

City of Wyoming
July 18, 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, July 18, 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, and Jim Mercer were present. Ald. Dave Lindahl was absent.

Neil Schaffer, representing Wyoming Tractor Pulls, informed the City that the event will be Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Stark County Fairgrounds. There will be 9 classes this year. The City donated \$1,000.00 last year for the Tractor Pulls and he is requesting a donation again this year, if possible. Ginger Carlisle stated that this is a great event for the City of Wyoming. This is voted on under **New Business Item (E).**

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of June 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and June 26, 2023 Water & Sewer Committee Meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance \$2,556,935.19

C. Staff reports:

Joe Kinsella, Superintendent, was absent.

Bridget Barry, Engineer with Farnsworth Group, was absent due to illness. **Engineer, Mike Lutz,** reported that Bridget had discussions with IDOT regarding the front entrance to Ernie Unhold's garage on Rt 91, 112 S. 7th Street. They will allow the two-entrance design that she presented. He added that Bridget will update the Council on the MFT bids status at our next Council meeting.

Greg McCauley, Water/Sewer Manager reported that the storm outage caused the blend meter at the Water Plant to break down. He is currently waiting for a quote from Britton Electronics in Pekin to replace it. One of the WWTP Clarifiers has been painted and must sit for 7 days before using it. Once that is done, they will start draining the next Clarifier and go through the same process.

Police Chief Tiller reported that Philip Wells has been hired as a part time officer. The police car decal has been ordered and will be ready very soon.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development Advisor reported that Ernie Unhold decided to start the cement work in front of his garage without waiting on IDOT. He needs to get the job done. Denny regretted informing the council that "The Little Spa" has closed. However, there are currently 4 new businesses coming to town this Fall. He reported that the city received a letter from Landmark Realty explaining that they are the approved vendor for Fannie Mae regarding the foreclosed property located at 211 W. Williams (locally known as Big Red). The bank has received a Grant to fix up the property. The amount of the Grant was not disclosed, but it is encouraging to know they will fix up what they can prior to listing it.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: Yes, the above under Consent Agenda. Roll call vote all (4) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Mercer, Carlisle, and the motion passed.

Bills and Claims totaling \$30,210.36 were presented to the council. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to accept the Bills and Claims and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (4) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Carlisle, Hardman, Hansard, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Consideration of Ordinance 23/24-9 Rev. A, Approving the Execution of a 1st Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement with Melody Anderson dba A Few of My Favorite Things (Ord. 23/24-9) Amending the term "Property" to be 108 S. 7th Street PIN# 07-02-206-011, and 110 S. 7th Street PIN# 07-02-206-21. **The Motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve Ordinance 23/24-9 Rev. A, and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call vote (4) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Carlisle, and Mayor Maher. (1) abstain by Ald. Mercer, and the motion passed.**

B. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-11 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate the sum of \$1500.00 to the Stark County Sheriff Department's K-9 Drug Program. **Ald. Mercer made the motion to approve Resolution No 23/24-11 and was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all ayes (4) by Ald. Carlisle, Hardman, Hansard, Mercer, and the motion passed.**

C. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-12 Approval of Leander Construction Change Order Request # 5 for welding repairs to the West Clarifier Influent Feed Well at a cost of \$8,598.09. Corrosion was discovered after draining the clarifier and blasting the surface for repainting. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve Resolution 23/24-12 and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all ayes (4) by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Carlisle, Mercer, and the motion passed.**

D. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-13 Authorizing Disbursement #10 under IEPA Loan L-17-5608 from Leander Construction, Inc. for \$94,796.05. This includes costs for Construction Engineering. **The Motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept Resolution 23/24-13 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call votes all ayes (4) Ald. Mercer, Hansard, Hardman, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

E. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-14 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate the sum of \$1000.00 to the Wyoming Tractor Pulls to be held on July 22, 2023. **The Motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution 23/24-14 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all ayes (4) by Ald. Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

F. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-15 Authorizing contract renewal for the Wastewater and Water Plants. No action was taken at this time.

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 6:29 p.m.** The motion to return to Regular Session was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice vote all ayes and the **Regular session started at 6:49.**

Aldermen's report:

Ald. Mercer reported a very large sink hole near a manhole located at N. 7th and W. Monroe Street. The Mayor will have the city boys put cones around it for now.

Ald. Mercer also asked if a letter had been served to Stahl Lumber Company regarding cement dust blowing on people's cars. The Mayor will follow up with the Attorney.

Lastly, he reported overgrown properties at 103 S. 3rd Street and 705 W. Williams St. that need to be mowed.

Ald. Hansard reported complaints regarding the property at 201 E. Agard, on the corner of S. Galena and E. Agard. The owner planted tall wildflowers from the sidewalk to the road that block your vision when driving through that intersection. Also, the owner put a fence up on City property and will need to be moved. Ald. Hansard will contact the owner.

Ald. Hardman asked if the City has started to work on South Street next to Family Dollar? The Mayor stated that it will be next year before we start working on South Street.

Ald. Carlisle reported that the property at N. Main St. have chickens' turkeys & peacocks that are running loose at times and end up in neighbors' yards. The city ordinance requires they must be fenced in at all times. Officer Tiller will inform the owners.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all (4) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



Diane Baker
City Clerk