

COUNCIL

March 17, 2016

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 17, 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.

President Riley noted the unexpected passing of former firefighter for the City of Wilmington, Kate Muchmore Earley. She was 39 years old.

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 Swindler and seconded by Milburn to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, March 3, as presented.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Minutes approved as presented.

MAYOR

Mayor - Mayor Stanforth announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Public Library on March 19 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. He congratulated Lori Williams on a successful salamander hunt. The next event is bird banding. Clinton Memorial Hospital is having a health fair. The Health Alliance is holding a 5K race Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. CMH also provided thousands of orange towels for the high school basketball games. He congratulated the City of Wilmington basketball team on their success. Mayor Stanforth also announced the tire amnesty event on Saturday April 30th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Clinton County Highway Engineer's Office.

Mayor Stanforth introduced Kim Law to discuss the grit project.

Kim Law presented information on Project Grit. At Denver Place Elementary School, Principal Karen Long began her school year talking to teachers and staff about the role grit (passion, perseverance, hard work) plays in the overall success of students. Students were tasked with creating grit goals. In order to celebrate the students' grit, they decided to do a project modeled off of the Inside Out project, which is a people's participatory art project. In the Inside Out project, the artist JR does large prints of people displaying their passions. It began with honoring 25 kids at Denver Elementary. Then it expanded to the Middle School. They then decided to include people from throughout all of Wilmington to feature members of the community that represent grit in their actions and character.

Kim Law presented PowerPoint presentation regarding the program. The action statement for the project is: "Project Grit: The key to succeeding in life for us in Wilmington is passion, perseverance, resilience and stamina for long-term goals. Grit:

Wilmington's got grit." She presented a video. The project will go up in August. It is all funded by grants and corporate funding.

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 said there were checks coming from the Clinton County Foundation Hale Fund to help with the cemetery.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener M. McKay – Drowsy Lads will be at the Murphy Theatre. The Wine Walk is coming up in May.

Finance Committee - Chairperson M. McKay introduced Ordinance O-16-11 Making Supplemental Appropriations. \$1000 from General Fund to Temporary Services for the Law Director.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Milburn to give the first reading only on Ordinance O-16-11 Making Supplemental Appropriations.

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

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 by title only.

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. O-16-11 passed as read.

Chairperson McKay announced that budget discussions will begin at the next Finance Meeting, which will be the first Wednesday in April. We will be looking at what the administration proposes to help with the million and a half dollar shortfall. We will also be looking at revenue sources from levies to earnings tax ideas.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Milburn – The committee met and had good discussions on zoning. We will be having an educational meeting regarding current zoning in the future.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Milburn introduced resolution R-16-14 to authorize submittal of a NatureWorks Grant to complete the southeast neighborhood park.

President Riley asked if there was a match. Milburn stated that it is a 25% match but she already has it. Swindler added that the match monies are in the Southeast neighborhood park fund. Milburn went on to say that restrooms were considered at that park, but at this point it is too costly, so they will be just finishing up the play features.

Mayor Stanforth added that the reason the southeast neighborhood park fund has extra money is that he brought in volunteers for the shelter work, so it did not cost as much to build as budgeted. He encouraged people to volunteer for the City.

A motion was made by Milburn and seconded by M. McKay to give the first reading only on Resolution R-16-14 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the Natureworks 23rd Round Grant Application 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 Milburn and seconded by Stuckert to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

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

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. R-16-14 passed as read.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Spicer asked if Fire Chief Mason was still on leave. Mr. Shidaker stated that he is. Spicer said that when the Chief gets back, we will get a safety meeting scheduled.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Spicer stated that we had previously stated there would be a public hearing regarding the landfill. Due to some technicalities, there will be no official public hearing. There will be a public forum so people are free to speak about the landfill.

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph: Mr. Hunter presented an analysis for the options for the landfill. He stated it will be difficult to predict the cost of transferring trash to a commercial haul to an outside landfill because the pricing can change. He stated that according to the 2014 OEPA report, and based upon 2013 fill rates, the end date for the landfill should be around 2024. If we fill it faster, it will reach capacity sooner. The real issue is as follows: The city is going to expand westward. Will that expansion be hindered with a garbage dump in the center of the area between Wayne and Truesdell behind the city operations? It will take some of the park land if we expand as expected. There is also a potential trail route through that area. My preference is to shut it down, cap it off, build the park, close her up.

Braden Dunham –We do have a little bit of time to prepare for what is going to happen with the landfill. Right now we have about five years of life left. There are a few different options that we need to present to the city to handle this landfill topic. I am going to read from a report:

The Wilmington landfill has undergone several alterations and expansions throughout the last twenty years. The old landfill was completely filled by the late 90's and planning began for the construction of the newly designed, fully lined landfill that was off to the west side of it. This was our first phase with the rubber liner underneath the landfill. During that same time, the city actually solicited some engineering and started some future planning for the final west expansion. It was conducted through the engineering firm Hull and Associates to design a new separate landfill for the Stuckey Farm land that was obtained by the city for landfill expansion, which is to the west of the current landfill. The west expansion started and that idea was abandoned because of a new idea that came up called a vertical expansion. That means we placed waste on top of the existing old landfill and it bought us some time to prepare for everything else. Backing up to the proposed west expansion that we have the drawings for, the facility was completed with a 45-55 year lifespan. It was complete with a new facility and education center, a scale house, a maintenance building, and it was located off of Park Drive. The west expansion plans were submitted to the EPA for review and then they were returned to the city with their response. At that time, the EPA had some siting and design questions that required some in-depth engineering and financial commitment. A new, more cost effective, idea then emerged called the vertical expansion. The vertical expansion essentially created five smaller phases or cell on top of that old existing landfill. It was more cost effective for Wilmington to go that option than expand west at that time with a separate landfill. In 2007, the vertical expansion started and currently we are filling the fourth phase. Construction will need to begin in the fall of this year for final phase five. It is expected by the end of the year, 2021, give or take, the permitted

Wilmington landfill will be at full capacity. The city has recently discussed many options for this. I presented some figures this late January to my committee with information on what we thought to be the worst case scenario...the full cap and closure of the current landfill and then build another separate landfill to the west. That scenario has since been altered, much to our relief. Our engineer, Mo Finey, with the group Terracon, presented an idea to the city that very well could save the whole operation for indefinite expansion. The new proposal is to allow the landfill to expand westward without capping and closing the old landfill. By doing that, we are able to build a connector cell, which is highlighted in blue on the map. It attaches the new west expansion to the old landfill, keeping it one unit, and eliminating the closure costs. Originally the closure costs for closing the current landfill was about \$1.9 million. Then we also have to have a commitment of about \$2.5 million of what they call a post-closure monitoring program. It's a 30-year program. It's a huge commitment. Now, with keeping it one unit, that cap and closure is no more. The new cell westward is going to cost roughly around \$2 million. That system entails lots of work that is involved with ultimate west expansion. There is a lot of infrastructure design work and a lot of drainage control, new sump stations, relocation of sedimentation ponds and all kinds of siting things that need to happen for that small connector phase. That is why it is going to cost so much initially. After we get that done, it is about a five-six year life span in the connector cell. Then we can move on westward with the large rectangular west expansion landfill. That is roughly a 45-year lifespan after that. The new design will save the city approximately \$4.4 million in closure costs. It keeps the site open and the waste rates low for Wilmington residents and commercial businesses. The preliminary figures for the west connector cell are looking to be, as I stated, around \$2 million for a five-year life. These figures also include a tremendous amount of preparation for the groundwater and infrastructure work for the final 50-year west expansion. I have worked on some financial figures based on the early cost analysis for this expansion. These figures, in my opinion, will need to be generated through rate adjustments to the organizations collection services, the residential rates and commercial. There have been no rate increases for this department since 2009. The increase is basically essential to complete this next phase five construction as well as construct landfilling to the west.

Paul Hunter asked if there would be savings in the Wastewater end of this. He asked if it would still need to be pumped. Braden Dunham answered that there would be another sump pit connected to the force main, which very fortunately is connected with the wastewater treatment plant. We are very fortunate to have the Wastewater Treatment plant next to the landfill. It is a cost savings.

Councilman Spicer said that the City does not need to increase tipping to 200-300 ton a day to make this happen. He added that selling or leasing to another company was not an option in his opinion. Mr. Dunham answered that there was a big misconception for a while that the city was going to sell or lease and a huge influx of waste was going to come into the facility. We are only permitted to take 195 tons per day. We take in about 80 per day. I think we should bring in a little more – around 150 tons per day.

Mr. Limbacher asked if increased recycling would extend the life of the landfill. Mr. Dunham replied that recycling helps, but it is only a small volume.

[Discussion of physical characteristics of the expansion]

Paul Hunter asked what the cost would be to the residents. Braden Dunham answered that his preliminary figures show \$17.00 per month, which is an increase of a little over \$2.00. That is with a penny per month recycling fee.

Councilman Spicer added that the city is looking at raising the cost to recycle to more than a penny because that is not a very realistic charge for the service. Don Wells stated that the one penny it was symbolic. It was a way to go from a voluntary to a paid program.

Steve Sawzin said that if he had to pay more than a penny, he would not recycle. Why should he pay someone to give them free raw material that they can sell to someone else.

Mr. Dunham gave a historical cost analysis of recycling fees. He explained that the City does not make money on recycling. Effective April 1 of this year, they are incurring a \$20/ton fee to tip recyclables. Mr. Sawzin asked if the city could sort so they could take metal to Wilmington Iron & Metal. Mr. Dunham stated that one thing discussed with upcoming grants is investing in a recycling sort center.

Councilwoman Swindler asked if an additional recycling fee was included in the \$3.00 increase. Mr. Dunham answered that a recycling fee would be extra.

[Discussion of recycling systems]

Chris Walls stated that in Shelby County they use inmates to work in the recycling center. President Riley spoke about Wright Patterson Air Force Base's recycling system. Samantha Ahrman gave input on the cost of trash hauling in Greene County. She stated that she pays over \$20/month.

Councilman Spicer stated that no one can do the job like hometown people. We have good employees and good people. If we can keep our landfill, meet EPA requirements, and keep the cost good for our citizens. I think we should do it.

Paul Hunter said that we can close the landfill but still truck the city waste to another landfill. Dunham said the closest, most economical situation would be going to Georgetown, Ohio. The tipping fee would be close to \$40 for direct haul; and you have the mileage. The rate increase would still have to happen.

Councilman J. McKay stated that creating a plan was preventative maintenance. Kicking the can down the road is what we are trying to stop.

Matt Purkey asked for information regarding commercial rates.

Braden Dunham – We would need roughly a \$4/cubic yard increase on commercial businesses and we would still be on the low-to-medium side of comparable pricing. What is good about the commercial businesses in Wilmington is they can control their waste bill because it is pay-as-you-throw. You are only charged for the volume of waste in your dumpster. On a four-cubic yard dumpster, it would be a \$4 increase. We also rent and supply dumpsters. The most expensive one we have is \$17/month, which is very cheap. We have not bumped the rates on those since 2009, so I am considering a \$2 per month rental increase.

Streets Committee - Chairperson Spicer – We have a meeting set up on next Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert – We have scheduled a meeting on March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Water Committee - Chairperson Swindler announced the next Water Committee meeting is Thursday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. We will probably meet in Council Chambers. We will continue to the discussion on Water fluoridation as well as water billing for landlords and property owners. We will also talk about bulk water rates and the splash park.

Steve Sawzin asked what the recommended amount of addition that would be proposed for fluoridation. Swindler answered that optimum is 0.7 ppm or a maximum of 1.0 ppm. More details will be provided at the Water Committee meeting.

Safety/Service Director – Safety/Service Director Brian Shidaker had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by J. McKay and seconded by Stuckert that the Auditor-Treasurer Report - 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Milburn and seconded by Swindler to adjourn.
President Riley declared meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk