

COUNCIL

August 15th, 2019

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 15th, 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, present; Liermann, present; Swindler, present; Williams, present.

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 B. Liermann and seconded by T. Williams to approve August 1st minutes as presented.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as presented.

President McKay presented a member for CCCVB for confirmation, Butch Schappacher.
Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by K. Fickert to accept appointment. All yeas.

President McKay reiterated his previous comments regarding public comments from the floor. Three minutes and no more than five. If you need more time, contact the Clerk of Council for approval.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth mentioned the Third Friday Party on Sugartree Street, Jeep Jam Kick-Off on Friday, and on Saturday, Jeep Jam. He also noted Main Street Wilmington would be holding a Lunch and Learn regarding curb appeal. He complimented the event held for the historical marker at Denver Park for the 1968 plane crash. He also expressed how impressed he was with a recent tour of Alkermes that he took with Rep. Wilkin.

Mayor Stanforth completed the swearing in of Police Officer Nathan Powell.

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AUDITOR

Auditor Hollingsworth was present and had no report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Director Shidaker had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairperson T. Williams introduced Randy Sarvis, Wilmington College, who presented his request for City Revitalization Grant. He

mentioned a community kick-off to the 150th celebration that will begin in fall of 2020 and gave a summary of the events. Mr. Sarvis stated they would like 50 banners to commemorate the celebration and gave an overview of their design.

Mayor Stanforth clarified with Mr. Sarvis about the size of the banners. Clerk M. Miller stated Wilmington College would be using the same vendor as the city to purchase the banners and they would be uniform in size with the current measurements. Clerk M. Miller stated there would be three council members who would be abstaining from the discussion and voting due to conflicts of interest. K. Swindler and Clerk M. Miller discussed the current banner program and spoke briefly about this particular program tying into downtown events. This request is unique for a one time event that will be open to the community.

T. Williams went over the funding and contributions by Wilmington College for the project and Mr. Sarvis outlined the community events that will go along with the 150th celebration. Motion by T. Williams and seconded by K. Swindler to approve \$4,245.00 for the Downtown Banner Project.

4 yeas (3 abstains; J. McKay, M. Snarr, and B. Liermann).

Motion passes.

City Services Committee – Chairperson B. Liermann had one piece of legislation to present.

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

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-19-35 passed as read

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

K. Fickert introduced O-19-37 making supplemental appropriations from the Street Lighting Fund to “Direct Deductions” the sum of \$680.00, from the General Fund to “Transfer to M&R” the sum of \$50,000.00 for salt purchase. K Fickert stated the city usually purchases salt in January, but the prices are low currently and we also have a storage area.

K. Fickert continued, from the M & R Fund to “Salt” the sum of \$50,000.00, from the Taxi Fund to “Bureau of Job and Family Services” the sum of \$1,000.00 for unemployment, noting the city pays into unemployment as claims come, instead of paying in consistently which is better financially. Making supplemental appropriations from the Sewer Fund to “Direct Deductions” the sum of \$50.00, and from the General Fund to “Tree Maintenance Program” the sum of \$5,000.00, stating we are increasing the line for future requests.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-37 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-19-37 passed as read.

K Fickert introduced R-19-37 the annual legislation regarding street lighting assessment for a second and third reading.

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

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

Roll Call; 7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-19-37 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced R-19-38 for acceptance of the annual amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-38 Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determine by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

All yeas. 7 yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

M. Miller noted she will be amending the legislation for Mr./Mrs. by next council.

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

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey had one piece of legislation. He discussed the re-zoning on Prairie Avenue. Butch Peelle, Bill Marine’s agent, presented a brief history of the property, noting this was close to completion nine years ago but stopped because of the DHL exit. He also explained there is no intention to connect the streets in neighboring communities. Bill Marine spoke of his plans for development.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-36 Changing the Zoning of Real Property located on Prairie Avenue in the City of Wilmington, Ohio.

All yeas. 7 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

M. Purkey asked that a second and third reading be on the next agenda.

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 Reports as presented.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Bill Gorley, DP&L Council Representative, presented information on the utility coverage and reliability as a public utility. He noted there are metrics DP&L must meet

because they are a public utility. In the Wilmington area, DP&L has proactively replaced 140 poles, with 80 poles in queue. They have also replaced 210 switches and have done two circuits of tree trimming services. He noted DP&L has rebuilt two miles of line on 730 and a mile on Cuba Road. As for DP&L's reactive response, he mentioned a tree fell on the line that prompted the initial comments from B. Liermann, which caused 1300 outages. 1100 residents had power restored in two hours. He also mentioned a few other examples of repairs provided in the past few months. K. Swindler asked about the notification process improvements and if there were any coming. He discussed potential for "Smart Grid" initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Liermann.
President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk