, yes; M. McKay, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-34 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson Purkey introduced O-17-31 for a first reading and explained this Ordinance will amend the previous one for Job Classifications.

Swindler asked for clarification about where the Human Resources Administrative Assistant position was listed, Miller stated that all of the existing Administrative Assistant positions were now listed under the same “Administrative Assistant” classification.

Spicer inquired about what the jobs were on the previous ordinance, and what they now have been changed to. Miller stated most of the editing done on the Ordinance was eliminating, which is represented in the legislation with a strike through and additions and corrections are bolded. Miller said they eliminated department delineation, creating one position title to cover all departments which now are listed once by general title.

Spicer clarified that at the previous meeting his concern was that there would be new employees hired and additional positions created. Spicer stated that the city is not hiring new employees, but two positions in the Service Director’s office will be merged into one. Spicer also stated the Sanitation Departments need for a second crew lead is recommended highly by the EPA. Spicer said if the position goes unfilled, this could potentially get the department into trouble.

Purkey stated even though there are a lot of changes in the Ordinance, the edits cleaned it up and is now more efficient. Swindler stated the editing is important so they can now see all of the positions as well as the unfilled ones that are unfilled, making this legislation more transparent.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by Liermann to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-31, Amending Ordinance No. 4823 establishing classification and salary ranges for certain city employees, repealing Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Purkey requested that a second and third reading be on the agenda for the next meeting. Purkey stated Director Shidaker has stated that time is of the essence for this legislation and further discussion can be facilitated before the readings at the next meeting. Shidaker clarified that having the Sanitation position in place when they begin to go forward with the permit process for the northwest expansion will be beneficial.

Purkey stated that during the committee meeting they set a date for a Public Forum on Medical Marijuana, which is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> during full council.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Liermann had no action items, but reminded everyone that the retirement celebration for Lori Williams retirement would take place on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the shelter house at Denver Park from 11am-1pm. Liermann announced that Jermaine Issac would succeed Lori Williams as the Parks and Recreation Director.

Purkey inquired if there was a public timeline for the opening of the Splash Park. Liermann stated next Wednesday at 6:30pm there would be a ribbon cutting and grand opening.

Safety/ Transportation Committee – Chairperson Spicer had no action items.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Chairperson Spicer had one action item, three readings on O-17-35 and also wanted to speak briefly about expanding the curbside recycling.

Spicer stated the hope of the curbside recycling expansion project would feature larger 65 gallon totes instead of the bins, and also a cost savings that would be associated with an automated truck and fewer pick up dates because of the size of the containers. Spicer stated Director Shidaker had recently applied for and received a matching EPA grant to expand the program. Spicer stated the grant is for \$250,000 and the city match is

\$125,000. Spicer stated they are currently trying to find additional funding and if they do not have the funds for the match, they will lose the EPA grant money. Spicer stated they do have the money in the Waste Fund, but money is tight. Spicer said they have approached the County Commissioners and the Clinton County Solid Waste and Recycling District for help raising the funds. Spicer stated that they have unfortunately now hit a stone wall with the CCSWD, even though they currently have \$650,000 and a highly inflated budget. Spicer stated there is no reason that they shouldn't help fund this project as it will help save airspace in the landfill, which is the primary goal of the District. Spicer stated it will benefit everyone in the County and City now and in the future to save on landfill airspace. Spicer stated if we don't start expanding the Recycling now, the City might have to begin hauling their trash out of the County. Spicer stated the CCSWD has the funds and saving airspace at the landfill is their primary mission.

Liermann stated that he is upset because the taxpayers and Wilmington citizens are not getting their just due in reference to the CCSWD withholding the funding.

Purkey stated he was also frustrated with the Commissioners because this shouldn't be such a difficult conversation to have on the topic.

M. McKay inquired about the kind of reduction in waste the city would be looking at if the recycling program was expanded. Director Shidaker stated there would be an increase of use with the larger totes but he doesn't have exact projections at this time. M. McKay asked what would happen to the existing truck. Shidaker stated the recycling truck is the next capital improvement they will need to purchase if they want to continue the program.

Director Shidaker gave an update on the application for the EPA permit to expand the landfill. Shidaker they do not have the permit and he doesn't expect have one until next year but city will not be closing the landfill they will be expanding. Shidaker stated the EPA supports the expansion project 100% and they are working closely with the City. Shidaker stated expanding the recycling program will directly benefit the life of the landfill. Shidaker said he is confident that the permit for the expansion will be available to the city next year.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by Purkey to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-35- Making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by Purkey to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by Purkey to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-35 passed as read.

Streets Committee – Chairperson Spicer had one action item, and introduced O-17-29, removing a parking space on North Mulberry due to visibility issues, for a third reading.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by M. McKay to give the third reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-29, Amending the Traffic Control Map and the Traffic Control File removing one (1) parking space located on the east side of N. Mulberry Street.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by M. McKay to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll call.

M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes.

President of Council declared O-17-29 passed as read.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no action items.

Water Committee - Chairperson Swindler had no action items. Director Shidaker introduced new Water Superintendent Rick Schaffer who has a lot of experience and intelligence. Shaffer gave an update on the algae bloom, stating it seems to be dissipating. Shaffer has been in contact with the EPA to continue testing the water. Shaffer stated he recently applied for a grant with a 100% match for testing materials for the algae bloom and is waiting to hear back.

Swindler thanked Shaffer for being so proactive and Director Shidaker for keeping everyone informed of the ongoing situation.

Swindler reported the city recently received a Community Initiative award for 2016 from the American Dental Association, the CDC, and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors for their efforts with fluoridation.

Safety/Service Director – Director Shidaker was stated he is still searching for answers with the Army Corp of Engineers.

#### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to accept the Income Tax Report as presented.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

#### **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

David Keys of Fife Avenue expressed his concern about the volume of car stereos and the current noise ordinance, and a general discussion followed.

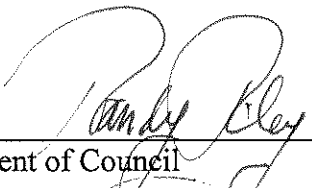
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by M. McKay.

President Riley declared meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk