

**City of Wyoming
February 21, 2023
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:00 p.m.

Those in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, February, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Jim Mercer, Dave Lindahl, and Steve Hansard were present. Alderpersons Kathy Hardy and Dan Hardman were absent.

Citizens wishing to be heard: None

Consent Agenda included the following items:

A. Minutes of January 21, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,705,130.28

C. Staff reports:

Zach Knight, Farnsworth Group, presented an **IDOT permit application** for installation of new concrete sidewalk along with 8" storm sewer extension and inlet. The storm pipe will run parallel with IL Route 91 for approximately 125 feet. This is due to standing water problems downtown in front of Ernie Unhold's Service Station. This has been a problem for years.

Greg McCauley, Manager of Water & Sewer, provided a written report updating the Council on the work progress at the WWTP. David Johnston Construction will begin the roof, soffit and fascia work this week. He is still searching for a tractor including a new one from German Bliss that meets the amount approved. He will be receiving a quote soon from Evoqua Water Technologies for new R/O membranes for the Water Plant.

Police Chief Jim Tiller reported 5 service calls, 1 investigation, 2 traffic stops, and 1 arrest. He informed the Council that as a result of the new enhanced 911 system the City will need to purchase satellite radios which are very expensive. He suggested that we buy one radio and 2 batteries for now. He also has been looking into decals for the police vehicle. He has checked local and international prices and they are all running between \$425.00 and \$525.00. He will present some graphics at next month's meeting for Council approval.

Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported that the City has cut down (3) trees along Route 91. Two in front of the Congregational Church and one across the street from the church.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development, informed the Council that there is a Mexican Restaurant coming to Wyoming. They will be renting the One Eleven building. Tomorrow he will be attending the economic development conference in Springfield. Ald. Hansard asked when the Family Dollar will break ground and if South Street will need to be widened for it. Denny was told that work will begin March 1st, weather permitting. Regarding South Street, the City will have to revisit widening it once the construction begins. Joe Kinsella mentioned he received locate requests for them to remove trees on the West and South sides of the property.

Bills and Claims totaling \$34,995.35

The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: The Mayor asked Zach Knight if IDOT will share the cost since this flooding on the sidewalk is due to Route 91 being built up too high. Zach will ask IDOT if they would be willing to share the cost.

Roll call votes all ayes (4) and the motion passed.

New Business:

Consideration of the 1st Amendment to Ordinance 21/22-2 Rev A for the Refined Home, LLC TIF Redevelopment Agreement. The term of the loan will expire on August 31, 2032. **This Amendment extends the date of the first payment due on the loan to August 31, 2023. The Motion was made by Ald. Carlisle and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion:** Ald. Mercer asked why we were amending the date? Denny explained that due to the delays in receiving materials the renovations aren't as far along as originally planned. **Roll call votes (1) abstain by Ald. Mercer and (4) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Lindahl, Hansard, and Mayor Maher. The motion passed.**

Consideration of the 1st Amendment to Ordinance 22/23-36 Rev A for Marcus Wilson Redevelopment Agreement, Authorizing the City to reimburse the developer a one-lump sum \$13,000.00 for eligible project costs. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion:** Denny Rewerts explained that the Original Ordinance states that he will be reimbursed for eligible project costs once the job is done. Marcus has already spent the money for this project before starting the job and requested the refund be given to him now if possible. **Roll call votes (1) abstain by Ald. Mercer and (4) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Lindahl, Hansard, and Mayor Maher. The motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-40 Authorizing the donation of \$500.00 to the Stark County 4-H Equine Speed Show for the exclusive purpose of helping fund the event. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion:** Jessica Jackson, Chairman of Stark County Jr. Fair, informed the council that this event has brought in 60 barrel racers to participate in the show and brings many visitors to our community. **Roll call votes (4) all ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Hansard, Lindahl, and Mercer. The motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-41 Authorizing the donation of \$1000.00 to the After Prom Committee to help with funding the event to be held on May 6th – May 7th. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion:** After Prom Chairman, Kelly Kieser, has been involved with this event for over 10 years. They provide our students and their guests a safe place to have fun. She informed the council that our donation will be used to help purchase food, gift items, and entertainment for the night. **Roll call vote (4) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Mercer, Lindahl, and Carlisle. The motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-42 Authorizing the IEPA to make a progress Loan L17-5608 Disbursement #6 to Leander Construction Inc. for \$219,771.76. This includes administrative costs, equipment, shop submittals, demolition, and stored materials. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call votes all ayes (4) by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, and Hansard. The motion passed.**

Aldersperson's report:

Ald. Mercer said that everyone appreciates the trees being cut down in front of the church.

Mayor Maher informed the Council that he talked to the company that owns the Dollar General building (located in Chicago) about the septic issues that have caused the store to be closed several times. They weren't aware of the septic problems and will look into it and get back to the him tomorrow.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hansard and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by,

**Diane Baker
City Clerk**