

COUNCIL

February 4th, 2021

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 4th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Virtually on Zoom 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; M Snarr, present; K. Fickert, present; M. Purkey, present; N. Eveland, present; B. Liermann, present; K. Swindler, present.

Chief Cravens was present as Sergeant at Arms.

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

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Motion for approval J. McKay and seconded by K. Fickert that agenda be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Agenda approved.

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

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by K. Fickert approve January 21st, 2021 minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved.

President McKay introduced a Notice of Legislative Authority for the Liquor Control Commission related to the Hidden Carry-Out.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth spoke regarding USDA that will be providing 1,000 boxes meals from 1:00 - 4:00 pm Friday February 5, 2021 at the Fairgrounds. It will be held rain, sleet, snow or shine. Legacy Fund grant cycle is open May 1, 2021 to June 21, 2021. Wilmington School staff will begin receiving vaccines for teachers this month. The Mayor introduced the new Wilmington College President Dr. Trevor Bates.

Dr. Trevor Bates spoke regarding his new role for Wilmington College and his goal to be a faithful person. President Bates is very excited to work with the community and the College moving forward.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

B. Shidaker had two items to present. One being legislation regarding the the SR 73 bypass with ODOT approaching the City of Wilmington being able to remove snow and ice. B. Shidaker gratefully appreciates the State of Ohio to remove snow and ice on Rombach Avenue.

B. Shidaker introduced Resolution No. R-21-3 a Resolution Giving Consent of the City of Wilmington for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Ice and Snow and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the City Corporate Limits.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-21-3 a Resolution Giving Consent of the City of Wilmington for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Ice and Snow and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the City Corporate Limits
7 yeas.

Motion passed.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by B. Lierman to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Resolution.
7 yeas.
Motion Passes.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by B. Liermann to give the second and third readings on the Resolution.
7 yeas.
Motion Passes.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by B. Liermann to pass the Resolution as read.
7 yeas.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-21-3 passed as read.

B. Shidaker wanted to thank Mike Lovelace with ODOT for the assistance on this project.

B. Shidaker introduced Resolution No. R-21-4 a Resolution Authorizing the Service Director to Submit an Application to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Through Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for Multi-Use Pedestrian Path Along Davids Drive, and Declaring an Emergency. B. Shidaker stated this is a program that is coinciding with the Davids Drive project that will hopefully also establish a multi-use trail from Rombach Avenue to SR 134 to tie the path to Davids Drive some day. There are no guarantees, but there is a 95% funded construction grant. This will allow City to leverage state funds to provide for a multi-use trail. This is a one time chance for the City that we need to strike on now and would reduce overall costs for this project.

Auditor Vance wanted to remind Council members that this will be a \$50,000.00 General Fund liability.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by K. Fickert to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-21-4 a Resolution Authorizing the Service Director to Submit an Application to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Through Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for Multi-Use Pedestrian Path Along Davids Drive, and Declaring an Emergency
7 yeas.
Motion passed.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by K. Fickert to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Resolution.
7 yeas.
Motion Passes.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by K. Fickert to give the second and third readings on the Resolution.
7 yeas.
Motion Passes.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

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

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-21-4 passed as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairman M Snarr had one item to present. M. Snarr stated a CRC meeting and decided to amend with a substitute. Everyone has received that in their packet. We are repealing the grant application process and are giving authority to the administration to create a selection process and put City in compliance with requirements under the Ohio Revised Code. We are taking this action to get funds released. With COVID-19, our event-based grant funding is not viable for non-profits in the community. This will turn the allocation over to the administration in order to process. Council will ultimately retain authority over funds. City Administrator Marian Miller said the administration already distributes funds with several other programs. Administration is open to input on the application process.

Motion by M. Snarr to amend Ordinance No. O-21-3 with the committee substitute CA-1 seconded by K. Swindler.
Motion Passes.

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

7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by M. Snarr and seconded by M. Purkey to give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

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

7 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-21-3 passed as read.

City Services Committee – Chairman N. Eveland had no items to present.

N. Eveland spoke regarding the committee meeting where the committee discussed the status of a number of items for homelessness, petty crime, vandalism and other items. One of the more promising items is the new Clinton County Coalition on Homelessness, which consists of 30-35 people. They will meet quarterly. There will be a steering committee that will meet monthly and that will consist of Marian Miller from the Administration, Michael Snarr for Council, Chief Cravens, Mike McCarty, Mental Health and Substance abuse members, a member at large, and an individual who has experienced homelessness. The goal is to come up with a comprehensive plan to deal with homelessness in Clinton County.

There will be an allocation of costs for the homelessness study, where hopefully, the budget can absorb it.

Other items that were discussed were updates from Safety/ Service Director for Traffic on Prairie Avenue and Florence Avenue with traffic going through residential neighborhoods. There are projects that are underway that will hopefully control traffic.

The Committee also discussed the shortfall in revenue for the cemetery and which will cost the General Funds \$150,000.00. We will be discussing that before the filing deadline. We can get a levy on the ballot of fund the shortfall utilizing General Fund Dollars.

Finance Committee – Chairperson K. Fickert had two pieces of legislation to present.

K. Fickert introduced Ordinance No. O-21-4 making supplemental appropriations from the "Waste Fund" to "Incidentals" the sum of \$4,655.00, from the "General Fund" to "Rombach Avenue Match" the sum of \$25,000.00, from the "Water" to Rombach Water Main Project" the sum of \$20,000.00, and from "General Fund" to "Property Taxes" the sum of \$16,876.00.

B. Shidaker stated that the administration will have another supplemental request for moving utilities in the future.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-21-4 making supplemental appropriations.

7 years.

Motion passed.

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.

7 years.

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.

7 years.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-21-4 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced Ordinance No. O-21-5 making miscellaneous appropriations from "Insurance Deductible/Claim Payments" to "Contractual Services" the sum of \$107,640.00.

City Administrator Marian Miller spoke regarding HR Director Greg Muenchen's partnership to bring this program to the City of Wilmington. The more the administration spoke with the Marathon Health Clinic, the more comfortable the City felt making this a contractual service payment.

Greg Muenchen spoke regarding the Marathon Health Clinic and the City would be the fourth employer in the City of Wilmington that the company provides services. This would replace the need for affordable plan with the City. Anyone that is on the healthcare would be enrolled. You can seek services at this private clinic. There is a per employee cost per month. The administration looked at the clinic which is adjacent to the airpark that is located at the old Airborn clinic. City employees can receive any medical service that you can receive at your primary care, urgent care, labs or perscriptions. If City employees are on the plan you are able to go for no additional costs. If we can get 50% of people making claims, we can see a return on investment of 1.2.

Shelly Payton with Marathon Health Clinic stated this will hopefully help preventaive care and help to manage the conditions of employees who may take the medications to prevent long term health care issues. We think the family members and employees will love it.

K. Swindler and N. Eveland stated that they believe they need to abstain due to potential conflict of interest.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-21-5 making miscellaneous transfers.

5 yeas.

K. Swindler abstains

N. Eveland abstains

Motion passed.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey had no items to report.

Public Works Committee –Chairperson K. Swindler had no items to report.

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

J. McKay spoke regarding the Cities recycling truck and that the pickup will be every other week. Pick up will occur week of February 8 & 22, otherwise, it will not be picked up in the month of February. During the month of March, pickup will go back to normal.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by B. Liermann to approve the Income Tax Report and the 2020 Hotel Lodging Tax Report to accept reports as presented.

7 yeas.
Motion passed.


OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mrs. Liermann stated she recycles on a regular basis and several people on her street did not know of recycling changes. She asked if there any way you can post this on Facebook so people can know what is going on for recycling. Not everyone gets the paper.


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Liermann at 8:33 p.m.
President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk