

**COUNCIL**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 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 B. Liermann and seconded by J. McKay 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 to approve January 7th, 2021, minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved.

President M. McKay spoke regarding the approval of the Clinton Metropolitan Housing Authority Appointees.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by B. Liermann to approve appointment of Denise Stryker and Marian Miller.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Stanforth spoke regarding Health First for eight (8) local health related projects that promote good health for the county. In 2020, Health First granted \$111,000.00. Since 2010, they have granted over \$1 million dollars and the Habitat Store on Main Street, which included a new roof. American Legion donated \$500 to Hospice. Bob Martin has been appointed new Assistant Chief of Police. Matt Hamilton has been appointed Sergeant.

**AUDITOR**

Auditor Vance had no report.

**SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Safety and Service Director B. Shidaker has one piece on his agenda in order to sell surplus items. Asking Council to permit City to sell surplus items on Gov Deals.

N. Eveland asked if any of the items were being sold as a part of civil asset forfeiture.

B. Shidaker introduced Resolution No. R-21-2 a Resolution Expressing Intent to Sell City Surplus Items to the Public Through an On-Line Auction and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by N. Eveland to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-21-2 a Resolution Expressing Intent to Sell City Surplus Items to the Public Through an On-Line Auction and Declaring an Emergency.

7 yeas.

Motion passed.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by N. Eveland 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.

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7 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by B Liermann and seconded by N. Eveland to pass the Resolution as read.

7 yeas.

Motion passes.

## **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.

N. Eveland would like to have a report from the Committee which is a follow up for drug addiction, petty crime, and homelessness. Would like to summarize what action has been taken.

Finance Committee – Chairperson K. Fickert had no items to present.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey had one piece of legislation to present.

M. Purkey introduced Ordinance No. O-21-1 an Ordinance Authorizing the Release of Special Assessments for Clinton County Land Reutilization Corporation Owned Properties.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-21-1 an Ordinance Authorizing the Release of Special Assessments for Clinton County Land Reutilization Corporation Owned Properties.

7 yeas.

Motion passed.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

M. Purkey moved to amend Ordinance O-21-1 with the C-1A amendment with a second from K. Fickert an Ordinance No. O-21-1 an Ordinance Authorizing the Release of Special Assessments for Clinton County Land Reutilization Corporation Owned Properties.

7 yeas.

Amendment passes.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by K. Fickert 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. Purkey and seconded by K. Fickert 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. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Ordinance as read.  
7 yeas.  
Motion passes.

M. Purkey introduced Ordinance No. O-21-3 an Ordinance Repealing Resolution No. R-18-38, a Grant Application Guide for the City Revitalization Grant. M. Purkey stated that we wanted to try to get funds out to businesses funds from Covid Relief Funds and wanted to allow the administration to administer the funds.

Law Director B. Rudduck stated R.C. 7103.05 permits administrative activity by council and that there was gray area in this context. We do believe that once we repeal the application guidelines and once we release funds, we can look at these funds going out to businesses.

K. Swindler was concerned with funds going out to the businesses.

M. Purkey stated that his assumption is that we are having a voice vote of Council when there are fund requests instead of having the application guide.

B. Rudduck says we are free and clear to allocate these funds.

City Administrator, M. Miller, stated the money is appropriated, the administration is trusted to act appropriately. I understand the revenue source is different and there has been a unique history.

M. Purkey stated long term we need this to go to Community Revilization Committee to revamp the program, but that we need to act quickly so funds can be released.

M. Snarr stated in Section 1, why not end it after the first section, why not repeal it in it's entirety?

N. Eveland isn't comfortable with Council not approving these projects.

Paul Fear, City Treasurer, stated that he understands the administration's stance and Nick Eveland's position to ensure transparency. Wants to completely overhaul the administrative function.

Auditor Vance stated the number in the Auditor Treasurer report which was roughly \$150,000.00 is the amount in the fund. You cannot spend beyond the cash in the fund at any time. When we budget, we budget what we know will be there before the entire year.

M. Purkey at this point do we want to repeal the ordinance or do we want to have it go to ordinance.

K. Swindler asked why this is listened for three readings.

M. Purkey stated he did not want to have any movement so we aren't operating incorrectly knowingly on the wrong side of things. That's why we are moving forward quickly. We want to strip it back so we can reconfigure it long term.

M. Snarr and B. Rudduck agreed we cannot have an event based program because of COVID-19 and has created a cash strapped non-profit environment in the community.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-21-3 an Ordinance Repealing Resolution No. R-18-38, a Grant Application Guide for the City Revitalization Grant.

7 yeas.  
Motion passed.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

M. Purkey will postpone this for future discussion.

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

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

### REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by B. Liermann to approve the Income Tax Reports and the 2020 Municipal Court Report.

7 yeas.

Motion passed.

### OPEN TO PUBLIC

Auditor Vance made a comment on the Auditor Treasurers Report. We get these once a month from the Treasurer and wanted to point out to Council members the ending balance of the funds is not the amount in there in the account. There may be open purchase orders also outstanding. We have an open purchase order for paving such as what we did this fall. The actually cash balance is \$4.4 million not necessarily \$6 million. She hopes everyone can understand this.

Paul Fear, City Treasurer, reiterated Auditor Vance's statement that the balance is not always a true indicator.

N. Eveland congratulated Assistant Chief Robert Martin and that he didn't think we could've picked a better person for Assistant Chief of Police.


J. McKay wanted to thank the City Family for reaching out for both of his grandparents. It was nice to be thought of and much appreciated by himself and his family. He also wanted to thank City employees who worked on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Liermann at 8:31 p.m.

President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk