

MINUTES

Wilmington City Council

September 5th, 2024

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 5th, 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 7:02 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, accompanied by Administrative Sergeant Wages.

J Dickman was present as Law Director.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council participated in a moment of silence.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Purkey presented the agenda for September 5th, 2024.

J Schlabach moved to approve the agenda as amended, J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *The agenda was amended to include a second proclamation under the mayor's portion of the agenda.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as amended.

President Purkey presented the minutes from the August 15th, regular meeting.

D Wells moved to approve the minutes of the August 15th, regular council meeting, as presented, B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

August 15th, 2024 regular City Council minutes approved as presented.

MAYOR

Mayor Haley had two proclamations to present; the first was recognizing Constitution Week, which was presented to the Clinton County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The second was honoring Suicide Prevention month and was presented to Katie Harper. Mayor Haley deferred to Chief of Staff Michael Cluxton for a security report. M. Cluxton stated Administration has begun to implement security measures in the City Building, including metal detectors, cameras, and additional security staffing.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance was absent.

LAW DIRECTOR

Law Director Dickman stated there would be a mortgage release on the next agenda, and updated Council on the legislation he is drafting regarding homelessness, noting it will be forthcoming, but he still needs to confer with the State.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Service Director Crowe made a statement regarding homelessness, lawlessness, littering, camping, and other areas of concern within the city and presented a slide show. Mayor Haley agreed with M. Crowe, stating he also has ongoing concerns and stated "the time to act is now".

M Crowe presented Resolution R-24-48 Authorizing the advertising for bids for Emergency Water Construction Services and for contracting for same, which will allow the Water Department to contract out emergency service as needed for line breaks and other issues.

D Wells moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-48 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

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The Law Director read Resolution R-24-48 by title only.

D Wells moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-48 by title only. J Knowles 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 Resolution R-24-48 by title only.

D Wells moved for passage of Resolution R-24-48. J Knowles seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-24-48 passed as presented.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

Safety Director Eveland had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

D Wells had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

B Osborn stated there were three items to present and introduced Ordinance O-24-44 Making supplemental appropriations. These items were discussed in the Public Workshop Meeting.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-44 by title only. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

Discussion: *Items A-F were stricken from the legislation upon the request of Auditor Vance.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-44 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-24-44 by title only. K Tolliver 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-24-44 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-44. K Tolliver seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-44 passed as presented.

B Osborn introduced Resolution R-24-46 Declaring it necessary to light the streets, lanes, alleys, lands, squares and public place in the City of Wilmington, Ohio with electric lights, and for special assessments to be levied to pay the costs thereof for the year 2025; and declaring an emergency.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-46 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-46 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-46 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 Resolution R-24-46 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-46. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

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

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Resolution R-24-46 passed as presented

B Osborn introduced Resolution R-24-47 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Economic Development Services Agreement with the Clinton County Port Authority.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-24-47 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Resolution R-24-47 by title only.

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-24-47 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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-24-47 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-24-47. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

Resolution R-24-47 passed as presented

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

J Schlabach had two items to present and introduced Ordinance O-24-37 Implementing Sections 3735.60 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing and describing the boundaries of a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in the City of Wilmington, designating a Housing Officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council for a third reading.

J Schlabach moved to have the third reading on Ordinance O-24-37 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None.*

Voice vote: 6 yeas. 1 abstain (B Osborn). Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-37 by title only.

J Schlabach moved for passage of Ordinance O-24-37. M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-24-37 passed as presented.

J Schlabach introduced Ordinance O-24-45 Repealing Ordinance No. 3587 of 1995 and No. 5111 of 2013 being title One Subdivision Regulations and replacing with Sections 1111.01 to 1127.06 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 711.01, Et Seq. and 713.01 Et Seq. and establishing Subdivision Regulation for the City of Wilmington, Ohio for a first reading only.

J Schlabach moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-24-45 by title only. J Knowles seconded the motion.

Discussion: *Liz Fields with McBride Dale explained the changes and stated that the main goal had been to simplify the regulations and make them staff and user friendly. Council requested a side-by-side redlined version of the changes.*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The Law Director read Ordinance O-24-45 by title only.

J Schlabach asked that a second reading be on the agenda for the September 19th meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

M Snarr had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

K Tolliver moved to accept the Income Tax Report for August 2024. D Nanstad seconded the motion.

Discussion: *None*

Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Report accepted as presented.

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OPEN TO PUBLIC

Eric Westerburg, of Prairie Rd, spoke regarding issues with immigration and crime.

Jane Johns spoke regarding criminal activities at the Clinton County Fair Grounds.

John Cooper, President of the Agricultural Society, spoke regarding issues at the Fairgrounds with trespassing and homelessness.

Tony Thomas spoke regarding a child abuse case and issues with prosecution.

Darrell Petrey, of SR 350, played a recording from his phone of conversations he had previously with members of the City Administration and Prosecutor's Office regarding the investigation of the death of Casey Pitzer.

Greg Pitzer, of Commons Lane, spoke regarding the death of his daughter Casey, and his ongoing issues with obtaining her records.

ADJOURNMENT

D Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by J Knowles

President Purkey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk