

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, January 3, 2008, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Peterson, present; Wallace, present; Popp, present; Mongold, present; McKay, present.

Chief Hatten was also present.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President Ertel: I would like to welcome our new councilpersons to your first meeting.

Councilwoman Popp: Thank you, Mr. President.

Councilman Jaehnig: Thank you.

President Ertel: Thank you. Glad to have you here.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, December 20, as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Mongold to approve the minutes of the special meeting, December 27, as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: You have here an announcement on rezoning. That is being withdrawn at this point, so if you would, there will be no public hearing on that. The request is being withdrawn.

Also before me I have a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control from Werner's Pork House, LLC; 94½ N. South Street, 2nd Floor; Wilmington, Ohio; Scott Simon; to Sam's Meat, LLC; 1209 W. Locust Street; Wilmington, Ohio. This will be on file in the Office of Clerk of Court for comment. I believe that concludes my portion of the agenda. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Raizk: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report.

President Ertel: Okay. Committee reports. Asset, Acquisition and Use.

Asset, Acquisition and Use –Chairperson Sandy Mongold: No report.

Auditor – President Ertel: Okay. Seeing no Auditor, there is probably no report. Finance Committee?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: We have one item tonight, and that is the ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4660 to Increase Wages Under the Employee Pay Plan for the Calendar Years 2008 and 2009 and Declaring an Emergency. Do you understand everything now of what that is. Do the new council members have any questions?

Councilwoman Popp: I have no questions.

Councilman Jaehnig: No, no questions.

Councilwoman Mongold: No questions.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Amending Ordinance No.4660 to Increase Wages Under the Employee Pay Plan for Calendar Years 2008 and 2009 and Declaring and Emergency.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4740 passed as read.

President Ertel: Anything else, Sandy?

Councilwoman Mongold: I would like to remind the new council members and any other council members interested that January 14 at 4 p.m. we are going to have a finance info session so that we can go over Accounting & Finance 101, Municipal Finance. Pauline, will you make sure that that gets posted because we will have new council members [inaudible for transcription].

Pauline Buckley: That was January 14?

Councilwoman Mongold: January 14 at 4 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Pauline Buckley: Certainly.

Councilwoman Mongold: Thank you.

Councilwoman Peterson: I just want to ask a question about that. Is that something to be attended by someone new or is it something that those of us who have been on council for while should attend?

Councilwoman Mongold: You are more than welcome to attend it. It would be a nice refresher for you.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay. I want to.

Councilwoman Mongold: Okay. Thank you.

President Ertel: Thank you. Water Committee?

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace: I have no report, Mr. President.

Street Committee – Chairperson Peterson: We have one agenda item that I am going to ask that we postpone it. I just want to announce that we have a Streets Committee meeting scheduled Tuesday, January 8 at 6 p.m. We have one agenda item, and that is to discuss downtown parking. We are asking the property owners, business owners, and residents to discuss any issues or solutions that they may have with current parking. We also have a follow up meeting scheduled.

Pauline Buckley: Is it the 8th or the 9th?

Councilwoman Peterson: Oh, 9th, excuse me. I can't read a calendar today. Yes, it is the 9th, thank you. On the 30th of January we have a follow up meeting at 6 p.m. and that is basically to present solutions at that time. Are there any questions?

[Banter/Discussion regarding date of meeting]

President Ertel: It is the 9th.

Mayor Raizk: It is Wednesday the 9th. That is my understanding.

Councilwoman Peterson: It had it on my calendar wrong. That was a good catch.

President Ertel: Very good. Is there anything else?

Councilwoman Peterson: No, that is all. Thank you.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Solid Waste/Recycling?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: No report, Mr. President.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report, Mr. President.

Judiciary Committee: Chairman Mark McKay: No report, Mr. President.

Safety Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: I have no report tonight, Mr. President, but since the Safety Director is here tonight, I would like to thank the Police Department and the Life Squad personnel. When Barb had her accident right uptown, they did a tremendous job, and I just want to say thank you to everybody that helped Barb.

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: All I can say, Don, is I am glad they got there before the Sanitation Department.

[Laughter]

President Ertel: Yes. We all know what happened.

Mayor Raizk: Let's just move along.

President Ertel: Very good.

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Sandy Mongold – No report.

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Mike Wallace – We have one item on the agenda this evening. I think, as all council is aware, we are working with the city schools in trying to help obtain some tennis courts here in the city through the City Parks. We need to give our Mayor authority to sign this particular budget agreement so we can move forward one step at a time in this process. We have a couple of things coming up here in the next month or so. Just to let everybody know, we plan on having these courts built by August 1. That is our goal at this point in time. We think all of the monies are there and we can keep that like it is. This will be no monies out of the city's pocket. This is all taken care of through funds raised through grants or funds for capital improvement through the city school system [inaudible for transcription]. To receive this state grant, we need to do it through the city council. So, if you don't have any other questions, I would move for the first reading.

President Ertel: I have just one question before that. As far as the upkeep, insurance and so forth, who cares for that?

Councilman Wallace: That is going to be on the city schools. The city schools have agreed to take care of it and to keep it up.

Mayor Raizk: The insurance actually will come under us because there will be the municipal sovereignty of our partners. These will actually belong to the city. It will be a lease agreement.

Councilman Wallace: But the upkeep will be the schools.

Mayor Raizk: The school is going to provide the upkeep, but the insurance...Because we have a Park and Recreation exemption and because it is under the Parks, there is what they call a recreational exemption if somebody gets hurt or something like that. It is similar if it happened out in the park. These will be adjacent to the school, but actually they will be deeding a piece of land over to the city that they will be actually built on. They will be part of the Parks and Recreation Department, and they will be for use by all residents of the city. There will be times when the schools will be using them for their

varsity teams and so forth, but then there are also plenty of other times that anybody in the city can use them, just like our parks.

President Ertel: Very good.

Councilman Wallace: If you sit in the parking lot right in front of the high school and you look to the west, you look in a field there between the high school and the church, and that is where the tennis courts are going to be located.

President Ertel: Excellent. That will be nice. Very nice. Okay. Thank you.

Councilman Wallace: We are very excited about [inaudible for transcription.]. There will be somewhere between 10 and 12 courts. It will be a very nice facility.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on the resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Capital Improvement Budget “Pass Through Agreement” with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, for \$185,000 for the Construction of Tennis Courts for the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Peterson to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2058 passed as discussed and read.

Councilman Wallace: There will be a City Parks and Recreation meeting on, I think, February 4 where we will be discussing more of this as well. This is something for everybody to think about putting on their calendar. I think it is at 6:00. That’s all I have.

President Ertel: Okay, Service Director.

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: No report.

Safety Director – Nick Babb: No report.

Reports: President Ertel: I don’t see any reports before me here. There are none.

President Ertel: At this point, I would like to open the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session. Please come and state your name and address at the podium.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, President Ertel asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Wallace to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk