

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, March 5, 2009, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

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

Assistant Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Jaehnig to excuse the absent member.
Motion passed.
Absent member excused.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: I would like to welcome our young members from Boy Scout Troop 151 and their leader, Erik Ansbergs.

President Ertel invited them to stand and introduce themselves and they did. President Ertel offered to help them with understanding the process if needed.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mongold to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009, regular meeting as received.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as received.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2009, meeting as received.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as received.

President Ertel: I don't see much for my part on the agenda tonight. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor – David Raizk: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have much tonight. It has been a hectic week. There have been a couple of joint committee meetings about stimulus project things. Suffice to say that every time we turn around there is a new form to fill out. The Ohio Department of Transportation came up with an interesting form on Tuesday and said this was what we needed to put all of our projects on. The City of Wilmington and Clinton County are not represented by a regional planning authority-type organization like some of you have heard of (like Miami Valley Regional Planning or OKI), so we deal directly with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Interesting enough, they came up with a form that was many pages deep on Tuesday and said, "We need to have all of your projects on these forms," and they gave us 48 hours to do it. I can say that we did everything we could think of, with just about everyone in city hall that knew how to use a computer. It asked for more detail than you can imagine. I think, as of the end of the day today, they were all done. I want to thank everyone here who worked on that: Laura, Larry, Ernie, Dave Allen, Chris Schock, and Andrea.

Secondly, just an update: At the end of last year, you will remember that we talked about our sewer rates and looking at reductions in those to go along and we are not backing away from that. This process has taken a little longer than we thought. We're having our bond counsel look at some innovative financing that was made available to us, and we are still waiting for the approval to see if we can get with that pool scenario. I hope to have something before you before the end of this month, but just to let you know that we are working on it. It is complicated. How much we can do just depends on this financing mechanism.

President Ertel: Thank you, Mr. Mayor; we appreciate that. Committee reports. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

Asset, Acquisition and Use –Chairperson Sandy Mongold: We have three readings on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to transfer two parcels of land to the county commissioners. With the conclusion of the bypass, we somehow acquired two parcels of land that are just an island out there, and this will take care of that situation.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Wallace to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Transfer Two Parcels of Land to the Board of Clinton County Commissioners (Parcel No. 270-018835-8 and 270-018820-0.)

Motion passed.

In the absence of Law Director Hapner, President Ertel the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Wallace 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.

President Ertel read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2124 passed as read.

President Ertel: Thank you. Mr. Auditor?

Auditor – President Ertel: No Auditors report tonight.

President Ertel: Finance Committee?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: We have two items. The first item is an ordinance making supplemental appropriations.

She asked for questions and received none.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Popp to give the first reading only on an ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Motion passed.

President Ertel read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Wallace 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.

President Ertel read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4832 passed as read.

Chairwoman Mongold explained that the next ordinance was to pay expenses incurred in the prior fiscal year. Once again, this is the “Now and Then,” and for some reason they just keep coming.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing Payment of Expenses Incurred in a Prior Fiscal Year.

Motion passed.

President of Council read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Jaehnig 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.

President of Council read the resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes.
Motion passed.
President of Council declared Res. No. 2125 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold also welcomed the Boy Scout guests.

President Ertel: Thank you. Water Committee?

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

President Ertel: Thank you. Streets Committee?

Streets Committee – Chairperson Peterson: We have one item. It's the second reading on the ordinance amending the traffic control map to eliminate parking on a portion of Hale Street.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Mongold to give the second reading only on an ordinance Amending the Traffic Control Map and the Traffic Control File to Eliminate Parking on the West Side of Hale Street for 80 Feet Commencing at the Intersection with Locust.

Motion passed.

President of Council read the ordinance by title only.

Chairwoman Peterson asked that the third reading be on the Agenda for the next council meeting.

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you. Solid Waste/Recycling?

Councilman Wallace: Mr. President, if I can interject on the Streets, we have a contest for naming a street. We are trying to get some names collected by the end of this month to present and come up with a name. Any suggestions please contact me or call the Mayor's office. I'm even contemplating putting a box here in city hall to turn in names.

Councilman Jaehnig: For the Scouts, the road we will be renaming was 73 out by Airborne. When the bypass went in, 73 automatically moved, leaving that road officially unnamed. We already have an Old 73; we really can't have an Old Old 73, so that is the piece of road that we are looking to rename. I would love to see all of you throw in one. Something of a positive nature, please.

(There was some more bantering about submitting names for this road.)

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: I have nothing on the Agenda tonight, Mr. President. However, we will be having a committee meeting on Monday, March 9 at 5:30 in the Service Director's office, and we will be reviewing the Solid Waste Management District's Plan. Anybody who can make it, please show up.

President Ertel: Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer Committee?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Peterson: We have no report.

President Ertel: O.K. Very good. Thank you. Judiciary Committee?

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Leilani Popp: Thank you, Mr. President. We have two items this evening. The first is a second reading on an ordinance Amending Ordinance 111.04.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to give the second reading only on ordinance by title only.

Motion passed.

President of Council read the ordinance by title only.

Committee Chair Popp requested that the second and third readings be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Popp: Our next item is a resolution adopting an identity theft policy and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on a Resolution Adopting an Identify Theft Policy and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

President of Council read the resolution by title only.

Committee Chair Popp requested that the second and third readings be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Raizk indicated it had to be enacted by April 1.

Councilwoman Peterson asked what was driving this.

Mayor Raizk: We have to have a Red Flag Policy in place even at the dealership because we do financing. It's about identify theft, and since we do interact with folks and take their money, we have to have a Red Flag Policy. Last year they enacted what was called Red Flag legislation. It's basically having a policy in place that answers how to deal with these things. It was supposed to go into effect earlier in the year and people just weren't ready, so they backed it off until this new date. Originally, it was to have been last November. It affects a lot of private businesses, all the banks, etc.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: We have no report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Leilani Popp: Yes, we have one item: The first reading on an ordinance designating a new revitalization district within the City of Wilmington.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on an Ordinance Designating a Revitalization District Within the City of Wilmington.

Motion passed.

President of Council read the ordinance by title only.

Committee Chair Popp requested that the second reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

President Ertel: Good. Thank you. Parks and Recreation Committee?

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

President Ertel: Excellent. Service Director?

Service Director- Larry Reinsmith: The only thing is that last week someone asked the question about pipe relining. We haven't really done any yet. We've done a lot of camera work, a lot of testing. That project is supposed to start in probably three weeks. They have identified work that is going to cost around \$153,000 on those contracts. They're going to start that phase, and then the manhole repairs, that's another phase of those contracts. They've identified six contracts. Those bids are going to open tomorrow. The estimates are around \$80,000 for that work, and they will start making those repairs next week. I know one is down by Kentucky Avenue and it is 14-feet deep that they have to replace, so they've got some deep manholes that they are going to be working on.

Mayor Raizk: Is that the one right there at Kentucky and Xenia? It is 14-feet deep?

Larry Reinsmith: Yes, and then the grouting, which is another phase, is going to start around March 16 and that's about \$68,000 worth of work there. The cemetery project is complete now. They've got it tied in on both ends and it has been tested. Now it's just going through the clean-up phase and restoration. That project finished out at \$186,000.

Paul Hunter: It was passed as an emergency, I believe, last spring, almost a year ago – that relining one, the \$77,000. Now we're just getting to it, is that right? Because of complications?

Larry Reinsmith: I think a lot of it had to be the camera work and locating all of those low places.

President Ertel: I have a question about the sewer line down through the cemetery, the progress there.

Larry Reinsmith: It's done. It's been tied in at both ends and it has been tested and is now just going through the restoration. It cost \$186,000.

President Ertel: You got rid of that old pump house down there too because that was such a safety issue.

Mayor Raizk: Further, one of the things that held us up was we had a lot of problems with our existing camera and we had to replace it. It was the cart and the horse scenario. We had a lot of problems last year getting that done.

Paul Hunter: I just wanted to see you beat the spring rain.

Mayor Raizk: Yes. The camera was in the shop more than it was out, and we couldn't get parts for it anymore so it finally had to be replaced.

An unknown speaker asked what areas were going to be done.

Larry Reinsmith: All over town.

Paul Hunter: You're not going to do the north? That's where the problem was.

Larry Reinsmith: Yeah, and that's where they hit most of it, but they have other areas identified.

Paul Hunter: So whatever the camera shows them, they are going to do those first.

Larry Reinsmith: Right.

(Someone from the audience made another comment, but it could not be understood for transcription.)

President Ertel: Okay. Safety Director?

Safety Director – Nick Babb: I really do not have anything to report. It has been a pretty quiet period from the police and fire standpoint. I'll probably regret that I said that. We do have a new Dodge Durango setting out in the parking lot. It will be a marked vehicle probably by the end of May.

Rob Jaehnig: Is that a seized vehicle?

Nick Babb: No. It is one that we purchased on a state contract.

Mayor Raizk: The quality of the seized vehicles has been steadily going down. We got lucky once.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to approve the February 2009 Income Tax Report as received.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as received.

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

Paul Hunter, 200 Randolph St.: I want to take this opportunity to bring council up to date on my personal efforts to revitalize the airpark and the county. The young men of Energize Clinton County, the two fellows are doing a good job, getting a lot of press. The Economic Recovery Task Force is also working hard and you can start to see results. With the assistance of the Ohio Department of Development, I was able to attend a wind turbine conference in Columbus last fall. At the workshop, I was put in touch with a firm in Cincinnati that is interested in putting/manufacturing commercial-sized wind turbines and they are interested in our airpark to some extent. I've been talking to them internet-wise and then I got them to Chris Schock. They came up for the tour and they came back up last week to talk to people out at the airpark. They brought along a solar panel builder who is also interested in locating here. We met with them, Mr. Brooker, Chris, Mr. Underwood and I met with those fellows and then they took a tour out to the base. The messages I received since that meeting last week are positive. They are very interested and are looking forward to talking more about it. Of course, they are like us. They are held up by what's going to happen to the airpark, but I told them not to give up. If DHL keeps it, talk to them. They don't want to pay taxes on empty buildings, for heaven's sakes. So just because we don't get it doesn't mean they can't deal individually with a company.

Mayor Raizk: Paul, I did meet with them also later in the day. I think what else is important is that we have a lot of good space that isn't necessarily the airpark. I talked to them about that, so there doesn't need to be a slow down.

Paul Hunter: The wind turbines need heavy buildings that can withstand 40-ton gearboxes. However, the thermal solar cell guy he just needs a 100,000 feet of cover.

Paul Hunter: During the same period, I received a response from one of my many mailings to alternate energy sources throughout the world. A German solar developer in Tempe, Arizona bounced back with, "I'm very interested in your area." I sent out a description of the base and all of that or the airpark. We've been talking now since last fall. I put him together with the solar guy that came up from Cincinnati on the email and they had a teleconference today to see if they can complement each other in whatever they were going to do on solar cells. I haven't gotten the report back on that, but I hope to tomorrow.

Paul Hunter: Yesterday, a Cleveland wind turbine consulting group (they put people together with suppliers)...she called me and said, "We have a new guy interested in wind turbine manufacturing...interested in Ohio...located in Wichita, Kansas." I emailed him today and I am awaiting his response. Once I get them cultivated, I pass them on into the system for the incentives or whatever they are looking for. I'm just kind of an outreach guy; I call myself a facilitator.

Paul Hunter: Finally...that little hand out...I've been investigating commercial wind energy production for the past couple of years in hopes of raising local interest in such a project. My research has led me to the State Route 72 wind corridor. It's at Reesville [inaudible for transcription]; it's the highest point in the county and it runs into Green County, but for our purposes from 71, 72, clear to New Vienna. It comes within a mile or two of the base; it reaches that far. The map you see, the insert, you see the crosshatch area, that is the high wind area. I was able to purchase wind data from the airpark, 2008, extrapolated that and there is some 200 and some days of usable wind. My big hope was to get the landowners in the corridor to meet. So I said I'll use the East Clinton Ag Department, that would be a good thing for them to host a meeting. I have a

guy that will come in and talk about it. The wind guy from Cincinnati was really enthused, building them here, and sticking them here a few miles away. However, I got an email from East Clinton and that group declined to participate. I've got to go out now and find maybe a Farm Bureau, the college, who knows? But this is viable stuff. We have an average 129 days of 19 mile per hour winds, that's a 100 meters. In the end, my investment of hundreds of hours and hundreds of dollars may be in vain, but as they say...nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Mayor Raizk: Growing up, we always thought Snow Hill was about the highest point.

Paul Hunter: It's a place called Hoskins Airport.

President Ertel: That's where the big microwave tower is east of New Vienna, isn't it?

Paul Hunter: There was a . . . the guy that ran . . . no, it's either Hopkins or Hoskins. It's on the internet. It's no longer an active airport; it's like Webb Field. And that's 1100 and 70 some feet and the base is 1054 or the airpark. So that's about a 100 foot higher than the airpark where we are. You add that to an 80-meter wind tower and you are up there where the winds are blowing.

Mayor Raizk: Thank you. Good job.

President Ertel: Thank you so much, Paul. Very good information.

(Other voices could be heard expressing their appreciation for his efforts.)

President Ertel: Very good. Would anyone else like to address council? O.K. Are there any questions?

[Unidentified speaker in the audience]: I just had a question about this wind thing. I've read about some of this stuff in the past. Sometimes communities are against it because of the noise. I don't have any problem with it; I was just curious.

Paul Hunter: All of my research. I used the Champagne County model because they are ahead of us in that, but we don't need to reinvent the wheel. They've toured all of these and all of the comments I read are that the noise is negligible. It's probably in the ear of the beholder, if you will. But that's out in the country. The East Clinton High School superintendent, he's all hot-to-trot to put one up there at the high school. They've got 46 acres to run their school on. Trane, who did our school's energy audit, I'm asking them so you can pay back all of your building improvements that Honeywell or Trane suggests through savings. And I'm asking them if you can pay for the wind turbine through the savings on energy. I haven't gotten an answer yet. It's an interesting idea.

President Ertel: Certainly. Very good, Paul. Thank you. Any other questions.

Mayor Raizk: Just an update. Paul, you mentioned the Honeywell folks. We have had the Honeywell people here and Dave Allen has been working on it. They are making a proposal. We've actually taken their initial proposal and put it as one of our stimulus projects for right now. Even if it doesn't, it's amazing how they guarantee on the payback that they give. And this is looking at every building and facility that we have. It's good stuff, just what you were talking about.

Paul Hunter: I think the school was done with theirs. They used Trane...the same kind of thing operating under the Ohio statutes.

Mayor Raizk: And there is a way to finance it if you don't, but we thought for right now we would put it in as one of our . . . We are trying to get some funding first, but even if not, it's a worthy enterprise.

Paul Hunter: Look at that wind methane off Nelson.

Mayor Raizk: That’s another project. It takes too long to talk about that now, but we are working on that, too.

Councilman Jaehnig: I wanted to say that some of the projects I have been working on lately (because I have been unemployed) have been kind of an eye-opener. I think, from everybody that I have gotten to talk to, the City at this particular point is ready to move on. Everything that I hear is beginning to be positive and that’s what we need to concentrate on now. Things like what Paul is doing on his own, we’re seeing all over the place. Everybody is saying, “You know what, we just can’t depend on somebody else to do it for us and now is our opportunity to make a difference.” Whether it’s groups . . . like the Scouts . . . everyone can make a difference right now. If we all pitch in together, it is a very, very positive opportunity for everybody. Now is the time to stop looking backwards and start looking forward.

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

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

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk