

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, May 16, 2013, with President Pro Tem Mark McKay presiding.

Call to Order

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

Chief Weyand was also present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

President of Council –

President Pro Tem explained that the President Scott Kirchner was out of town on business.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, May 2, as presented.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor - Mayor Riley announced that 2013 marks the 10-year anniversary of the Wilmington Performing Arts Studio. He read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS. The Wilmington Performing Arts Studio is proudly celebrating their 10-year anniversary of teaching students lessons in dance and life; and

WHEREAS, the studio has approximately 190 students who are taking lessons and learning skills in piano, voice and a wide variety of dance classes; and

WHEREAS, Erin Cavender, owner of the Wilmington Performing Arts Studio, credits her outstanding instructors, her family, and Mr. Cole Haugh, the studio manager, with inspiring greatness from their students and bringing them to their celebration of “A Decade of Dance.”

*NOW, THEREFORE, in anticipation of this program to be held at the Clinton-Massie High School on June 1st, I, Randy Riley, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, Ohio, do hereby encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating The Wilmington Performing Arts Studio and their entire staff as they celebrate **A DECADE OF DANCE***

[Applause and congratulations]

Mayor Riley pointed out that there were three students from Doug Cooper’s class on assignment. He told them not to hesitate to ask questions.

Mayor Riley said he had the honor of recognizing Virgene Peterson, who has been a teacher for 70 years. He said they had a very nice celebration at Denver School.

He further recognized that Relay for Life was held the previous weekend out in the park and was a nice celebration – not celebrating disease but celebrating life. A senior

awareness fair will be held at Clinton County Senior Center on Nelson Avenue on June 14 from 2-4. This is to bring awareness to the seniors about things that are available to them in terms of health, fire safety and social service agencies. Before the next meeting, State Representative Steve Stivers will be at the Wilmington College McCoy Room at Kelly Center on Thursday, May 30, at 7 p.m. to host a listening session for citizen concerns.

President Pro Tem McKay announced that an election was held last week and some new people as well as old people were elected. He said that in America we have an election, we don't have bloodshed, and it's probably one of the best run election systems in the world. He said he was proud that we could elect people the way we do.

Auditor - Auditor David Hollingsworth said that he would wait until the end of May to do a spreadsheet for the members of council to show where we are year-to-date. He said he wanted to make sure they get all the tax collections through the end of April. He said that he wanted to give a snapshot of where the city is in terms of the General Fund balance. At the end of April 2012, the city had a General Fund balance of \$2,122,883. This year we have a balance at the end of April 2013 of 2,751,998. We began the year on January 2013 with a carryover balance of \$2,757,000, so year to date, we've only spent that down about \$6000. He went on to say that when the budget was created, we talked about using the insurance fund as kind of a balancing mechanism because we had built up quite a reserve. We did not fund that the first two or three months of the year, and we're still carrying a balance. We started out at the beginning of the year with \$679,000 in the insurance fund. At the end of April, not having funded that for two or three months, we still had a balance of \$644,000. As of today, we are still a little over \$600,000 in the insurance fund. Barring no major catastrophes it seems like that is working as far as being able to use that fund to be able to offset some of the contributions we are going to have to make.

President Pro Tem McKay asked if fund can be replenished when we use monies out of the insurance fund.

Auditor David Hollingsworth explained that the city just didn't fund it. Once the money goes into that insurance fund, it is used for insurance. He explained that we did not want to deplete the General Fund and over-fund the insurance fund in the budget process.

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

Finance Committee - Chairperson Mead had no report.

Water Committee - Chairperson Wallace had no report.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Wells said that Steve Taylor from Santech was in the audience and asked him to speak.

Steve Taylor said that he had stopped at the landfill and it looks amazing out there. It's a great site, and he learns something from Donnie Maher each time he sees him. He said Superintendent Maher really knows the business and the city is lucky to have him.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Siebenaller introduced the third reading on legislation rescinding automatic pay increases for council members.

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by Mead to give the third reading only on the ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 4576 Setting Salaries of City Council Members and Appointed Salaried Officials to at Least Meet the Minimum Amount Required by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) to Obtain One Year of Credit for One Year of Service.

President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Ord. No. 5090 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Wells introduced the second reading on legislation authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with Adams Township to provide fire and ambulance service.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to give the second reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement With the Board of Trustees of Adams Township for the Provision of Fire and Emergency Ambulance Service for 2014-2015.

President Pro Tem called for vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Councilman Wells introduced legislation expressing intent to sell surplus items to the public through an on-line auction service.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Expressing Intent to Sell City Surplus Items to the Public Through an On-Line Auction Service and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion passed.

President Pro Tem of Council declared Res. No. 2326 passed as read.

President Pro Tem McKay said Mayor Riley had an additional announcement. Mayor Riley asked Councilman Jaehnig to present the latest jobs numbers from the JETT team.

Councilman Jaehnig said the new number is 236, an increase of 17 from the last posting. The increases are one additional employee from Ahresty, eight more from Custom Molded, four and a half employees at the new Mexican restaurant, Don Jalapeños, which is now open for business, and three from the new hair salon, Making the Cut. Making the Cut will also be hiring more stylists. He introduced Mercedes Welch from Making the Cut.

Mercedes Welch – Our owners are Wendy Smith and Annette Haney. We are located at 989 S. South Street. She passed out a flyer announcing the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Making the Cut on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m. and explained the services available at the salon.

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Councilman McKay said that he ate at Don Jalapeños and it was very good. He said that Smith's Barber Shop in the downtown also was being re-opened by a new barber.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig asked Clerk Brenda Woods if President of Council Scott Kirchner had contacted her about scheduling the discussion about the parks budget.

Clerk Brenda Woods said that he had not.

Mayor Riley pointed out that there were two tournaments being held at the Park – Heather's Hope Tournament and an Ohio Fast Pitch Spring Blast Tournament. Together

they would include about 30 teams coming to Wilmington, which has a good economic impact.

Councilman McKay announced that the Wilmington Wine Walk would be held tomorrow, Friday evening.

Income and Levy Tax Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith said that recently they passed legislation changing the fees at the landfill, with an effective date of June 1. He said the superintendent of the landfill had sent out letters to all of the carriers and had received confirmation from two of them to come back. He said those two average around \$33,000 a month in landfill fees and that will add a lot to the bottom line. We're still at about 40% for recycling, about 4 tons a week is going to Abitibi, but there is no money being made. He said Don Maher had found a compacter for recycling and is trying to put that deal together. On a side note, the Clinton County Solid Waste Committee is going to start updating the 10-year plan. The committee and the mayor need to start thinking about what we want to do so we can take it to committee. The Service Director went on to say that he thought that economic progress can be measured in the building department. Last year on May 15, we had brought in around \$8000 in building permit fees – 66 permits. Yesterday, our total was \$40,000 in building permit fees – 111 permits. There is a lot of interest in people reinvesting in their properties. Last year our total revenue was \$34,900. We've passed that already. The city has also sent out 77 letters already to mow grass.

Councilman Wells said that he has heard only good comments regarding the new fees at the landfill. He encouraged all citizens to recycle.

Paul Hunter asked what the alternate route would be for traffic during the bridge construction on S. South Street. Service Director Reinsmith said that some traffic would be routed through Southridge, but trucks would be in a different direction. He said the construction should be starting in 30-45 days. He said that the bridge would be completely closed during the construction and should be closed for a couple of months.

Safety Director – Safety Director Russ Burton had no report.

Reports

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert that the Hotel Lodging Tax Report – 1st Quarter 2013, and the Auditor-Treasurer Report – April 2013 be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

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

Bob Mead pointed out that there was information in the packets regarding Toastmasters International. He said it was a good organization and very helpful to improve public speaking.

Councilman Stuckert asked what the status was of the Sugartree railroad crossing and the usage fees. Brian Shidaker asked if we had had any other contact with the railroad company. Service Director Reinsmith said he had spoken to someone. Custom Molded was trying to get a new spur put in and he was going to try to put some leverage on them to improve that crossing at the same time.

[Discussion of railroad]

Mayor Riley said he called last week and left a message for the general manager of the railroad, but he has not heard anything back yet. He said that his experience in the past is that you have to be persistent in order to get a response from the railroad.

President Pro Tem McKay asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

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

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

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk