

Wilmington City Council met in special session on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. with President Scott Kirchner presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, present; Wallace, present; Mead, present; Siebenaller, present; McKay, present (arrived at 6:10 p.m.).

A motion was made by Siebenaller and seconded by Jaehnig to excuse the absent member, Councilman McKay.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Absent member excused.

Finance Committee –

An overview of the 2014 budget was presented to the council members, including the prioritized capital requests listing. The primary capital needs included the roof on Fire Station 1 and mowing equipment.

The carryover of the budget as presented to council is close to \$3 million, which provides a 30% buffer rather than the suggested 25%.

Councilman Mead said that he believes the expenditures requested should equal the amount of revenue predicted. Councilman Stuckert agreed.

Councilman Jaehnig said that council should also be addressing the revenue side of the budget.

President Kirchner spoke of the history of increasing budgets when times were good but when DHL left, no reductions in the budget were made.

[Discussion of budget]

The employee insurance plan was discussed in detail.

The council gave input on their budget philosophies and discussed what the term “balanced budget” means.

Council talked about the issue of new taxes to generate revenue. It was suggested that putting a tax levy on the ballot was one way of allowing citizens to have a say in what services they want.

Council discussed cutting services to the citizens and whether or not cutting the budget also requires that services to the citizens be decreased or eliminated.

Council talked about the permissive tax monies that were lost when R&L moved their truck licensing from Ohio to Indiana. The mayor explained that he has had meetings with the Director the BMV and made a case for changing Ohio’s licensing processes in order to bring that business back.

Council reviewed the concept of employee raises. It was discussed that the union contracts had provisions for payroll changes in the upcoming years.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.

President Kirchner declared the meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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