

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
January 7, 2020**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on January 7, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roy Strong in the Council Chambers of the Wilmington City Hall.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered “Here” or “Present”:

Aldermen Present Kirwin, Combes, Vice, Dietz, Studer, Tenn, Butler

Aldermen Absent Persic

Quorum

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Other Officials in Attendance

Also, in attendance were the City Administrator/Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, Chief of Police Phil Arnold and City Attorney Brian Wellner

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve the December 17, 2019 Regular City Council meeting minutes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Dietz, Combes, Vice, Kirwin, Butler, Tenn, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Persic

The motion carried.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Strong presented \$100.00 Ace Hardware gift certificated to the four homes with the most holiday cheer – 1st Ward: The Hameister Family at 613 S. Circle Drive, 2nd Ward: The Hackett Family at 504 E. Baltimore Street, 3rd Ward: The Brownlee Family at 814 Lexington Court, 4th Ward: The Ragan Family at 1512 Marion Court and to the Chamber of Commerce for all they do decorating Claire’s Corner.

Mayor Strong stated that he met with representatives from BNSR regarding their proposal to construct an overpass on Lorenzo Road. BNSF’s intention is to have the project ready to bid by fall of 2020, with construction beginning in Spring of 2021. The overpass would be open to traffic by summer of 2022 and the project complete by the end of that year.

Public Comment

Ms. Laura Hackett at 504 E. Baltimore Street mentioned the noise level when the semis drive over the manhole covers on RT 53.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Police & ESDA Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance & License Committee

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-01-07-01 – An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of The Code of Ordinances for the City of Wilmington Pertaining to Cannabis and Related Paraphernalia Use, Sales, Cultivation, and Possession

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Dietz, Combes, Vice, Kirwin, Butler, Tenn, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Persic

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Dietz seconded to approve the accounts payable report in the amount of \$369,574.74 as prepared by the City Accountant

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Dietz, Combes, Vice, Kirwin, Butler, Tenn, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Persic

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Combes seconded to approve the City Administrator to seek and hire a Finance Director

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Dietz, Combes, Vice, Kirwin, Butler, Tenn, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Persic

The motion carried.

Attorney & Staff Reports

Administrator Ziller presented the Council with a year-end Building Department report prepared by Building Inspector Rick Smith. This report will be attached to the approved meeting minutes for future reference.

Chief Arnold reported that our newest hire police officer Eric Runions is completing his last week of field training.


Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Kirwin and seconded by Alderman Butler. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on January 7, 2020 adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk