

COUNCIL

March 3, 2016

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. with President Randy Riley presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Purkey, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, present; J. McKay, present; Swindler, present; Milburn, present; M. McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President of Council

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by J. McKay to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Agenda approved as presented.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by Stuckert to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, February 18, as presented.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Minutes approved as presented.

President Riley presented legislation authorizing the mayor to choose from qualified applicants and enter into an agreement for building inspection services for the City. The legislation was previously reviewed at the February 18 council meeting.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Purkey to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution authorizing the Mayor to review proposals and enter into an agreement for certified building inspection services; and declaring an emergency.

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. R-16-13 passed as read.

MAYOR

Mayor - Mayor Stanforth introduced Debbie Stamper from the Clinton County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Debbie Stamper presented the Annual Marketing Report and Budget for the Clinton County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCCVB). She gave an overview of the process by which potential visitors decide to visit the area and how the CCCVB is working to market Clinton County.

Mayor Stanforth related a story about a visitor to Wilmington whose car broke down while in the area. He was impressed by the Transit Service. The man's name was John

Weber and he is a disc jockey in Nashville, TN. He wanted to interview taxi personnel and put them on the air.

Mayor Stanforth reported that the Safe Routes to School project will be going from Randolph to Nelson in 2017 and he is personally speaking with property owners to seek donations of land for the sidewalk project.

Mayor Stanforth also reported that the city's health insurance program was up for renewal and it appears that the city will be able to save around \$70,000. He also reported that he reached out to State Representative Cliff Rosenberger to see if there were any grants available to remove dead ash trees. No grants are currently available, but the response from Rosenberger's office was very prompt.

Mayor Stanforth reported that Councilman Spicer was helping with the sound in Council Chambers. He would appreciate if audience members provided feedback on whether or not they can hear well.

AUDITOR

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

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

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson J. McKay – We met and requested the Nathan Hale funds from the Clinton County Foundation. Brian Shidaker will be requesting the funds. We also are going to send the guard between the cannons out for repair. We are pursuing the bridges and make sure they will be in working order by the end of the summer.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener M. McKay had no report.

Finance Committee - Chairperson M. McKay presented the second reading on the ordinance O-16-09 Making Miscellaneous Transfers, previously presented at the February 18 council meeting.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Milburn to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Making Miscellaneous Transfers.

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. O-16-09 passed as read.

Councilman Mark McKay presented ordinance O-16-10 making supplemental appropriations, previously presented at the February 18 meeting.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Milburn to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. O-16-10 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Milburn announced that there would a meeting on March 16. The Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Gateway legislation will be discussed.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Milburn announced there will be a meeting on March 7 in conjunction with the Park Board. We will be discussing the NatureWorks Grant and Xidas Parks updates.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Spicer had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Spicer – We had a meeting discussing the landfill. We have gotten good information regarding what we can do from the EPA. We are calling for a public hearing for the next council meeting so we can discuss what our options are and what our plans are and what we need and hope to do.

Streets Committee - Chairperson Spicer presented legislation authorizing the paving of Truesdell Street. This is an ODOT project, and the legislation was previously presented at the February 5 and February 18 council meetings.

A motion was made by Spicer and seconded by M. McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution authorizing an urban paving project (CLI SR730-10.08 PID 94260) to plane and resurface a portion of SR 730 in the City of Wilmington; and declaring an emergency.

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes;

Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No.R-16-12 passed as read.

Councilman Spicer – We had a meeting to discuss the truck traffic on Florence. We met with Timbertech. They are working on their end to try to get some things taken care of it. Brian is getting with the Street Department. We are talking about putting a couple of signs up to redirect truck traffic, moving a couple of signs to a more strategic location. If folks will bear with us, hopefully here in a few weeks we can put a dent in that problem.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert – We are working toward scheduling a meeting at the end of the month.

Water Committee - Chairperson Swindler – We have no action tonight, but we have a scheduled meeting for Tuesday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the mayor's conference room. I will make it my practice to share the agenda of the meeting here in council so if you do have an interest in any of the agenda items, you will be welcome to attend the committee meeting. We are looking at some things that the water department has requested – purchasing rakes, relocating water lines and things of that nature. We will have a continuing discussion on the splash park project. We will be looking at bulk water rates, something that is not currently codified. We will be looking at water fluoridation and also utility bill agreements between renters and landlords.

Safety/Service Director – Safety/Service Director Brian Shidaker – We are currently investigating repair of the railroad crossing on Doan Street. We are not allowed to repair railroad crossings. History has shown that it is very difficult to repair them because you have to get the railroad involved. We are working on the Ahresty Airborne Connector project and there is a rail crossing there. So, when I had the State of Ohio Railroad Commission as well as the railroad company in the room, I brought up the fact that I had received several complaints about the Doan Street crossing. It was not due for an inspection until 2020. So, bottom line is we have entered into a memorandum of agreement whereby the Doan Street is going to undergo a diagnostic test on March 31 of this year. Our streets department and myself will be there. Essentially, we could get up to \$250,000 in improvements at the crossing. I am being told it will require safety gates.

All they are asking from us is to provide the asphalt, which is about \$2000 to \$3000. We have moved up from the 2020 inspection to the crossing being fixed by the end of the year. We are also looking at a diagnostic test at the Hawley avenue crossing as well and whether or not that crossing is necessary and what options we have at that crossing.

Councilman McKay asked about the Main and Locust Street crossings.

Service Director Shidaker said he is first concentrating on the Doan and Hawley. We will build the relationship and then we will bring those up at a later date.

[Discussion of railroad crossings]

Service Director Shidaker announced that the City is transitioning from blue vans to white vans at the transit department because they no longer make blue vans for the same price.

Service Director Brian Shidaker – We have done a cost analysis to send the crews out to treat the roads. It costs between \$2000 and \$3000 for an 8-hour shift during the day. That includes salt, wages, and fuel. There are many variables. We figure there is approximately 1.6 tons of salt being dropped on the streets and roads per hour. When you add it all up, it's about \$855/shift. You have a little over a thousand dollar in wages. When you add in the fuel costs and all of that, it ends up to be two to three thousand dollars. That's not counting the overtime at night. We are looking at alternatives. Salt is expensive. We have spent \$70,000 this year on salt. We are working with the county and the state to see what is the cheapest and best alternative because you're really just throwing money out the back of the truck and you're damaging your roads at the same time.

[Discussion of road treatment.]

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by J. McKay and seconded by Stuckert that the Income Tax Receipt Summary - be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph Street – raised a question regarding the tipping fees charged to out of county haulers. He said the amount of tipping has increased drastically in the last year, which might indicate that the fees are below market. If the fees have changes, I have not seen them in the newspaper or before council. He asked Councilman Spicer how the rates were changed.

[Discussion of fee structure]

Councilman Spicer said he was checking into whether the rates had been codified or not. He said they would find out what the situation is and follow up accordingly.

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

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, President Riley asked the Law Director to address the executive session.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by Stuckert to enter executive session per “121.22 (G)(1) To consider compensation of a public employee or official.”

President of Council called for a vote.

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

Executive session entered at 8:26 p.m.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Purkey to enter regular session.
President of Council called for a roll call vote.

Roll call: Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes;
Milburn, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

Regular session resumed at 8:48 p.m.

President Riley confirmed that a roll call was called on Item C under the President's
portion, the resolution authorizing the mayor to review the building inspection services.
Clerk Miller confirmed that a roll call was done.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to adjourn.

President Riley declared meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk