

COUNCIL

May 7th, 2020

Wilmington City Council met in regular session in a virtual forum on Thursday, May 7th, 2020 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; Eveland, present; Liermann, present; Swindler, present.

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 B. Liermann and seconded by M. Purkey 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 J. McKay and seconded by K. Fickert to approve May 16th minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth gave an update on the May 11th Peace Officers Memorial, noting it was rescheduled for June 8th. Stanforth stated he also received a letter from Vicki Trapp in the Country Oaks development in regard to the abandoned swimming pool. He stated the city is helping all they can.

Stanforth stated Blanchester Fire Chief Donald Walker had sent him a letter in regards to the large downtown fire and the help of the City of Wilmington Dispatchers. He read the letter and recognized the professionalism of dispatchers Robin Cassell and Beth Limon. He stated has very proud of them both.

Stanforth gave an update on the Governor’s orders, noting the city will be helping restaurants in any way to support them. He also gave an update on transit department vehicles and staffing. Stanforth noted Dr. Manser arrived home after his battle with coronavirus.

Mayor Stanforth thanked the citizens for their vote of confidence in renewing the city income tax. Stanforth praised the recent Economic Alliance presentation and thanked the participants. Lastly, Stanforth stated the Sugartree machine shop is down, thanking the operators for doing a great job with its demolition.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

B. Shidaker stated projects are moving forward. The landfill expansion is going well and praised the contractor. B. Shidaker stated the street program is moving along as well, but there have been a few streets that required full depth repairs. Shidaker stated you never really know what you are going to get until you mill the top layer of asphalt. B. Shidaker stated this is full depth repair than they were anticipating, and possibly budgeted for. He

wanted to give Council a heads up. M. Miller also clarified some of the issues were unavoidable, such as finding gutters under pavement when milling.

Mayor Stanforth stated they will continue to pave streets the right way, not the cheap way. He noted that might mean we do a little bit less paving, but it is going to be done right when we are finished with it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairperson M. Snarr had no report.

City Services Committee – Chairperson N. Eveland had two pieces of legislation to present and introduced the annual Transit grant and spoke briefly about the recent challenges the department has faced in regard to limited driver staffing.

Motion by N. Eveland and seconded by B. Liermann to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-14 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 for other than urbanized areas and funds available from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program and Executing a contract with the Ohio department of Transportation upon gran proposal acceptance
All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by N. Eveland and seconded by B. Liermann to suspend the rules and regulations and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-14.
Roll Call.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

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

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-14 passed as read.

N. Eveland introduced a grant application for the Parks Department, stating it would fund the repaving of the basketball and tennis courts. Director Isaac stated the last time the courts were resurfaced was in 2015, and it needs to be done every 3 years to maintain the surfaces.

Motion by N. Eveland and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-15 Authorizing the submittal of an application for the NatureWorks 27th round grant application and declaring an emergency
All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by N. Eveland and seconded by M. Purkey to suspend the rules and regulations and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-15.
Roll Call.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by N. Eveland and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll Call.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-15 passed as read.

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

K. Fickert introduced O-20-15 Making supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to "Tech Grant Expense" the sum of \$625.80 and from the General Fund to "Engineering Contracts" the sum of \$125,000.00

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-15 making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

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

All 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.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-15 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced O-20-15 Making miscellaneous transfers from "Water Billing Expense" to "Sludge Disposal" the sum of \$8,100.00.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-16 making miscellaneous transfers.

All 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.

All yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

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

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-16 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced R-20-13 regarding the payment of expenses from the prior fiscal year.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-13 Authorizing payment of expenses incurred in prior fiscal year

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J, McKay to suspend the rules and regulations and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-13.

Roll Call.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

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

Roll Call.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-13 passed as read.

K. Fickert gave an overview on the current financial situation, stating that prior to the COVID 19 crisis the city was in a much better financial position than other

municipalities. K. Fickert stated a lot of smart people are working these numbers and monitoring the revenue and expenses. Auditor M. Vance stated that K. Fickert was very concise in her explanations. They are looking at the expenses and revenue streams. She stated the revenue indicators are lagging indicators and the city is only a short time into the crisis and we will continue to see changes. M. Vance reassured Council they are watching everything very carefully and said the city will continue with conservative and essential expenditures only. She stated we will continue preparing for what we don't know but currently there are currently no indicators that point to emergencies.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey stated a virtual Judiciary Committee is in the works.

Public Works Committee – Chairperson K. Swindler gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant construction projects, stating the crew has continued to work but the contractor is having supplier issues. She stated the Grant Street water line replacement, funded by a CDBG grant, will be ready to go to bid very soon. The Burtonville reservoir infrastructure rehabilitation project are almost ready to go to EPA and ODNR for approval. The project is to be funded by an OPWC zero-interest loan. Public Works Director R. Schaffer expressed how personnel of both the wastewater and water departments have stepped up to every challenge presented, he thanked both departments.

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee- Chairperson J. McKay had no report but stated it has been brought to his attention by businesses and residents that people have been going through the trash receptacles and causing issues. J. McKay read the Ordinance pertaining to the prohibiting of people removing things from the recycling totes but noted there is not one in place for the trash totes and dumpsters. Mayor Stanforth inquired if J. McKay had spoken to Law Director Rudduck, and he stated he had.

M. Miller asked if this is something they wanted to discuss in Solid Waste Committee or in full Council. M. Purkey stated it would need to go through Judiciary if they were looking to update the Ordinance. B. Rudduck stated this addition wouldn't have a downside, as long as it is articulated in a certain way.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL


A motion was made by B. Liermann and seconded by M. Purkey to accept the Income Tax Report and the Hotel Lodging Tax Report as presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by b. Liermann at 8:34 p.m.
President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk