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Wilmington City Council

February 15th, 2024

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at 69 N. South St. Wilmington, Ohio, with President Matt Purkey presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: J Schlabach, present; M Snarr, present; D Wells, present; B Osborn, present; J Knowles, present; D Nanstad, present; K Tolliver, present.

Chief Wilson was present as Sergeant at Arms.

J Dickman was present as Law Director.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Purkey presented the agenda.

B Osborn moved to approve the agenda as presented. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as presented.

President Purkey presented the minutes from the February 1st regular meeting.

D Wells moved to approve the minutes of the February 1st regular council meeting, as presented, K Tolliver seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

February 1st, 2024, regular City Council minutes approved as presented.

President Purkey stated there would be three presentations by community members, and at future meetings, these would take place during the Public Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

Dow Tippet spoke about One Mission Clinton County that is working to unify community churches and provide outreach to local schools.

Joel Rictor, Denise Striker, and Michelle Ricketts spoke on behalf of the Clinton County Homeless Coalition and updated members of Council about their ongoing work.

Dave Hinman and Hanna Lutz provided the following “Statement of Compassion”:

We, as members of the body of Christ, in Wilmington, Ohio, hereby declare that it is our deepest conviction and belief that all people are created by God and born sacred and worthy of all basic human rights. These are food, water, air, shelter, and access to religious services. Our love for God is powerless if not for our love for others (I John 4:20). The deepest expression of love is giving, as modeled by God Himself (John 3:16). Therefore, we aspire to express a unified statement on behalf of all of our brothers and sisters that we as a community and Christian body will continue to serve and love all those we encounter, without question and irrespective of condition or circumstance.

This statement was also accompanied by 175 collected signatures of support.

MAYOR

Mayor Haley gave an update on cameras for the trail that runs from Nelson Avenue to Ogden Road and stated they are looking into options.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR

Law Director J Dickman thanked Rick Shaffer for all his work with the city. He also stated he enjoyed seeing so many people attending public meetings and being involved in their local government.

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SERVICE DIRECTOR

Service Director Michael Crowe spoke briefly regarding the issues with the trail as well as challenges with the landfill being able to access fill dirt on the property due to the placement of the trail.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

Safety Director Joseph Spicer had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

D Wells had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

B Osborn introduced Ordinance O-24-10 Making supplemental appropriations.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-10 by title only. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- a. *From the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (PFAS Planning) to 609.350.5910 "Project Expense" the sum of \$180,795.00*
- b. *From the Sewerage System Revenue Fund to 635.360.5442 "Right of Way Restoration" the sum of \$13,000.00*
- c. *From the Stormwater Utility Fund to 640.365.5442 "Right of Way Restoration" the sum of \$13,000.00*
- d. *From the Cemetery Fund to 580.500.5412 "Memorial Tree Program Expense" the sum of \$3,000.00*
- e. *From the Police Fund to 510.211.5113 "Police Executive Admin Salary" the sum of \$73,500.00*
- f. *From the Police Fund to 510.211.5411 "Police Executive Admin Incidentals" the sum of \$15,000.00*
- g. *From the Police Fund to 510.211.5242 "Police Executive Admin Training" the sum of \$10,000.00*
- h. *From the FOP Continuing Prof Training Fund to 512.211.5211 "Program Expenses" the sum of \$22,471.00*
- i. *From the General Fund to 110.120.5265 "Property Taxes" the sum of \$22,000.00*
- j. *From the M&R Fund to 200.330.5276 "Street Maintenance" the sum of \$75,000.00*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-10 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance No. O-24-10 by title only. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye. Motion passed.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-10 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance No. O-24-10. J Schlabach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye. Motion passed.

Ordinance O-24-10 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Ordinance O-24-11 Establishing a new fund.

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B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-11 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: *Auditor Vance clarified the PFAS funding the city is receiving will need its own line.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-11 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance No. O-24-11 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion passed.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-11 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance No. O-24-11. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye. Motion passed.

Ordinance O-24-11 passed as presented.

B Osborn presented Ordinance O-24-06, An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$650,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying at maturity, together with other lawfully available funds of the City, the City's outstanding series 2023 landfill notes, and paying related lawful costs of issuance; authorizing a purchase agreement and a registrar agreement; and declaring an emergency.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have second and third reading on Ordinance O-24-06 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Roll call vote: Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye. Motion passed.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-06 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance No. O-24061. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye. Motion passed.

Ordinance O-24-06 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced R-24-11 A resolution authorizing the release of a certain mortgage encumbering certain real property in the City of Wilmington, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-11 by title only. D Wells seconded the motion.

Discussion: *B Osborn stated Bisig Automotive paid off their RLF loan with the city.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-11 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-11 title only. D Wells seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye. Motion passed.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-11 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-11. D Wells seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-24-11 passed as presented.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

J Schlabach had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

M Snarr had no report

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

D Wells moved to accept the Auditor's Report for January 2024 and the Hotel Lodging Report for the 4th Quarter 2023 as presented. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Reports accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Valarie Smart of 789 Crestview Drive spoke regarding the lack of information available on the city website pertaining to utility fees.

Pat Thompson of 164 E. Locust Street spoke about concerns she has with the downtown area and issues with homelessness.

Cindy Morehead of 6093 ST. RT 134 S spoke regarding the closing of her business due to issues with frequenters of Sugartree Ministries.

Jane Johns of 3537 S. Beechgrove Road spoke regarding Fire and Police calls for service originating from Sugartree Ministries and stated they do not pay taxes but are using tax funded services.

Eric Gherman of 901 N. South Street spoke regarding issues with the Utility Billing Office, the Landfill road needing widened, and the lack of prosecution for a theft occurring at his residence.

Lorraine Curtis of 485 Howard Street spoke regarding drug addiction and the lack of treatment centers and homelessness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J Schlabach moved to enter into executive session regarding Section 121.22(G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye. Motion passed.

Executive Session entered into at 8:27 p.m.

K Tolliver moved to return from executive session. Seconded by J Schlabach.

Roll call vote: Wells, aye; Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion passed.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:52 p.m.

OTHER ACTION/LEGISLATION

President Purkey introduced Ordinance O-24-11 Amending Ordinance O-24-08 Establishing classification and salary ranges for certain City employees, repealing ordinances and conflict herewith and explained this was regarding a new appointed position in the Police Department of Dispatch Crew Leader.

D Nanstad moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-11 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-11 by title only.

D Nanstad moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance No. O-24-11 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Osborn, aye; Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye. Motion passed.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-11 by title only.

D Nanstad moved for passage of Ordinance No. O-24-11. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Knowles, aye; Nanstad, aye; Tolliver, aye; Schlabach, aye; Snarr, aye; Wells, aye; Osborn, aye. Motion passed.

Ordinance O-24-11 passed as presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

J Knowles moved to adjourn the meeting.

President Purkey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk