

City of Wyoming
March 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, March 21, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. **Roll call was taken and Alderpersons Kathy Hardy, Ginger Carlisle, Dave Lindahl, Dan Hardman, and Steve Hansard were present. Alderman Jim Mercer was absent.**

Citizens wishing to be heard, Jon Knoblauch, representing the Spoon River Days Committee, addressed the Council with plans and ideas they have for the event that will take place on June 10th, 2023. They include power restrictions, street closings, a band, a possible beer tent, several games for children including a children's parade at 11:00 a.m. The Chamber has also volunteered to help with some of the children's events. Attorney Raver explained the least expensive option for a special event liquor license needs to be purchased by someone that already has a liquor license. Jon agreed to meet with the City again in May when he has a more definite plan. This will allow both the committee and City to come up with some solutions to a few challenges that were discussed tonight.

New Business:

A. Consideration of Resolution 22/23-43 Authorizing a donation of \$1500.00 to support Spoon River Days. This event is scheduled for June 10, 2023. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution 22/23-43 and seconded by Ald. Hansard.**

Discussion: Jon explained that last year's event cleared approximately \$6,000.00 and their goal is to continue to grow the event to bring more people from out of town and eventually be self-sustained. **Roll call votes all (5) ayes by Ald. Hardy, Carlisle, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.**

B. Consideration of Resolution 22/23-44 Authorizing a donation of \$800.00 to support Stark County Fall Festival at Thomas Park on September 16th and 17th, 2023. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve Resolution 22/23-43 to donate \$800.00 and seconded by Ald. Hansard. **Discussion:** Connie Osborne stated the donation will be used to pay insurance for the 2-day event. Peg Gray informed the Council she has been involved with the festival for over 20 years and appreciates the city boys always being available to help get things ready at the park. **Roll call vote all ayes (5) by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Carlisle, and Hardy. The motion passed.**

Consent Agenda includes the following items:

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

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,709,952.70

C. Staff reports:

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development, submitted his report informing the council that One Eleven Coffee has closed. There is a new Mexican Restaurant that will be leasing the building beginning March 1, 2023 and be opening in a couple of weeks. With the new restaurant being open seven days a week, parking will be a problem. He talked to the Gathering Church, and they will work with us on Sunday parking. He also informed the Council that Marcus Wilson has yet to begin work stabilizing the front of his building located at 104 E. Williams Street. We have not heard from Marcus since giving him the \$13,000.00 TIF Grant for that purpose. There are 3 parking spaces in front of this building that are blocked until the building is safe. Mayor Maher asked Attorney Raver to send a letter to Mr. Wilson. Denny also asked the Council to contact Valerie Painter regarding the condition of her building at 119 E. Williams Street. Unauthorized people have been going in and out of the building along with animals. Ald. Hardman reported that he talked to Valerie recently and she plans to continue working on the building this year. She has purchased materials that are stored in the building. She will complete the upstairs first for a possible Airbnb. She told her contractor to board up the upstairs door, that has been damaged and the three upstairs windows. She has replacement windows on order and has material for the exterior purchased.

Police Chief Tiller, reported 1 arrest, 3 investigations, 3 citizen assists (medical), 7 calls for service (fire, reports, complaints)

Greg McCauley, Water/Sewer Manager, reported David Johnston Construction has 4 days left to complete the roof and fascia at the WWTP. The concrete pads will be poured soon for the final filters. Regarding the R.O. plant, he has a quote for new membranes. The membranes are housed in fiberglass tubes that have plastic end caps. They are 30yrs old. The caps are obsolete and he isn't sure how to proceed. Aldermen Lindahl and Hardy suggested he find the part number for the tubes and from there possibly find a part number for the end caps. Greg will also look on eBay and check with Water Surplus Company.

Zach Knight, Farnsworth Group, presented the paperwork to close out the 2022 MFT program. This is just an administrative exercise. No voting required.

The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Hardy, Lindahl, Hansard, Hardman and the motion passed.

Bills and Claims totaling \$17,233.40. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept the Bills and Claims and seconded by Ald. Hardy. **Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Lindahl, Hardy, Carlisle, and Hansard. The motion passed.**

New Business Continued

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-45 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to enter into an agreement with Eagle Enterprises to provide curbside recycling service. The 5-year contract average of \$4.73 per household, based on 596 household units. The motion was made to Authorize Resolution No. 22/23-45 by Ald. Hardy and seconded by Ald. Lindahl.

Discussion: Adam Jaquet of Eagle Enterprises explained that costs are going up, including higher pay for keeping competent drivers and a large increase in insurance. **Roll call Vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Carlisle, Hardy and the motion passed.**

D. Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-46 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. The City Council of Wyoming Illinois appropriated the sum of \$180,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve Resolution No. 22/23-46 and was seconded by Ald. Lindahl. **Discussion:** City Engineer, Zach Knight, explained this is for the 2023 MFT program for oil and chip and CA6 rock on designated streets in town. **Roll call votes all ayes (5) by Ald. Hardy, Carlisle, Hardman, Lindahl, and Hansard. The motion passed.**

E. Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-47 Authorizing the IEPA to make a progress Loan Distribution to Leander Construction, Inc. for \$511,578.15. This is Disbursement #7 of Loan# L17-5608. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to Approve Resolution No. 22/23-47 and seconded by Ald. Hansard. **Discussion:** Zach Knight explained that this is a large amount due to the purchase of aeration equipment. **Roll call votes all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Carlisle, Hardman, Hardy, Hansard, and the motion passed.**

Ald. Lindahl reported that Dollar Tree is doing a good job of getting the site ready for the new store.

Mayor mentioned that the Council Meeting for May will be changed to May 23rd.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hardy and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Voice votes all (5-0) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

**Diane Baker
City Clerk**