

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. with President Cindy Peterson presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, present; Mead, present; Miller, present; Milburn, present; McKay, present.

Detective Bob Wilson was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of silence observed

President of Council

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, January 2, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

President Peterson gave notice of a Public Hearing on the Rezoning Petition for G-1 Zoning on Thursday February 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

President Peterson gave notice of a Public Hearing for rezoning of 2.996 acres owned by LT Land Development from R-3 to B-2 on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

President Peterson - The information on both of these rezoning hearings is on file at the Clerk of Council's Office.

President Peterson – You have been given committee assignments. Those will be on the agenda for the next council meeting for your consideration and approval. At the next council meeting, the mayor will present his State of the City address.

Councilwoman Miller asked if there were any changes in the committee assignments. President Peterson explained that after surveying the council committee chairs, the majority of them were fine continuing with their current assignments, so there would be no changes.

Mayor – In the absence of Mayor Riley, there was no report.

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

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

Water Committee - Chairperson McKay – We are looking at a Water Committee meeting on the regularly scheduled meeting date.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Milburn had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig presented legislation to authorize the mayor to enter into a street lighting agreement. He highlighted that it is a five-year agreement and over the life of the agreement, there will be a 3-percent increase. There will also be new reporting methods for outages through a website and as old equipment is replaced, new technology will be instituted.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Miami Valley Lighting, LLC for Street Lighting, and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5203 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Spicer – We are planning on having a committee meeting before the next council.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Miller introduced legislation making supplemental appropriations to finish up 2014.

Mary Kay Vance explained none of the items affected the General Fund.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations (2014).

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Mead, yes; Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5204 passed as read.

Councilwoman Miller introduced legislation making supplemental appropriations to the 2015 budget from the following funds: Street Lighting Fund (Property Casualty Insurance), Wilmington Succeeds (Homesteading Grant), and General Fund (Indigent Burial).

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

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Miller, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Miller, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5205 passed as read.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson Mead – No report yet, but it is getting close.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener McKay had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Convener Stuckert – We need to schedule a meeting, hopefully next week.

Service Director – In the absence of Service Director Reinsmith, there was no report.

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Russ Burton, there was no report.

Reports

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Miller that the following reports be accepted as presented.

1. December 2014 Auditor-Treasurer Report
2. Statement of Interest Earned
 - a. Second Six Months 2014
 - b. Twelve Months 2014
 - c. Investment Summary
3. December 2014 Income Tax Report
4. 2014 Municipal Court Report

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

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

Patricia Rand - 496 Randolph Street – inquired about the status of the landfill.

Councilman Jaehnig explained that the process is in the hands of the administration and no timetable currently exists for the process.

Patricia Rand asked if there was a committee in place to try to get companies to come into the town.

Councilman Jaehnig explained the structure of the Economic Development Group and outlined recent economic development successes.

President Peterson added that not just the committee is doing work for economic development; the citizens in the community are also involved.

Councilman Jaehnig also pointed out that the Economic Development Group will be making a presentation at the next Network Alliance meeting on the first Thursday in February at the Hampton Inn. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

Patricia Rand asked again about the timetable for the landfill.

[Discussion of landfill]

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph Street – brought up concerns about the state of disrepair of the streets. He suggested a consultant be brought in to give the determination that the city needs to pass a levy to pay for the street repairs. This way the responsibility of the decision would be taken off both the administration and the council members. He stated that dodging potholes will give a bad impression to companies who potentially may be looking to locate in Wilmington. He asked if there is a plan in place to address street repair.

Councilman McKay – At our next streets committee meeting, we will be discussing that issue with the hopes of developing a plan.

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

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

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Miller to adjourn.
President Peterson declared the meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk