

City of Wyoming
January 11, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:01 p.m. The group in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming, Illinois City Council **met Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL.** Mayor Maher was presiding with **Aldermwomen Ginger Carlisle** and **Kathy Hardy** of the First Ward, **Aldermen Dave Lindahl** and **Jim Mercer** of the Second Ward, and **Aldermen Daniel Hardman** and **Steve Hansard** of the Third Ward, all present.

Minutes from the December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ald. Carlisle, and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all ayes and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills were reviewed. The Treasurer's Report showed a General Operation and CDs balance of \$2,248,368.95. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to authorize **Treasurer Lisa Evans** to pay all the bills listed on the **City of Wyoming Board Listing** dated 11/9/2021. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

Vanda Gerard, Co-Chair for the Stark County Elementary School Parents' Club, requested a donation. She explained they have to do everything on line to ask for donations due to the Covid restrictions. The City of Wyoming has provided donations for the last several years. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to donate \$1000.00 to the SCES Parents Club. This was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.**

Mary Trobaugh, representing the Chamber of Commerce, requested the City's approval of the Chamber having fund raisers through the Spring and Summer months by showing movies at the Paramount Theater. They would coordinate the dates with Denny Rewerts and follow the COVID guidelines that all theaters in the area adhere to. People will have to call in and reserve seating. The showings would be Saturday nights with a capacity of fifty people. If more than fifty are interested they will consider having a Sunday matinee. They are still working out the details. The mayor and Council all think this is a great idea.

Engineer Josh Brown announced he will be leaving Farnsworth Group for a new job in Minnesota. Engineer Ed Andrews will be taking over his position with the City. Josh mentioned the Waste Water Plant project is scheduled to go out for bid on February 4, 2022. Josh and Ed reviewed the proposals for flow meters for the WWTP and determined they were bidding the same thing only one was top of the line. **Gasvoda & Associates, Inc.** quoted 2 flow meters totaling **\$20,232.20.** **KVI Inc.** quoted 2 flow meters totaling **\$9888.00** (This company works with Ald. Mercer's company.) **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept the KVI proposal for \$9888.00. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Roll call votes all ayes with one abstain from Ald. Mercer and the motion carried.**

Greg McCauley, Manager of the R/O and WWTP was absent.

Ald. Mercer presented a bid from Johnston Construction to do some repairs on the WWTP building. This includes removing and replacing the soffit, fascia, gutters, damaged ceiling sheetrock, and entry door for a total of \$13,815.00. He based this quote on what he could see. Once he begins working on the project there might be additional damage and charges.

The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept the bid of \$13,815.00 with the possibility that more damage could be found and increase this amount. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

City Attorney Justin Raver attempted to contact the owners of the Locker property at 103 N. Galena and was unsuccessful. He asked the Council if they wanted to begin the process of foreclosing on the property. This is the only action the City can take to receive any money for the property and in turn sell it. He reminded the Council that the cost to foreclose will be at least \$2000.00 and the city will never recoup the money they invested in cleaning up this property. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to foreclose on the property at 103 N. Galena. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hardy. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.**

Ald. Mercer asked for an update on the nuisance property at 119 E. Williams Street. The City posted a notice several months ago for the owner to fix up the building within 30 days. The owner sold the property prior to the 30 days to a company that he also owns. He then sold it again to Valerie Painter. She currently has it for sale. Atty. Raver said he could file a demolition petition and if they keep selling it he would add those names to the petition. He suggested the City look into beautification grants to help pay for the demolition of abandoned properties. The City would have to be willing to write a check without expecting money in return unless we can get a grant. The Mayor agreed we should look into the availability of grants before proceeding with the petition.

Economic Development Advisor Denny Rewerts presented the TIF 1 Reimbursement request for The Refined Home, LLC to pay the first annual reimbursement of \$5000.00 from the loan and \$3000.00 of the Beautification Grant for this project totaling \$8,000.00. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to pay the first loan reimbursement of \$5,000.00 and the \$3000.00 Grant to The Refined Home, LLC. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.** Denny also informed the Council that the new City maps are eligible to be paid with TIF 1 money.

Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported that he has been busy with cleaning snow and slush off the roads and had some repairs done on the red pickup. .

Chief of Police Mark James reported that the Tahoe has been stripped and he will drop off the Dodge Charger to be retrofitted. Officer James has not received any additional applications for part time officers and decided to contact a recruiting site on-line that can be accessed through all social media. This will cost the city approximately \$400.00.

He also informed the Council that Stark County will be changing to a new radio system in 6 to 12 months. The new system will use satellites instead of radio towers. The City will have to purchase new repeaters to communicate properly with the new system. This could be a costly purchase. Ald. Mercer mentioned that the City might be able to use government grant money to pay for this. The Mayor agreed to check that out.

The Mayor presented the Council with proposals from Ferguson Waterworks for the Neptune 360 Meter reading software package totaling \$8,802.16 and the LOCIS Neptune 360 upgrade programing quote totaling \$975.00. The City's current meter system is over twelve years old and obsolete. This is the only program available that is compatible with our current water meters. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept the Ferguson Waterworks and Locis proposals to upgrade our water reading system. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

The Mayor reported that the City Code 7-1-3 #5 states all repairs on service pipes from the mains to the curb stop shall be made by and at the expense of the city but no farther than fifty feet unless a written agreement is made for additional cost between the city and property owner.

The city is responsible from the sidewalk to the opposite side of the street sidewalk.

Trent Frisby addressed the Council requesting reimbursement for his labor to dig up his rental property to find a plugged sewer line. The plugged area was on the city's side and he shouldn't have had to dig up his property. **He wanted to know what the procedure should be for citizens in the city who have plugged lines. Do they call Superintendent Joe Kinsella first?** The mayor stated that the city never digs on the owner's property. After much discussion **the Mayor stated the property owner should first contact Roto-Rooter to check their sewer line including using a camera. If they can't find the plugged area then call the City and they will dig on the City property.**

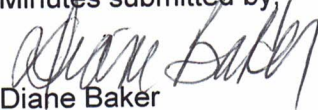
Aldersperson reports: Ald. Mercer asked about the nuisance property on 4th Street. He feels that it still needs work done. The Mayor stated that the city will begin addressing this issue again in the Spring.

Ald. Lindahl wanted to revisit the "Business Parking Only" signs along 7th Street. He feels that whoever is parked up town is doing business of some kind. There have been many complaints regarding these signs and he requests that they be removed. **The Council agreed they should be taken down. The Mayor instructed Joe Kinsella to remove the signs.**

Ald. Carlisle remarked that the City boys did a great job clearing the streets.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Ald. Hardy and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,


Diane Baker
City Clerk