

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, February 21, 2013, with President Scott Kirchner presiding.

Call to Order

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

Chief Weyand was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President of Council asked cell phones to be set to silent mode.

President of Council

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, February 7, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor - Mayor Riley pointed out that the employment tracking number on the wall had increased from 22 to 23. He asked Councilman Jaehnig to introduce the members of the JETT team.

Councilman Jaehnig explained that the JETT (Job Emphasis Tracking Team) was formed in response to the mayor's goal of creating 750 new jobs for 2013. They want to celebrate the jobs as they happen, and celebrate the businesses that are either moving into the area, expanding, or just growing with economic improvements. The job created this week was Clinton County Motor Sports. They count all jobs in the 45177 zip code. Councilman Jaehnig introduced the members of the JETT team: Holly - store manager at CVS; Steve Brown - coordinates the efforts with the Wilmington Art Collaborative. He said the Chamber sent out an email asking businesses to participate in the JETT project. Only jobs that actually have been created will be added to the count.

Mayor Riley said that in the News Journal there was a nice article from Kevin Carver at the Port Authority. Polaris coming into the city should be creating a hundred-plus new jobs and that there were a lot of good things happening. He congratulated Josh Quallen on going to state for the swimming championships and being a two-time state champion. He recognized the 200 medley swimming relay team (Ryan Macella, Tyler Law, Austin Carey, and Josh Quallen) and said Maddie Shaffer was swimming in two events. He also announced that the Friday night at the General Denver, the American Red Cross is having a Paint the Town Red Dinner. A portion of everything sold will go to the Red Cross. He said the Chamber Dinner at Roberts in April was going to have Gordon Gee from Ohio State University Speaking – April 8. On April 20, Alternatives to Violence is hosting their Tea for Tweens, Teens and Queens. There will be discussion about safe dating practices. He said also next month we would have mayors from Ukraine visiting in Wilmington. He said they would be interested in infrastructure, how we provide services to our citizens, economic development, and green energy. He added that everyone be careful because the roads are supposed to be slick overnight.

Auditor - Auditor David Hollingsworth had no report.

Asset, Acquisition and Use. - Chairperson Bob Mead had no report.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Mead introduced an ordinance making supplemental appropriations.

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

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Siebenaller to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5077 passed as read.

Councilman Mead introduced the Then and Now resolution.

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

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by McKay to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2313 passed as read.

Councilman Mead introduced legislation requesting advance payment of settlement from county.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Siebenaller to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing Request for Advance Payment of Settlement from the County.

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Siebenaller to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes;

Wallace, yes; Mead, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2314 passed as read.

Water Committee - Chairperson Wallace presented legislation authorizing for the advertising of bids for chemicals for the Water Department.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Jaehnig to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing the Advertising for Bids and Purchase of Chemicals for the Water Department and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2315 passed as read.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay said that the streets may be treacherous and asked people to be careful.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Wells had no report.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Siebenaller introduced legislation authorizing the filing of a four-year capital and operating plan with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Four Year Capital and Operating Plan with the Ohio Department of Transportation Covering the Period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Roll call: Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by McKay to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2316 passed as read.

Councilman Siebenaller introduced the second reading on a resolution authorizing a revolving loan fund agreement through the CDBG program.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by McKay to give the second reading only on A Resolution Authorizing the Revolving Loan Fund Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency.

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Councilman Siebenaller introduced the second reading on an ordinance defining a swimming pool in the zoning ordinances.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by Jaehnig to give the second reading only on the ordinance Adopting New Section in Chapter 1131 of the City of Wilmington Codified Ordinance Regarding Definition of a Swimming Pool, and Declaring an Emergency.

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Siebenaller requested that the third reading be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Siebenaller introduced legislation authorizing the adoption of a citizen participation plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by Wells to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan for the Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

President asked for discussion.

President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

Siebenaller requested that the second reading be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Siebenaller introduced legislation giving preliminary approval to a UDAG loan to the Escape Lounge. He explained that the loan application first needed to go through an agent for evaluation and then approval would be contingent upon that report.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on A Resolution Giving Preliminary Approval of a Certain Loan to T. Elliott Enterprises, LLC DBA The Escape Lounge from the UDAG Project Income Revolving Loan Fund, and Authorizing the Mayor to Designate an Agent to Review Loan Application and Prepare a Report and Recommendation to the City Council for Final Approval; and Declaring an Emergency
President asked for discussion.

Mark Elliot described the project. Improvements included a new roof, metal siding on the east side of the building, new stairway to the second floor, and to utilize 50 feet of the ground on the Manhattan side of building to install a large patio and awning along the length of the building. He said the area would be fenced in and there would be an area for outdoor music and an area for outdoor games.

Councilman McKay added that this is the beginning of the Sugartree Corridor and is next to the green space where the Manhattan used to be. He said that this is an area targeted for redevelopment and this would be a good step toward cleaning up that area. Councilman Jaehnig said that it would be a boost to start the redevelopment. Mayor Riley said that the project is in line with what was envisioned in the Sugartree Corridor project as an entertainment/restaurant district. He explained that the idea is to connect that area more directly with the college through the expansion of the trails system. He went on to say that the president of Wilmington College, Jim Reynolds, is enthusiastic about the corridor project. President Kirchner said it was a great project for investing and cleaning up in that neighborhood. He said it would also create jobs.

Mark Elliott said that he appreciated all of the support and was committed to making it work. Councilman Wells asked when it would be completed. Mark Elliott said that the paperwork process is taking longer than expected. He said probably mid-summer at this point.

Seeing no further discussion, President called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by Wells to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2317 passed as read.

President Kirchner said they would work with the mayor to see how quickly they could get the report back and get the project moving.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Wells presented the resolution regarding the agreement to board prisoners at the Clinton County jail.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Boarding of Prisoners at the Clinton County Jail.

Roll call: Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2318 passed as read.

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Chairperson McKay said that he knew of a couple of new businesses that are coming to the downtown area and it was exciting to see potential movement. He added that the Murphy Theatre is having a motivational speaker sponsored by CMH. He said that the Murphy is great asset to the downtown and helps the restaurant businesses when they have shows.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig announced that a Parks Committee meeting would be scheduled in the next week. He asked Councilman Mead to have a Finance Committee meeting following the meeting. He explained that when the last year when the Park Board took over as the primary management entity for the parks, they were defunded by the city. He explained that when they had an opportunity to look at the condition of the parks and some of the repairs that need to be done, the switchover left them in bad position. The Parks Board has made a request to the Parks Committee for some money to take care of the safety issues. Since the park was handed to them in bad condition, they are not able to keep up with the maintenance through just donations. He added that they would have to move quickly in order to schedule the repairs.

Income and Levy Tax Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig thanked the Auditor's office for the new Hotel Lodging Tax Report.

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith repeated that there is an ice storm on the way.

Councilman Wells asked if the new phase of Timber Glen was where the streets were laid out already. Service Director Reinsmith said that it was. They wished to finalize it as it has been on hold for about five years.

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Russ Burton, Mayor Riley gave the report. He said that they are looking at utilization of Station 2, especially renting out some of the space to the Ohio State Patrol for a licensing area.

Reports

Councilman Wells asked about the status of money that might be available for the Parks out of the Caesar's Creek Project Fund. Councilman Jaehnig said that Mary Kay Vance expects that the monies will need to be returned to the state and they are waiting for an answer. He added that Representative Rosenberger has been involved with the process.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by McKay that the Auditor-Treasurer Report, January 2013, be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

President Kirchner opened the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session.

Paul Hunter, 200 Randolph, said that he thinks that the landfill operates fine as it is right now. Key points included that branch pick-up and leave pick-up are good services for citizens, participation is increasing for the curbside recycling program, the landfill financial situation is looking good, and revenues are increasing. Maybe a \$1 decrease could be seen in sanitation fees in the future to the citizens. He said that selling the landfill would be a bad idea as it would increase traffic and increase the size of the landfill. He said landfill management could be considered, but if additional revenues were found, they would need to go back into landfill improvements and could not be transferred to the General Fund. He said that currently landfill operations are on sound footing, expenses and revenues are in balance, with a substantial carryover. He added that local taxpayers are not putting any money into the landfill. He said that things should continue in the same way as they are going now. If it's not broken, there's no need to fix it.

President Kirchner took issue with the statement that local taxpayers are not putting any money into the facility. He said that through the trash fees, they citizens are putting money into the landfill.

Councilman Jaehnig announced that two extra members of JETT team had come into the meeting: Julie Ann and Robin. Due to a generous donation by Abbott Signs, the count numbers will be in the city building windows.

President Kirchner said he had concerns about the request to put more money into the parks. He said that fire services were cut by two positions and police services were cut by one. He said they still have two unfunded police cruisers. He said the council members should think about the citizen's safety first.

Jonathan McKay, 371 High Street, spoke regarding the Chamber Luncheon with speaker Gordon Gee from The Ohio State University. He said that Representative Cliff Rosenberger had been key in helping put together the event. He said they are expecting a large turnout and encouraged businesses to register. He added that the City and the Chamber currently have a very good relationship encouraged all area businesses to join. Mayor Riley said that the owner of Tri State Media on Davids Drive, a new businesses that employs 11-12 people right now, joined the Chamber and attended an Economic Alliance breakfast recently. He said that it was a good experience for the company and they were able to get many leads on local companies that need labels. Councilman McKay said that Tri State Media he also has 55-gallon drums as well.

President Kirchner asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by Jaehnig to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk