

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, April 7, 2011, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

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

Assistant Chief Duane Weyand was also present.

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

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, March 17, as received.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as received.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mead to approve the minutes of the special meeting, March 24, as received.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as received.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: I would like to make an announcement. There is a public hearing to discuss the various FY2011 CDBG Home and HUD programs. It will be held on April 21 at 7:30 in the City Council Chambers. If any of those are of your interest, please join us for that meeting here at 7:30 on the 21st. Also, at this point, for the council persons, we are very pleased to have in attendance tonight, Mr. Lee Hendee. Lee is of Web Entertainment. He is now putting up all of our meetings on the web. The website is www.webentertainment.net. We are live right now. Because I know there are a lot of budding young TV stars out there, before you we have some policy changes – just a little bit. I will basically read this.

We are excited that on April 7, tonight, City Council meetings will be broadcast on the worldwide web via Web Entertainment. It is expected that members of the public will want to take the opportunity to have their announcements, presentations or comments broadcast via this new media.

COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. In order to allow time for comments from the maximum number of persons, we will allow up to five (5) minutes per speaker during the Public Comment portion of City Council meetings. Persons wanting to speak should come to the podium and state their name and address.

COMMENTS ABOUT SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS – SIGN UP JUST BEFORE COUNCIL – Prior to each City Council Meeting, persons with comments regarding specific Agenda items may sign up with the Clerk to speak. Speakers are asked to keep comments under five (5) minutes. Those persons are the people like perhaps tonight, we will have special people here in front of council and so on during the meeting and so, try to keep it to five. If it involves a dance, go over, that's fine. That is just a guideline we want to use. For example, when Debbie comes to speak about the Visitor's Bureau and so on and so forth. That is what that is for...just sign up with the clerk.

Any person wishing to make spontaneous comments during the business part of the Meeting must be recognized by the President, come to the podium and state their name and address before making their comments.

That serves two purposes. Lee is filming from the back of the room, so if someone wants to make a comment during our meeting, say on a given piece of legislation that is going through or whatnot, if you would, come to the podium because at the podium you can face toward the camera. People at home watching this on the internet can then see your face and hear your comments well because the microphone is up here. Plus, two, that helps up in recording this meeting. All City Council Meetings are recorded and it also gets them close to the microphone so we can hear their name and so on and so forth for the record.

Those are kind of the new items we are going to be using tonight for the meeting. Based on that, I look forward to a great meeting. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor – Mayor Raizk: Thank you, Mr. President. We have a lot of things to do tonight. First of all, if you'll notice, we have a lot of folks here from the Bicentennial Commission. I would like to make some presentations. You know, given the problems that we have had in our community over the last three years, our Bicentennial was amazing to me (and I think I've said this on more than one occasion). No one ever thought not to have it. As we go through life and we are busy... I want to give you a little history about how we started meeting anyway. We went through the records, and I want to recognize a certain person especially. Kelly Hopkins, at the time, was a member of the Wilmington City Police Department, and he was on my schedule to have a meeting one morning. That was on November 27, 2006, when many of us might not have been thinking about the Bicentennial, but Kelly sure was. He said to me at this meeting, "Mayor, what are we going to do about the Bicentennial?" I said, "You know, that's a good question. We haven't really thought about it yet." We knew it was coming and we had to get ready, but we had not really thought about it. Kelly was the one who came... He had brought a whole bunch of research. He had looked at all different types of things on the internet and so forth. You know, you can do Bicentennials by hiring a firm. You have the can standard deal where you have a couple of days when people wear a stick-on beard and you have wooden nickels. We have seen that stuff before. We have had it before. We all decided that we wanted something special – something that was more about our community – about different aspects of life in our community. We wanted something that was essentially homegrown and not canned. Kelly had done a lot of research, so we said, "Hey, we've got to get moving on the Bicentennial." Then (Laura had saved this from September 10, 2007), we had our first pre-meeting. I think many of you were there at that meeting. We got together and started just throwing out ideas about what we should do and how we should engage things – different aspects of the county communities, of our educational institutions – all manner of life in Wilmington and Clinton County. It was a very productive meeting. We got together and got the ball started rolling. Really, first of all, I do want to recognize Kelly. If it hadn't been for him, I don't think it would have appeared on the agenda. I know if we had waited until 2008, it never would have appeared on the agenda because we had a whole lot of other things on our plate. Kelly, this is in appreciation for you. I know there are things called Lamplighter Awards and so forth that are in the county; we are going to call your award The Setting the Woods on Fire Award.

[Laughter]

I want to give you an official City of Wilmington/Clinton County Bicentennial Coin.

Kelly Hopkins: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Raizk: Thank you. I appreciate it.

[Applause]

Mayor Raizk: While you are up here, I have a letter of appreciation for everybody here tonight, and I would like to call your names as I go through this list. Then, if you'll all join me and we'll take a group picture. Kelly, here is your letter of appreciation. We are very pleased with the turnout.

The mayor presented letters to the following:

Debbie Stamper, Mary Ann Raizk, Diane Murphy, Randy Riley, Chris Burns-Dibiasio, Laura Curliss, Rebecca Cooper, Susan Ertel, Richard Braley, Jane Richardson, Charlotte Fahrer, Jenny Hollon, Sharon Roberts, Joyce Shaeffer, Christine Krisa, Kym Parks, Dean Carnahan, Dan Liggett, and David Hockaday,

Mayor Raizk: Laura said she was going to get one more time out of this dress. Also, we have the Coopers here who agreed to dress as well. They are some of Wilmington's newest residents. They have moved from Martinsville to Wilmington.

Mayor Raizk: While we are getting arranged, I just want to say thank you very, very much. I want to say that we had an absolutely outstanding bicentennial. I think it was unique. I think it said a lot about Wilmington and Clinton County and the type of community we are. The celebrations reflected those things. There is a list of activities on that letter and the types of things we had. We had quilts and barn quilts. All of the educational activities were just outstanding. It is interesting because Mary Ann and I have talked to people in other parts of the state, friends who were just excited about the types of activities we had. They said, "We should do something like that." I know certain areas were having bicentennials as well, and they were kind of struggling on what to do. Everybody here needs to be applauded for their activities.

[A photograph was taken of the group]

Mayor Raizk: Outstanding. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

Mayor Raizk: I am going to keep the floor for a minute. I would like to have Lt. Ed Myers come up. Now we are going to change our recognition to something a little different. As you may remember, back on February 3, we had a terrible fire in the City of Wilmington – a potentially dangerous situation. Those of you who were here earlier, we had an opportunity to recognize Sgt. Ron Cravens for his lifesaving ability, but he was not alone in that effort. Lt. Ed Myers risked life and limb to get people to safety. There were several children and a resident. They took what could have been potentially a horrible disaster, and they made it safe. I want to take this opportunity to publically recognize Lt. Myers. This is the kind of stuff that he and the rest of the first responders (and many of you are here) do every day. They do it every day. It is nice when we have a chance to recognize them. So, Ed, in recognition of your distinguished service to the City of Wilmington and the Citizens for your actions on February 3, I want to present you with this plaque. I also have a bicentennial coin for you.

Ed Myer: Thank you, Mayor.

[Applause]

Ed Myers: I am very humbled by this. All of this would not have been possible without my crew – Matt Brown, Martin Cline, Ken Ianson and Chief Mason.

Mayor Raizk: Stand up.

[Applause]

Ed Myers: ...the guys trying to establish water and keep the fire at bay. The assistance to help remove the victims of the fire and provide care...it all wouldn't be possible without the Police Department and the Fire Department that night. I just want to make sure that those guys were recognized.

Mayor Raizk: Thank you for sharing that with us and with everybody else.

Ed Myers: I appreciate it.

[Applause]

Mayor Raizk: I'm not done yet. We received back in March a letter to the City of Wilmington, Bicentennial Celebration. "The Family of Carl P. Mendenhall wishes to submit this honorarium, with deepest respect and affection, an accolade to Dr. William Hillard, in recognition of selfless devotion in his practice of medicine. The family of Carl Mendenhall is from Cleves, Ohio, in Cincinnati. They have sent a check for \$200 to the City of Wilmington. On your agenda tonight, you will notice that there is a resolution to accept that gift. They made this in the name of Dr. William Hillard, who was a graduate of Wilmington College. He got his Bachelor's degree in here in Wilmington and then went on to have a long, productive life in Cincinnati as a physician. They have sent some information. There is a picture and so forth in the link. He was class of '42 in Wilmington College. Then he went to University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. We are most grateful for this gift and we will accept that gift later on, but I did want to make that announcement of why it is there. It is honor of the bicentennial, so I just wanted everybody to know that.

Mayor Raizk: Now, I have another announcement. We were very pleased this week to receive notice (and it is dated March 31) from the Ohio Department of Transportation. We have been awarded Safe Routes to School Funding in the amount of \$241,780 for the finishing of the sidewalk on Truesdell, the bridge and the footbridge over the road. We were very excited about this. This just came out. I don't think the state has even made the release yet. But, I did call Mr. Vorst in District 8, whose office this comes out of, and asked him if we could make that announcement tonight. We are very, very excited about that. I want to thank everybody who worked so hard on this. Chairman Jaehnig, you worked very hard, and everybody else – Cindy Peterson and everybody who worked on this for the Safe Routes to Schools. We are very, very excited about this. Frankly, when we put that together, I know it was said many times, "We just don't know." It was kind of throw it up against the wall and see what sticks. Well, it stuck. We are very excited about this. We will give you more information as we get the scope of work and that kind of stuff. It will be a while yet. They will be coming down and putting that together and working with Larry. I just wanted to make that announcement. I think that is all I have under this portion.

President Ertel: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I appreciate that. Also, I would also like to welcome such a large group. I was amazed to see so many people, then I realized there were awards and now most are gone – so now we are down to the regular group. So, let's look at some committee reports. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

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

President Ertel: Thank you.

Auditor –In the absence of Auditor David Hollingsworth, there was no report.

President Ertel: Finance Report?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: We have several items tonight. The first item is an ordinance making supplemental appropriations. Are there any questions from the council members?

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

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance 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 ordinance by title only.

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes.
Motion passed.
President of Council declared Ord. No. 4962 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: The second item tonight is an ordinance making Miscellaneous Transfers, and that refers to the one item in the supplemental appropriations.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Miscellaneous Transfers.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance 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 ordinance by title only.

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

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4963 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: The next item tonight is a resolution authorizing payment of expenses incurred in a prior fiscal year. This is the “Then and Now” notification.

Councilman Jaehnig: Sandy, is this expected to be the majority of it?

Councilwoman Mongold: I can’t answer that right now. You would have to talk to Mary Kay.

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

Motion passed

Director of Law read 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; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2236 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: That is all we have tonight. Thank you.

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 no report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Solid Waste/Recycling?

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

President Ertel: Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer, in Mark’s absence?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: In the absence of Chairperson Mark McKay, Councilman Wells: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Judiciary Committee?

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: We have just one item tonight Mr. President. This is the resolution accepting the gift that was mentioned by the Mayor earlier of \$200 from the family of Carl P. Mendenhall in honor of the Bicentennial and Dr. William E. Hillard. The question will come up “What are you going to do,” I believe the intention is, from what I am being told, did Christine leave already? We are finally going to get Christine some money to put some flowers out and take care some of the downtown stuff that needs to be done. So, I think that is a very great idea to really make a difference.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on a resolution Accepting a Gift of \$200 from the Family of Carl P. Mendenhall in Honor of the Bicentennial and Dr. William E. Hillard.

