

City of Wyoming
June 20, 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, June 20, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken, and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Dave Lindahl, Dan Hardman, Jim Mercer and Steve Hansard were present.

Citizens wishing to be heard: Resident Mike Endress questioned why the barricades are still blocking parking spaces at 104 E. Williams Street. The Mayor explained that they have been there to protect people from falling debris from the building. However, no debris has landed on the road for several months. Ald. Mercer stated that it's time to move them off the road and leave the ones on the sidewalk until the building is safe. Mayor Maher directed Joe Kinsella to remove them from the parking spaces after the meeting.

Resident Jackie Carroll addressed the council regarding privacy issues being experienced due to the new Family Dollar building being so close to her property. She requested that the City put up a privacy fence between Family Dollar and her property. The mayor stated that prior to construction he had discussed that a privacy fence should be put up and they agreed. He will follow up with the company and get back to Jackie.

Dave Bickett, on behalf of the Wyoming Fireworks for this year, explained that the cost has gone up \$400.00 from last year and he was attending the meeting in case we have questions. The mayor said that Dave does a very good job of organizing this every year.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of May 02, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and June 12, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting regarding the 2024 Budget.

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,562,614.01

C. Staff reports:

Joe Kinsella, Superintendent reported they have been busy replacing sidewalks.

Officer James Tiller reported that he will keep the community updated to a degree to prevent rumors from spreading when there are arrests or other things happening in our City by using Facebook. Chief Tiller received quotes between \$500.00 and \$600.00 for decals for the police car. One of those quotes was from a local man who designed a nice decal at a cost of \$580.00. The Mayor instructed Chief Tiller to make a choice and purchase them right away. It is within his budget to do so. Officer Tiller also requested the City make a donation to assist in the funding of the County Sheriffs K-9 Narcotics training program. This program will be very helpful to the City in the future to find, arrest, and make the process through the system faster. The Mayor asked that this be put on next month's Council Meeting Agenda.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development reported that Family Dollar/Dollar Tree building will be complete by October 1, 2023, and the opening will be November 1, 2023. He mentioned that under New Business the council will be voting on the City giving SCCI a \$1500.00 donation. SCCI is teaming up with Peoria Discover for the next three years, to help market Stark County and all our communities.

Bridget Barry with Farnsworth Group reported she met with IDOT representatives regarding the sidewalk in front of Ernie Unhold's garage along Route 91. They had an issue with the driveway in front of his building is too big. They suggested an in and out driveway would keep the flow of vehicles simpler. As of now IDOT has put a hold on our project. They did offer her to redraw the in and out design. She will get with Ernie and Joe to discuss this further. The Mayor stated he will contact representative Weaver or we will get nowhere with this project. Regarding the sidewalk in front of 111-Tacos she will have something drawn up by next month. MFT is ready to go out for bid. Hopefully she will have some responses to bring to next months meeting.

Greg McCauley, Water/Sewer Manager, reported that the aerator aspirators have been installed in the oxidation ditch. Electrical work in the control panel and main building is in process. The painter has begun work on the clarifier. There has been a problem with the main pumps. He had replaced the floats but that didn't fix the problem. The problem is in the PLC with a faulty output card. He ordered it and will install it as soon as it arrives. Last month, the wastewater plant was cited by the Illinois EPA for violations related to the effluent outfall. The main issues were excess ammonia as well as fecal coliform. These issues have been on going for several years. Greg met with Zane Austin from Springfield office to develop a plan to return to compliance. Fortunately, the current project will solve our ongoing issues.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard 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. Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Lindahl, Carlisle and the motion passed.

Bills and Claims totaling \$26,693.69 were presented to the council.

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

New Business

A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-4 Approving the Annual Budget and Tax Appropriations for the fiscal year of May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. The amount appropriated is \$1,566,000.00. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve Ordinance No. 23/24-4 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. **Discussion: None Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Hardman, Carlisle, Hansard, Mercer, and the motion passed.**

B. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-5 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$1500.00 to the Stark Council for Continuous Improvement (SCCI) to help support its marketing video of which Wyoming is a part of. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution No. 23/24-5 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Hansard, Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman and the motion passed.**

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-6 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate the sum of \$1500.00 to the Wyoming Community Fireworks for July 3rd, 2023, fireworks. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution No. 23/24-6 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: None **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle and the motion passed.**

D. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-7 Authorizing Disbursement #10 under the IEPA Loan L17-5608 from Leander Construction for a total of \$48,247.53. This includes construction costs required by the contract. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to authorize Resolution No. 23/24-7 and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: **None Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Carlisle, Hardman, Hansard, Mercer, and the motion passed.**

E. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-8 Approving a requested Change Order #4 to the contract with Leander Construction for Improvements and repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant including 13 floats; 4 float/pump cable brackets; 4 anchor chain lifts, Kellems, cable grips and installation of pump wires for a total of \$14,844.06. The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Resolution No. 23/24-8 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. **Discussion:** Ald. Hardman asked for clarification on why these floats are needed. Engineer Mike Lutz explained some were inoperable plus the way they are currently set up they run across the pump station and wires can break due to that. They are setting new openings and replacing the floats. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.**

F. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-9 Authorizing the Execution of a TIF No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Wyoming and Melody Anderson (D.B.A A Few of My Favorite Things) for a Loan of \$5,000.00 at 2% interest for 5 years. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to authorize Resolution No. 23/24-9 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None **Roll votes (4) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Carlisle and (1) abstain by Ald. Mercer and the motion passed.**

Aldersperson's report: Ald. Mercer has received many complaints about cement dust blowing all over their cars uptown caused by Stahl's Lumber Company. Ald. Mercer believes that there are filters that need to be put on a blower and Stahl's said it was too expensive to put them on. The mayor directed Attorney Raver to send a Nuisance letter to Stahl Lumber Company requesting they put filters back in the blower due to possible damage being done to people's vehicles.

Ald. Carlisle reported that Spoon River Days did a great job. The kids all had a wonderful time.

The Mayor Reported the city will be going out for sealed bids for the job of WWTP/Water Operator. Greg McCauley's 3-year contract is up on August 15, 2023.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hardy and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all (5-0) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Baker
City Clerk