

Wilmington City Council met in special session on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 12:00 Noon with President Pro Tem Sandy Mongold presiding.

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

Assistant Chief Duane Weyand was also present.

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

President Pro Tem Mongold: Mr. Auditor.

Auditor – Auditor David Hollingsworth: I do not have anything.

Finance Committee – Deputy Auditor Mary Kay Vance presented a list of supplementals and transfers. She explained that the supervisors were there to discuss requests. She said that the first supplemental was from the community corrections fund and involved their grant. She further explained that they repeatedly give the wrong amounts to be transferred and this is another corrected amount. Mary Kay said that she has asked them to be more careful about tracking their dollars and has had conversations with them regarding draw down funds versus appropriated amounts.

Assistant Chief Duane Weyand explained that his supplemental was to cover additional costs in running the impound lot. He said that revenues come into the fund to cover the impound lot, but they are a little short on the amount appropriated to finish out towing for the rest of the year.

Councilman Jaehnig clarified that the money does not go back into the account.

Mary Kay Vance explained that the money does not go back into the line item, but it does go back into the fund that supports the line item. The money is in the fund, but an appropriation is needed to actually put the money in the correct line item.

Councilman Jaehnig asked what kinds of offenses usually require a tow.

Assistant Chief Weyand explained that they had a larger than normal amount of cars towed this year. He said that second-offense DUI and beyond require the car to be towed and impounded. All driving under suspensions are towed and impounded. There also have been a few times that they have towed a car for a stolen vehicle where they will be towed and secured, and there have been a few that have been involved in rapes. When cars are seized during felony investigations, the police department does not get reimbursed for the tow. Assistant Chief Weyand said that the other item he has is a transfer from uniforms to college reimbursement. He stated there was a request for college reimbursement and that it was required contractually for the bargaining units to pay for the college.

Mary Kay Vance explained that the next supplemental was from the sewer fund to the facility maintenance line.

Harry McVey explained that Building No. 1 is where the sewer crew is and also some of the TBS offices. He said that TBS has Building No. 2, 100%. In order to separate the gas lines there, Vectren is making them put in another meter. This is the only way to know for sure what the city uses versus the tenant uses. He said it is going to take about \$25,000 in order to rearrange the piping for the separate metering.

Councilman Jaehnig asked if the bill would then go directly to Total Baking Solutions or would it still go through the city.

Harry McVey explained that it would still go through the City unless TBS could come up with \$40,000 in order to get the meter in their name, which might be unlikely at this point.

Clerk Laura Curliss explained that this needed to be done regardless of who was renting the building.

Councilman Jaehnig asked what the situation was with the electric.

Clerk Laura Curliss explained that they have paid a total of approximately \$25,000 and that the rest was supposed to be this week.

Councilman Jaehnig asked if that was separated.

Harry McVey explained how the meters were separated and that we were able to keep track of those well enough.

Mary Kay Vance said that the last item had to do with the Sanitation fund.

Donnie Maher said that he was supplementing the fund to cover the account for the rest of the year for state and local fees. He said that we pay Ohio EPA, Clinton County Solid Waste District and Clinton County Health Department fees for every ton of trash that we take in. He said that we have had an increase of trash this year but there is associated revenue with that. He explained that the fees run normally around \$12000-\$15000 per month. He also said that he needs to transfer money into the vehicle fuel account for the heavy equipment used in the landfill. Mr. Maher explained that this was mainly because of the price of gas this year. He said that fuel consumption has been good this year but the price has gone up.

Mary Kay Vance explained that the last item was the resolution accepting the monies and rates from the budget commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Auditor.

Clerk Laura Curliss asked if there was a way to verify that the amounts were correct.

Mary Kay Vance said that the City does not have that those figures and there was no way for us to check that. She suggested that Laura speak to Terry Habermehl, the County Auditor, if she has more in-depth questions regarding the formula upon which it is based. She explained that the final amount is normally more than what is expected.

[Lengthy discussion of valuation process, tax levies and the effect of enterprise zones upon amounts received by City from tax levies.]

Auditor David Hollingsworth and Deputy Auditor Mary Kay Vance said that the best person to ask regarding the details of property tax levies was Terry Habermehl, County Auditor. Sandy Mongold suggested that Terry Habermehl be invited to the next finance committee meeting to see if he could explain the levy process more in depth.

The members present agreed that they would like the County Auditor to come as they wished to gain a better understanding of property tax levies and their relationship to enterprise zones and tax abatements.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay was made to move all three items (Supplemental Appropriations, Miscellaneous Transfers, and the resolution accepting the amounts and rates and authorizing tax levies) to floor of council for the September 15 meeting.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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Clerk