

COUNCIL

March 6, 2008

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, March 6, 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.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Wells to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, February 21, as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: That concludes my portion. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Raizk: Mr. President, I don't have anything this evening. Thank you.

President Ertel: Okay, committee reports. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

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

President Ertel: Thank you.

Auditor – President Ertel: Mr. Auditor. Seeing none, no report.

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: No report.

Councilwoman Peterson: Good.

President Ertel: Very nice. Water Committee?

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Streets Committee?

Street Committee – Chairperson Peterson: Well, Item A, you may recall seeing that on the agenda in the past. It will be a little anticlimactic probably, but we anticipate moving that forward at the next council meeting, so I would request that we postpone it. Item B...

President Ertel: I have just one question. Do you have the map available?

Service Director Reinsmith: I do.

Councilwoman Peterson: Good.

Service Director Reinsmith: I just got this updated today. I will pass these around...that way. I think we are scheduled for about March 11, I think, to talk about these.

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes, we are. March 11 at 6 p.m.

Service Director Reinsmith: So, I guess if you guys want to kind of peruse through these. Those were some of my colors and then I also used Sandy's sheet and I gave that to Ernie and he kind of incorporated that in with the plan too. I just question where it is, but I said "Let's go ahead and put these on the drawing, and then we will meet in committees we can discuss them."

Councilwoman Peterson: Thank you.

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you, Cindy.

Councilwoman Peterson: The second item is an ordinance amending the codified ordinances. I would move for the second reading.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Popp to give the second reading only on the ordinance Amending Chapter 351.131 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Councilwoman Peterson requested that the third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

President Ertel: Thank you. Anything else, Cindy?

Councilwoman Peterson: No, thank you.

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

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

President Ertel: Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer Committee?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Judiciary?

Judiciary Committee: Chairman Mark McKay: We do have an item on our Agenda tonight. We would have the first reading on a resolution of understanding between the City of Wilmington Planning Commission and the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission. I would just go on to say that the Mayor has made comments in his State of City about new partnerships, and I think this is a nice step forward for a partnership with Regional Planning. Our Director of Regional Planning, Chris Schock, is here with us tonight. If he has any comments, he could certainly make them at this time.

Chris Schock: Okay. Thank you very much for your consideration of this collaborative agreement. I am confident that it will allow us to be able to continue serving the city as your professional planning staff. You pay dues to the RPC in that regard, and we wish to continue providing those services, and we hope to be of help to the Wilmington Planning Commission as they consider different projects in the city.

Councilman McKay: Thank you.

Mayor Raizk: And by way of before you read it, I believe there is a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission that it was unanimously approved; so those kinds of rules would apply.

Councilman McKay: I neglected to [inaudible for transcription] Planning Commission. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Are there any other questions or comments about this business?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on A Resolution Regarding Coordination Between the City of Wilmington Planning Commission and the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission on Advisory Review of Plans.

Motion passed

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

McKay requested that, in the absence of comments or objections, the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman McKay: That is all I have.

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Don Wells: Mr. President, tonight on our agenda it says the second reading; however, I would like to have the second and the third reading. Is there any discussion or comments?

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mongold to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4654 and a Section of Chapter 123 of the Codified Ordinances as Amended, 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 Wells and seconded by Peterson 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. 4748 passed as read.

Councilman Wells: That is all we have tonight, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you much. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Sandy Mongold: The Holidazzle Committee met last night for the first time, so they are already starting to plan for the Holidazzle Parade. If it can get bigger and better, it is going to be bigger and better, but it was pretty good last year. They have a new contact number this year if anybody would like to make note of it. The contact number is actually the Murphy Theatre, 382-3643, and if you have to mail anything to them, you can mail it to the Murphy Theatre at 50 West Main Street, to Trevor Shoemaker's attention. We do have an email address, but we are not quite sure if it is up and operating at this time. It is [info@hometownholidazzle.com](mailto:info@hometownholidazzle.com). I am not sure where that is, but we are excited. We are going to start meeting once a month for a while, so we are going to try to double the number of months from last year. Thank you.

President Ertel: You're welcome. That sounds just great. Parks and Recreation Committee?

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Mike Wallace: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Service Director?

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: Just a weather report. No snow tonight – a little snow in the morning. The latest report that I got this evening that they are talking 3-5 inches by Saturday evening. All trucks are in running order. We have about 175 tons of salt; so hopefully, we can get through without a lot of wintry mix and all of that ice. We can handle the snow with the plows. Right after that last meeting, I told you we had plenty of salt. We had 600 tons and we used 400 tons that weekend – that Friday night. So we were down pretty low. We do have two small shipments in, but everybody around the area is low on salt. Those are slow barges that come up the river. Hopefully, this will be our last big fling of bad weather.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Safety Director?

Safety Director – Nick Babb: No report, Mr. President.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by McKay to approve the Income Tax Receipt Report – February 2008.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as received.

President Ertel: At this time, 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 to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Councilman Wells: I would like to make one comment. I would like to thank Mr.Hinman for the utility pole being placed so quickly. He did a very good job.

Dale Hinman, DP&L: Thanks for letting me know.

Mayor Raizk: Could I say one thing real quickly. I neglected to at the time. One of the main aims when we established the Human Resources Department was, number one, to pull us into the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century, as it were, for such a large organization as we. But, Dan Mongold has done an outstanding job. We have now a new Employee Handbook/Policy Guide. It was one of our main goals. We have done that in-house. There are quite a number of new policies. While this is an administrative tool, I do have copies. I have a number of books in my office. If you would like one, you are more than welcome to one. They are in my office. I have them sitting on my desk if you would like. It is a loose-leaf notebook, so as things move forward, we can make appropriate changes. We have a lot of new policies in there updating some things. We have eliminated a lot of urban myths – that is what we call them. There were things that we would say, “Yeah, we’ve always done that,” and then you go to the Policy Manual and find out, well no, that it not what you are supposed to do. We’ve gone through that and all of the employees this week are in the process of receiving them and signing off that they have them, so that we can go forward. Frankly, it is basis for discipline and also policy and procedures. In the case of our bargaining unit employees, we have provided it to them also, even though their contracts are their first policy and procedures. Where sometimes the contracts are silent, these procedures take place. Also in the spirit of me-too, they all have these. So real kudos to Dan for getting this done. It has taken a while, but I think a lot of folks don’t realize what a mammoth job it really was to try to get out and to get updated in all phases. As we say, now that we have it, it is a work in process, so as things change, we will be able to change with them. It is actually our first reprinting and restructuring of the employee manual since 1995. We are very happy with that. If you all would like a copy, you can stop in at the office and pick one up. Thank you.

President Ertel: Thank you.

Mayor Raizk: Hockaday paid me to say all that.

President Ertel: He did. That just took us over the record.

Councilman Jaehnig: Since we are over, I would just like to say, I’m sorry to say we did not make the Monopoly board or the top 20, I should say, wild card cities for selection.

Mayor Raizk: Have they selected yet?

Councilman Jaehnig: Well, they have not selected from the top 20 wild cards, but the top 20 wild cards are listed on the monopolyworldvote.com now. I believe that there was only one American city that did make the top 20 and that was San Francisco. Two Canadian cities made it.

Mayor Raizk: San Francisco – Wilmington...

Councilman Jaehnig: I know. It is hard to even imagine how that selection could have happened. But it was still a fun thing. I was approached by a lot of people in the grocery store and so forth, and they really did have some fun with it. I think that’s a nice thing. On the other side, I am very pleased to say I attended an event this weekend at the college, a fundraiser for the homeless shelter that was in the paper today or yesterday. With this economy and everything that everybody is going through nowadays, it is truly amazing to see the City of Wilmington still continuously stand up and support its citizens that need help. In two concerts that day, they raised over \$3000. That really says

something about this community and made me feel very proud to be a citizen of it.  
Thank you, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Certainly. Thank you.

President Ertel again asked if anybody else from the public or the council wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Peterson to adjourn.  
Motion passed.  
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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Clerk