Motion passed

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mongold 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; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2237 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig: That is all, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee – In absence of Convener Mark McKay, Councilwoman Mongold: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Parks & Recreation?

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

President Ertel: Thank you. Mr. Service Director?

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Very good. Safety Director?

Safety Director – Mayor Raizk: I have a report, Mr. President. I know many words have already been spoken, but I think we need to at least make mention here in council of the terrible tragedy we had with the taking of the life of James Xidas. It is a terrible thing. Those folks have been members of our community for many, many years. Most of us know them, and to have that kind of thing happen in Wilmington...well, it's just not Wilmington, that's for sure. That being said, our heart and all our condolences go out to the Xidas family and their friends. We keep them in our prayers. I also would like to publically again congratulate the Wilmington Police Department. Really, everybody. Duane texted me, I can't remember the hour, and they were in full go. This was priority number one. They put the case together in 17 hours from the time of the first call in.

Chief Detective Josh Riley and Detective Brian Kratzer and all of the members of the Wilmington Police Department who did extraordinary duty, in my opinion, to put this all together. Duane, for your leadership as well, we could not have asked for any better resolution to a horrible tragedy. I want again to express my heartfelt thanks. We as a community need to thank them – for their professionalism and for how they solved it. You know, this is the same as with our Fire Department. Every time I would get a request for training we think, “Do we really need this?” But, I go ahead and sign it. You know what, we really do need it, because they did exactly what they were supposed to do. Their training and their skill level were amazing. I am tremendously proud of not only our Police Department, but of all of our safety forces. I am proud of you, gentlemen here tonight, because all of those hours of training and all of that stuff that we think doesn’t matter really does matter when push comes to shove. It really did. Again, I want to congratulate the Wilmington PD on what they did.

Mayor Raizk: Now, on another note, in the next couple of weeks, Duane has put together a safety survey about our police services and safety in Wilmington that will be going out. He is doing a sampling. I wanted to let council know so if you get a call that says, “Hey, what’s this?” that is what it is. He is putting the survey out as a method to look at strategic planning for the department so they have a basis for going forward. He has done that work himself, and again, good job. That will be going out and I wanted to let everybody know so in case one of your constituents say “Hey, what is this I got in the mail from your Police Department?” You’re sending out about 500 to get a random sample?

Assistant Chief Weyand: About 500.

Mayor Raizk: Then he will be working through that in terms of a working toward a strategic plan for the department. I just wanted everyone to know that. That is all I have as Safety Director.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you so much.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mongold to approve the Income Tax Report – March 2011, as received.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as received.

President Ertel: Before we turn it over to public comment, I think that one thing that wasn’t mentioned was A Taste of Downtown. That is going to happen on Friday, April 15. It is an Italian progressive dinner. It looks like there are going to be some great things. There are \$30 dinner passes available for purchase at the General Denver. It starts at 5:30 at Jen’s Uptown Deli, proceeds to The Mediterranean, Cassano’s, General Denver, and to the Loft. So, it looks like it is going to be a great evening. That is going to be Friday, April 15.

Mayor Raizk: Are there tickets still available?

Unknown Speaker: A few.

Mayor Raizk: If you’re thinking about going, it sells out quick, so you better get with it if you really want to go. There is one thing that I did forget, Mr. President. Clinton County Medication Disposal Day, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. I should have put that under Safety.

President Ertel: Thank you. 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.

Rob Jaehnig: Normally, Paul would do a good job of tooting his own horn, and he is obviously going to remain quiet tonight. This morning at Network Alliance, he had some gentlemen there regarding the wind testing. The possibility of a wind project in Clinton County continues to take steps forward. I have to congratulate Paul and his hard work

because he is definitely the driving force behind that. It was nice to see them there and it is great to hear of a test windmill going up to move that project along. I congratulate you, Paul.

[Applause]

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 Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.
Motion passed.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk