

**City of Wyoming
Council Meeting
August 15, 2023**

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, August 15, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken, and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Steve Hansard, Dan Hardman, Dave Lindahl, and Jim Mercer were present.

Citizens to be heard: City Clerk, Diane Baker, informed the Council that Javier from 1-11 Taco is planning to have an “End of Summer” celebration on Saturday, September 23rd from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. He would like to have it outside and block off part of Mallard Alley. They will have music, food, and drinks. The Mayor and Council thought this was a great idea. Javier will keep the city updated on the plans for this.

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of July 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

B. Treasurer’s Report: General Operation and CD’s balance \$2,697,548.29

C. Staff reports:

Joe Kinsella, Superintendent, reported that they are finishing up on sidewalks and will begin spray patching roads next. They are still waiting to hear from IDOT regarding Mft. Lastly, they have been cleaning up and mowing the grounds at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Police Chief Tiller reported 26 calls for service, 2 reports, and 1 arrest. He informed the Council that he has made it a priority to clean up the illegal drug activity and domestic violence in our community. He informed the Mayor that all Nuisance Notifications had been delivered. Ald. Hansard asked for an update on the nuisance complaint at 201 E. Agard Street regarding the wildflowers that obstruct views of oncoming traffic and pedestrians, and the fence that is too close to the road. The Mayor will contact the owner with the dimensions required per our city Ordinance. Lastly, Chief Tiller informed the Council that he plans on hiring another pre-certified part-time officer.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development, reported the City received notice from North Central Council of Governments (NCICG) regarding an OSLAD Grant that the City was eligible for. This Grant is for improving Parks. The City was only given 10 days to prepare the information for NCICG. This grant is usually offered every year and Denny suggested the City begin planning this year for next year’s grant. Engineer, Zach Knight, is willing to meet with the council on site to discuss ideas. Denny also proposed that the City Council and employees have a retreat on a Saturday morning to discuss project planning for the next 5-10 years. This way the city can prioritize what they need to be focused on. He offered to run the retreat. All agree this was a great idea. He updated the Council that October 16th is the current opening date for Family Dollar.

Bridget Barry, Engineer with Farnsworth Group, updated the Council on the status of permits from the State for the sidewalks downtown on route 91 (7th Street.) The state has 90 days to respond to the permits and will send them directly to City Hall. She stated that IDOT should be contacting the City very soon regarding MFT. She mentioned Greg McCauley reached out to Farnsworth Group regarding a CMOM requirement report for the IEPA. He gave it to them one week ago with a deadline of 30 days. They will not be able to complete this on time. She will be contacting IEPA to let them know they are working on it. Mayor Maher and Ald. Mercer agreed she should contact them. She will send a copy of the list of requirements on the report to Ald. Mercer.

Greg McCauley, Water/Sewer Manager, **was absent**.

The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald Mercer Discussion: Yes, the above under Consent Agenda. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Hansard, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

Bills and Claims totaling \$16,688.23 were presented to the council. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: None. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Lindahl, and the motion passed.**

New Business

A. Consideration of Ordinance 23/24-16 Authorizing Disbursement #12 under IEPA Loan L-17-5608 from Leander Construction, Inc. for \$74,228.06. This includes administrative costs, equipment, construction, and demolition. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to go into **Executive Session regarding personnel** and the motion was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice vote all ayes and the **Executive Session started at 6:27 p.m.** The motion to **return to Regular Session** was made by Ald. Carlisle and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice vote all ayes and the **Regular session started at 6:58.**

New Business (Continued)

B. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-17 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an employment agreement with Steven Marvin as Operator of the City WWTP and Water Plant at a salary rate of \$60,320.00 per year. He shall operate under the supervision of Kurt J. Downie as permitted by contract. Kurt Downie's pay will be \$1000.00 per month for the Water Plant, and \$800.00 per month for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All other work and callout problems will be \$75.00 per hour. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution No. 23/24-17 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. **Discussed in Executive session. Roll call votes all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

Aldermen's report:

Ald. Carlisle had a nuisance complaint regarding the abandoned house at 1012 N Main Street. There are overgrown weeds and trees all around the house and animals are going in and out of the structure. The mayor will check this out.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all (5) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker
City Clerk**