

**COUNCIL**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 B. Liermann that agenda be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Agenda approved.

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

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by K. Fickert approve December 3rd, 2020 and December 10, 2020 minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Stanforth spoke kindly of Tom Breckel from EMA for Covid Tests. Mayor Stanforth also encouraged people to shop local.

Mayor Stanforth also wanted to thank Fred and Carol Matthews for their years of service to the community as they prepare to leave Clinton County to be closer to their children in Cincinnati.

**AUDITOR**

Auditor Vance had no report.

**SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR**

B. Shidaker presented the City Solid Waste Consultant regarding the Solid Waste Management discussion. Jami Zawila was consultant hired to help Clinton County to write their solid waste plans. She has written over twenty plans for solid waste districts, particularly in rural counties. The current proposal does not move for increase fees at \$6.50 per ton. When putting the plan together, the workgroup is required to forecast for fifteen years. There is a fee increase predicted for \$2.00 to go up to \$8.50 in year 2028 until 2036 for the plan cycle.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION**

City Revitalization Committee – Chairman M. M Snarr had no items to present.

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

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

K. Fickert introduced Ordinance No. O-20-56 Making Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenses and Other Expenditures and Creating Necessary Fund for Said

Appropriations of the City of Wilmington, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-56 making miscellaneous appropriations.

7 years.

Motion passed.

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.

7 years.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

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

7 years.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-56 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced Ordinance No. O-20-57 making miscellenaous appropriations from "Worker's Comp" to "Benefit Insurance" the sum of \$150.00 from "Worker's Comp" to "Benefit Insurance" the sum of \$5,300.00, from "Property Taxes" to "Cemetery Ground Maintenance" the sum of \$1,500.00, and from "Education and Training" to "Cemetery Ground Maintenance" the sum of \$1,500.00.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-57 making miscellaneous 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. Swinlder to pass the Ordinance as read.

7 years.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-57 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced Ordinance No. O-20-58 making supplemental appropriations from Street Lighting Fund to "Street Lights" the sum of \$3,000.00 and from Local Coronavirus Relief Fund to "Expense Reimbursements" the sum of \$241,809.46.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by K. Swindler to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-58 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 yeas.  
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-58 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey gave an update on several long term Judiciary Committee action items and Committees.

M. Purkey discussed the retained hotel tax money and is working with M. Snarr and Law Director Brett Rudduck on the issue.

M. Snarr spoke that he had discussions on how money is tied up due to no grant processes occurring and the city is sitting on the money, but a lot of non-profits that are hurting and could use the money. M. Snarr suggested using the money in the short term to fill the need for funding. M. Snarr said it may be months before large gathering could occur.

K. Swindler asked about legal requirements.

B. Rudduck said that there are items you cannot use for operation expenses or subsequent to funding. At this juncture, uses are permissive and can be changed by Council. B. Rudduck sees Council can see as they see fit.

City Administrator Marian Miller stated funds are general funds dollars and Council can spend money as they see fit. It is not a codified under Ohio Statute restricting what council can appropriate for funding.

M. Purkey is happy to amend or repeal legislation in place and that it could go through Judiciary if council memberse would support that. He would prefer new legislation over top of the old legislation as opposed to just repealing current legislation. M. Purkey discussed having an administrative feature for oversight. M. Miller wanted to ensure that there was Council oversight, but sees a balancing act to have administrative ability to disperse funds because administration can react faster than legislation can.

K. Swindler would like to see this discussed in committee and then before full Council in the future. M. Snarr will put together a Community Revitalization Committee to discuss after Law Director drafts legislation.

M. Purkey asked Assistant Prosecutor Justin Dickman to speak briefly regarding the City of Wilmington's condemnation ordinance.

J. Dickman spoke briefly regarding the Land Bank and Prosecutor's Office working with the City on blighted properties that are a safety concern. J. Dickman stated city's efforts have stalled due to constitutional concerns with current ordinance. J. Dickman stated the foreclosure process takes too long (minimum 4 months) and due to high volume of properties in county in rough shape, Prosecutor's Office is unable to focus solely on City of Wilmington properties. Prosecutor's Office will work with Law Director and workgroup to help repeal and revise City's condemnation ordinance to permit City to demolish propert in more efficient manner.

M. Purkey asked Assistant Prosecutor J. Dickman to also speak briefly regarding the City of Wilmington's necessity to abate Land Bank special assessments such as street lights, water, and sewer.

J. Dickman spoke regarding necessity to permit Land Bank to abate fees through enacting an ordinance upon Land Bank acquisition of properties for assessments through foreclosure and/or deed-in-leiu process. J. Dickman said sample ordinance is making rounds to special assessment authorities and municipalities in Clinton County and that Land Bank is requesting adoption before Council in 2021.

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

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

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by M. Purkey to approve the Auditor Treasurers Report 7 yeas.  
Motion passed.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

B. Liermann spoke warmly regarding Wilmington Police Department posting sign encouraging folks to watch their speed. There are a lot of excessive speeders going down Rombach Avenue.

J. McKay asked for boards and lists for organizations in the community.

Auditor Vance suggested reaching to Tom Breckel.

Jamie Sawila asked City to check their website to be able to get a link to the meeting. M. Miller said she would work on it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by B. Liermann at 8:14 p.m.  
President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk