

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 16th, 2017, 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; Liermann, present; M. McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Riley stated they should consider amending the agenda item 12c. under Judiciary committee, in order to move through the employee bonus legislation. Council agreement.

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

Motion passed.

Agenda approved as presented.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by Spicer to approve the November 1st special minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

Swindler stated she had clarified the Water budget is not at a \$875k deficit, but it is \$875k higher than last year's budget and asked that it be amended.

A motion was made by J. McKay and seconded by Liermann to approve the November 2nd minutes as amended.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as amended.

President Riley thanked Paul Fear for speaking at the Veteran's Day event.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth asked everyone to keep Service and Safety Director Shidaker's ill son in their prayers. Stanforth thanked Dan Evers and Beth Huber for the great Economic Development meeting that he attended at the Airpark. Stanforth stated the Fife Avenue Water Main project was nearing completion, and the fourth ward paving project looks outstanding, and he stated the paving crew has done a great job.

Mayor Stanforth stated they had recently torn down the first house with the Land Bank, located on Langdon Avenue. Stanforth stated in the future you will see red "X" painted on the houses that will be torn down. Stanforth reminded everyone that the Homeless Shelter's Soup fundraiser would take place on Friday from 11-1pm in the Community Room.

Stanforth stated he had a nice meeting with Attorney General Mike DeWine and Speaker Rosenberger at the Kava House. Stanforth stated the statistics on those dying from overdoses were 15 people a day in Ohio, and he was shocked. Stanforth commented on the Water Rate increase legislation, stating that he would rather have a root canal without Novocain than to raise rates on the citizens, but stated we no longer have a choice. Due to the reports that Rick Schaffer with the water department has put out, Stanforth stated the algae bloom is not going to go away and rates will need to be raised. Stanforth stated he had already contacted the City's ten highest consumers of water to let them know that the rate increase is something that will be happening. Stanforth stated

we must support the fund increase so they are able to complete the repairs that are required to keep the water supply safe.

President Riley thanked Mayor Stanforth for the information and also stated he wanted to congratulate the newly elected members of council and those who had won their re-election

AUDITOR

Auditor – Auditor Hollingsworth stated he would have his report ready for the first meeting in December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

Asset, Acquisition and Use – Chairperson Purkey had no action items.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson J. McKay had no action items.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener M. McKay stated a few exciting things were coming up. The Holiday Parade will take place around 7pm on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. M. McKay stated there is a downtown window competition going on for holiday decorations being put on by Main Street Wilmington. M. McKay stated the Community Band Performance and Merry Tuba Christmas will also be performing at the Murphy theatre during Holiday.

Finance Committee – Chairperson M. McKay had three pieces of legislation. The first O-17-70, making supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to “Medicare” the sum of \$1,000.00, and from the General Fund to “Law Library” the sum of \$4,000.00.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-70 Making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulation and give a second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll Call.

Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-17-70 passed as read.

M. McKay introduced O-17-71 making miscellaneous transfers from “Communication Uniforms” to “Communications Contracts” the sum of \$500.00, from “Communication Training” to “Communications Contracts” the sum of \$1,000.00, and from “Bailiff Salary” to “Probation Salary” the sum of \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-71 Making miscellaneous transfers.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to suspend the rules and regulation and give a second and third reading on the Ordinance.

Roll call.

Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to pass the Ordinance as read.

Roll Call.

J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-17-71 passed as read.

M. McKay introduced O-17-69 for a first reading. Swindler gave a brief overview of the Water budget, highlighting some of the increases and thanked Superintendent Schaffer. Purkey stated it is a shame they find themselves in this situation, but it's where we are. Swindler stated the algae bloom uncovered a lot of emergent issues. Swindler stated that Rick Schaffer coming on board, investigating these problems and not sugar coating the issues, has helped in uncovering a lot of problems that need to be handled immediately. Swindler also highlighted the capital costs that will be involved, as well as changes in the ODNR payments. Swindler stated without the rate increase, the Water Fund would be unsustainable.

Purkey stated the legislation spells out a rate increase for the next four years, and stated it would be a good idea to look at it again, as things can change year to year. Swindler stated the critical issue is that council has 2 year memory spans, which is detrimental to ongoing issues.

Swindler stated there would be a public hearing for anyone wanting to get a better understanding of the rate changes. Spicer stated from past experience, he understands why they have to do an increase, even though he hates to do it. J. McKay stated while a rate increase is a hard pill to swallow, he agrees, it's something that has to be done.

Swindler stated, as a reminder, the only increases you will see due to fluoride would be reflected in guaranteed reimbursements. Swindler said they will not be spending an unreimbursed dollar on fluoride in 2018. The emerging issues at the water department must be addressed first.

M. McKay thanked Swindler for her hard work, and stated it's not a huge increase, but it's something that needs to be done and Council knows how to do it.

Stanforth stated that the water is absolutely safe, and it will continue to keep it safe with these repairs. Swindler stated this is us getting ahead of the curve and working with the EPA to keep the supply safe.

J. McKay asked if a hard freeze over the winter would make any difference in the algae bloom. Schaffer stated it would help, but it would not knock it out entirely.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by Swindler to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-69 Making appropriations for current expenses and other expenses and expenditures of the City of Wilmington, Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

M. McKay asked that a second reading of O-17-69 be on agenda for the next meeting.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson Purkey had one item, the third reading on O-17-66 regarding the shift differential.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by Liermann to give the third reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-66 An Ordinance amending Section 133.20 of the City of Wilmington Codified Ordinances (Ord.4704. Passed 8-16-07)

All yeas.
Motion passes.
The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by Liermann to pass the Ordinance as read.
Roll Call.
Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-17-66 passed as read.

Purkey introduced O-17-62, an agreement with Buckeye Energy for the energy aggregation.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-62- Adopting the City of Wilmington Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operations and Governance pursuant to Section 4926.20, Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

All yeas.
Motion passes.
The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by M. McKay to suspend the rules and regulation and give a second and third reading on the Ordinance.
Roll call.
Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes.
Motion passes.
The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Ordinance as read.
Roll Call.
M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-17-62 passed as read.

Purkey introduced R-17-44 that would award a one-time bonus to city employees, and they would be giving it three readings and also having a discussion. Liermann inquired about how rational of the \$1800 full time versus the \$200. Miller explained that the bonus amount is 4% of the average wage, and this is how the amount was agreed on.

Brief discussion on MVRMA savings for the year being passed on to employees.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading only on Resolution No. R-17-44- A Resolution authorizing a one-time bonus to City employees.
All yeas.
Motion passes.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to suspend the rules and regulation and give a second and third reading on the Resolution.
Roll call.
Purkey, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes.
Motion passes.
The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Resolution as read.
Roll Call.

Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; J. McKay, yes; Swindler, yes; Liermann, yes; M. McKay, yes; Purkey, yes.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-17-44 passed as read.

Purkey stated there was a request for the Retained Hotel Lodging Tax Funds for the downtown holiday lighting project. Miller is requesting \$2500 to fund the purchase of solar lights for the downtown trees. M. McKay stated this is a good and appropriate way to spend these funds. Purkey agreed, but stated he is glad for the discussion.

Motion made by Purkey and seconded by M. McKay to approve the request.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Liermann had no action items.

Safety/ Transportation Committee – Chairperson Spicer had no action items.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Chairperson Spicer had no action items.

Streets Committee – Chairperson Spicer stated there were no action items.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert had no action items. J. McKay inquired about the sewer line replacement being finished. Stanforth stated it was going well and they aren't sure the exact time, but it will hopefully be next week, weather permitting. M. McKay inquired about the updating of the computer systems at the plant, Miller and Stanforth both stated they haven't heard if the system had been updated yet.

Swindler stated she had heard complaints from the third ward flooding, and she had handed off to the correct departments to try to get that issue taken care of.

President Riley reminded citizens not to rake your leaves into the streets because it will impact the storm drains.

M. McKay complimented the M&R department on the leaf pick up service for this year. Miller stated they have completed most of the rounds, and hope to do a third as well.

Water Committee – Chairperson Swindler had one piece of legislation, a first reading on Ordinance No. O-17-72, which Council will hold a public forum before the second reading.

A motion was made by Swindler and seconded by M. McKay to give the first reading only on Ordinance No. O-17-72- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 929 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Wilmington in order to provide for an increase in water rates, repealing any and all legislation inconsistent herewith.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Swindler asked that a second reading of O-17-72 be on agenda for the next meeting.

Safety/Service Director – Director Shidaker was absent. President Riley and Mayor Stanforth asked for prayers for Brian and his family.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by J. McKay to accept the Auditor Treasurer Report.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by J. McKay to accept the Hotel Lodging Report.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

President Riley inquired if there was an update on the roach situation from a previous meeting. Mayor Stanforth stated he had personally visited the rental house where the infestation was previously and didn't see any sign of roaches inside the house. Stanforth stated they do continue to be a problem outside the home, but the winter weather should help with the issue.

Vince Holmes spoke briefly about the history of the G1 and inquired about the Task Force and City's intentions. Holmes stated the new Task Force sounds just like G1 and inquired about the City's intentions.

Purkey stated re-zoning the entire city is a really big project, and he encourages everyone to attend their meetings. Purkey stated he likes having this type of citizen input in these projects. Purkey and Swindler both stated they are purposely not involved in the meetings or micromanaging the Zoning Task Force with the groups ongoing zoning decisions. Swindler stated they will review it when presented to Council, but anyone with questions should reach out to the Task Force members.

Holmes inquired about the amount of money being spent on the project. Purkey stated the contract was for \$15,000.00 and the City has committed \$5,000.00 of that.

Spicer inquired on what type of zoning Holmes wants. Holmes stated he wants the type of zoning he's always had in the past. Spicer stated no matter what is passed, there is going to be someone who's not happy, even if it is the best piece of legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by M. McKay.
President Riley declared meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk