

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 1st, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. with President Mark McKay presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: J. McKay, present; Snarr, present; Fickert, present; Purkey, absent; Liermann, present; Swindler, present; Williams, present. Motion by J. McKay and K. Fickert to excuse the absent member. (M. Purkey)

Interim Chief Ron Cravens was present as Sergeant at Arms.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President M. McKay asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by B. Liermann to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed.

Agenda approved as presented.

President M. McKay asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by K. Fickert to approve July 18th minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

The President of City Council opened the Public Hearing for Re-Zoning of Prairie Avenue at 7:32 p.m.

President M. McKay asked if there was anyone who would be presenting; Clerk M. Miller stated Butch Peelle was not in attendance. B. Shidaker stated the Public Hearing was a formality and briefly went over the Re-Zoning plan for a residential area. Commissioner McCarty commented about the county owned ditch line that runs through the property and expressed a concern about the water runoff.

Mike Mandelstein inquired about the amount of acres to be rezoned, Clerk M. Miller stated she did not have the information currently. Mr. Mandelstein stated he wanted the hearing postponed until someone was on hand to answer these and other questions. President M. McKay stated this hearing was a formality. K. Swindler asked that if there were any property owners in attendance who were present for the hearing, and if they specifically had any questions.

James Faul of 1292 St. Rt. 134 North asked about the layout of the sewer system and storm water. B. Shidaker state all of that information would be going to the Planning Commission and this meeting is just specifically for Re-Zoning. Mayor Stanforth stated there would be two retention ponds installed on the property. B. Shidaker invited Mr. Faul to attend the Planning Commission public meetings where these questions will be answered.

Dave Marko of 711 Florence asked about access from Kathryn Drive to the new development and B. Shidaker and Mayor Stanforth confirmed there is no proposed access.

Clerk M. Miller gave a brief overview of the process for Re-Zoning and the timeline.

President of City Council closed the Public Hearing for Re-Zoning at 7:42 p.m.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth mentioned Dinner in the Fields at Mayer Farm on Nelson Avenue that would be at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. He stated the Friends of Galvin Park Meet and Greet would take place at the park on Saturday morning. He stated on August 6th National Night Out will take place from 6pm-8pm at Denver Park and on Saturday, the Historical Marker dedication commemorating the 1968 Plane Crash would take place from 9am-12pm.

Mayor Stanforth announced Dr. Curtis Summerville of the Bible Missionary Baptist Church is celebrating his 20th Anniversary of service to the church. Mayor Stanforth also expressed his condolences in regards to the passing of Wilma McBrayer.

Stanforth introduced Marvin Corbin, who is retiring after 25 years of service to the Wilmington Fire Department and presented a retirement plaque

Human Resources Director Jeanne Pope thanked the Fire Department for the fifth year in a row of Zero Loss for MVRMA. Director Pope stated they have taken care of the equipment, themselves, and our residents, and are saving lives and saving money at the same time. Mayor Stanforth also thanked the Fire Department for their great work.

AUDITOR

Auditor Hollingsworth was present and brought council up to speed on the new hires for the Auditor's Office and reported they have filled the two open positions. Hollingsworth stated both are very capable and they hope the transition happens very smoothly. Hollingsworth also stated the summer has been very busy, but they've had several meetings on the upcoming city projects and he will get that information together soon for council.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Director Shidaker explained the legislation under Councilperson Liermann's agenda. Firstly, item b. under City Services, B. Shidaker stated this is for federal funds for the Cemetery Bridge project. The agreement was amended due to the extra funding they received. B. Shidaker stated the project will be about \$340,000, and \$260,000 of the funding is grant money. The projected completion date will be the end of summer 2020.

B. Shidaker also summarized the legislation for the Trail Extension Project, stating that it's made up of 4 different grant sources, and the legislation is allowing him to enter into the agreement for acceptance of the OPWC and ODNR funding. B. Shidaker stated the project was estimated at \$2.1 million and the grants combined will be around \$2.5 million which will help with contingencies and the project will be completed with the grant funding.

Tracey Hopkins, of 78 West Truesdell, inquired about who will pay for the maintenance for the trail, would it be tax dollars or grants. Clerk M. Miller stated it would be both, they will be partnering with the Trails Coalition and the Parks Department, as well as other local entities and additional donations.

Michael Mendelstein of Locust Street inquired about the annual cost of maintenance for the trail and safety concerns. Mr. Mendelstein also inquired about the cost for cemetery bridge, both funding and maintenance. B. Shidaker addressed his concerns and also offered time after the meeting to speak with him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairperson T. Williams had no report.

City Services Committee – Chairperson B. Liermann had four pieces of legislation to present.

B. Liermann introduced R-19-34 and stated this was for the Transit Department's annual grant from ODOT, and stated there would be a Public Hearing at a later date to accept the funds.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-34 Authorizing the submittal of a proposal with the Ohio Department of Transportation for a grant through the U.S. Dot Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under Federal Transit Law, as Codified, 49 USC Section 5311, financial assistance from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon grant proposal acceptance.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by J. McKay to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Resolution.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-19-34 passed as read

B. Liermann introduced R-19-35 for a first reading and explained this legislation was dealing with the Cemetery Bridge repair discussed previously.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by K. Fickert to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-35 Authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute an amended LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement No. 32415 and all necessary documents with ODOT for the CLI Cemetery Drive Bridge Project, PID 107995, in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

B. Liermann asked that a second and third reading be on the next agenda.

B. Liermann introduced R-19-36, noting this legislation would allow the Public Service Director to enter into grant agreements for the Trail Extension Project.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by T. Williams to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-36 Authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into grant agreements with the OPWC and ODNR in support of a Trail Extension Project and declaring an emergency.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by T. Williams to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Resolution.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by T. Williams to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-19-36 passed as read

B. Liermann introduced O-19-35 authorizing preliminary legislation for the ODOT Bridge Inspection Program.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by K. Fickert to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-35 Adopting preliminary legislation for ODOT Bridge Program Services, PID#109334, and declaring an emergency.

All yeas. 7 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by K. Fickert to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by K. Fickert to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-19-35 passed as read.

Finance Committee – Chairperson K. Fickert had three pieces of legislation.

K. Fickert introduced O-19-32 making supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to “Engineering Contracts” the sum of \$394,722.08, from the Water System Revenue Fund to “Architectural and Engineering” the sum of \$50,000.00, from the General Fund to “Payroll” the sum of \$59,000.00 from the Cemetery Fund to “Cemetery- Utilities” the sum of \$1,500.00, from the Cemetery Fund to “Cemetery- Incidentals” the sum of \$700.00, and from the General Fund to “Medicare” the sum of \$425.00

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-32 Making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas. 7 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-19-32 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced O-19-34 making miscellaneous transfers from “Program Expenses” to “State of Ohio” the sum of \$589.16.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-34 Making miscellaneous transfers.

All yeas. 7 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-19-34 passed as read.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-37 Declaring it necessary to light the streets, lanes, alleys, lands, squares, and public places in the City of Wilmington, Ohio, with electric lights, and for

special assessments to be levied to pay the cost thereof for the year 2020; and declaring an emergency.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

K. Fickert asked that a second and third reading be on the next agenda.

Judiciary Committee – Committeeperson J. McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee- Chairperson J. McKay had no report.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson M. Snarr had no report.

Water Committee – Chairperson K. Swindler had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by J. McKay and seconded by K. Fickert to accept the Income Tax Report.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mayor Stanforth of 1088 Fife Avenue, wanted to comment as a citizen. He stated he had an issue at his business on Davids Drive where he had to call for police assistance. The Mayor complimented Officer Gibson for the professional job he did and stated how very pleased and proud he is of the work.

Michael Lee Mendelstein of 1006 W. Locust Street had questions about the future of the Utility Billing department and the third party billing, remaining employees, and the hired contractors. B. Shidaker, Mayor Stanforth and K. Swindler addressed the questions as well as the bidding process for selecting the contractors. Mr. Mendelstein also inquired about the recent deaths of fish at Denver Park. Mayor Stanforth addressed the issue and stated that when you stock a pond, it's common to have losses. He stated this amount of loss was not out of the ordinary.

J. McKay thanked the CVB for their continuing work throughout the community and county.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Liermann.

President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk