

City of Wyoming
October 18, 2022
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, October 18, 2022 at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken and Alderpersons, Ginger Carlisle, Jim Mercer, Dave Lindahl, Dan Hardman, and Steve Hansard were present. **Alderperson Kathy Hardy was absent.**

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. Minutes from the September 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.**
- b. Treasurer's report: General Operation and CDs balance of \$2,292,189.55.**
- c. Staff Reports:**

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development Advisor, reported that the closing on property being sold for Family Dollar/ Dollar Tree should happen Friday, October 14th.

He informed the Council that **Curry's building on E. Williams Street has been sold.** Denny will contact the new owner and find out what his plans are for the building.

Lastly, the TIF Committee will schedule a meeting with Ernie Unhold to discuss how he plans to resurface the parking area in front of the building. There are drainage issues in that area and the City will need to figure out the best way to take care of this situation.

Superintendent, Joe Kinsella's written report informed the Council that the new playground equipment arrived. The equipment for Duryea Park is installed. Thomas Park's equipment will be installed this week. He also reported the City received IDOT approval of the 2022 MFT Program for under \$25,000.00. Two local companies quoted the job. Potter & Son's quoted \$6,000.00 and Dan Berchtold Blacktopping quoted \$5500.00. Berchtold will be doing the job next week.

Water & Wastewater Plant Operator, Greg McCauley's written report informed the Council that work has begun at the wastewater plant. The bypass piping has been installed in the filter room. The old sand filters and west clarifier are completely offline. The refurbishment of the clarifier will be done in the next couple of weeks. The subcontractor pushed out the date. Greg is waiting to hear from David Johnston, as the construction work has been delayed as well.

The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve the Consent Agenda. Ald. Hardman seconded the motion. **Discussion: None Roll Call Vote 5-0 all ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, and Carlisle and the Motion Passed.**

Bills and Claims were presented totaling \$106,838.63 and MFT bills totaling \$4,237.28. The motion was made by Ald. Hansard and seconded by Ald. Lindahl **Discussion: None Roll Call Vote 5-0 all ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Lindahl and the Motion Passed.**

Public Comments: Resident, Mike Endress commented on several streets that need to be fixed in town. Mayor Maher responded that all of these locations will be fixed next week.

New Business

A) Jody Dienst and Mark Rewerts, representing State Bank of Toulon, would like the **Moonlight Madness parade route** to be longer than discussed at last months meeting. Lining up at Duryea Park going west on Williams Street, turning north on 7th Street to Park Street and going east back to Duryea Park. They also asked to use the outdoor Paramount sound system during the parade. Denny Rewerts stated he would have the system checked out. Jody contacted IDOT about closing the highway for the parade and they told her it was up to the City to block off the highway. The Mayor will have the city boys set up the barricades and take them down right after. The theme of the parade is Candyland.

B) Consideration of TIF 1 Ordinance No. 22/23-20 to Ratify and Reaffirm the Approval of a Downtown Beautification Incentive Program Grant for Stark County Assets (Keith Ratcliff) The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to accept Ord. 22/23-20 and seconded by Ald. Hardman. **Discussion NONE. Roll call vote (4-1) 4 ayes** by Ald. Carlisle, Lindahl, Hardman, and Hansard. **1 abstain** by Ald. Mercer. **The motion passed.**

C) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-21 Approving Heidiger & Meyers (Blue Cross Blue Shield) Medical Insurance Renewal of an 8.02% increase from last year. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept Resolution 22/23-21 and seconded by Ald. Hardman. **Discussion:** the council asked if the employees were happy with it and they were. Treasurer Lisa Evans stated that Hediger & Meyers reviews other options for us and will give us some to choose from. This time they only sent the one. This must be the best offer. **Roll call vote (5-0) all ayes** by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, and Carlisle. **The motion passed**

D) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-22 Approving the sale of City Property to Nancy Whaley located at 100 N . Galena ave., Wyoming IL. The area is 20ft x 105ft at a cost of \$1500.00. The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Resolution 22/23-22 and seconded by Ald. Mercer **Discussion: None** **Roll call votes all (5-0) all ayes** by Ald. Lindahl, Mercer, Hardman, Carlisle, and Hansard. **The motion passed.**

E) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-23 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to accept the bid from Michael Schott of Toulon, Illinois for developing a new City Website. The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to accept Resolution 22/23-23 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. **Discussion:** City Clerk Diane Baker explained that Michael Schott was referred to her by John Balentine of the Prairie News. She contacted Toulon City Clerk and asked if they were happy with his work on their website. They informed her that they he is doing a great job and is also an Alderman of the City. The following Resolution No. 22/23-24 is a second quote from a company named Revize from Michigan who was also referred to her. Both have similar quotes. Ald. Hansard asked if it would be easier to work with Michael as he is close by in case of problems. Diane agreed it would. **Roll call vote was (5-0) all ayes** by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hansard, and Hardman. **The motion passed.**

G) Presentation by Engineer Zach Knight of Loan Disbursement #2 under IEPA Loan # L17-5608. He stated that Leander Construction's Pay Application for \$9,341.50 is for administrative costs and Farnsworth Group's Pay request of \$61,152.50 is as well. The mayor asked what the Contractor has done so far at the site. There has been some demolition and they have begun making progress. They are waiting on some back ordered parts and material and he will keep on top of them. Treasurer Lisa Evans asked for clarification of the payment of the Engineering bills.

H) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-25 Authorizing the Loan Disbursement #2 under IEPA Loan L17-5608 including Leander Construction Pay Application for \$9,341.50 for administrative costs as well as Farnsworth Group, Inc. Construction Engineering Invoices for \$61,152.50 for project management, loan administration and construction coordination. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept Resolution No. 22/23-25 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. **Discussion: None** **Roll call votes (5-0) ayes** by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, and Carlisle. **The motion passed.**

Ald. Mercer reported that Ameren has finished the poles and lights around the Community Center and they made a big difference.

Ald. Hardman rented a lift from E. B. Buildings and Lumber to replace all but 3 of the downtown lights. **Joe Kinsella** will also use the lift for cutting down a few trees in town.

Ald. Carlisle asked if Greg McCauley had heard from David Johnston Construction on when he will begin work at the WWTP. **Ald. Mercer** will get in contact with David and report back to the to Council.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development Advisor, talked to Illuminate Real Estate and they wanted to know what contractor built the Dollar General store. All he could find is that the original owner was Shawnee National Properties, LLC. However, Denny was told that Dollar General was purchased in 2015 from another company. In the meantime we have been paying a portion of their real estate taxes each year to Shawnee. The City has also paid a portion of Dollar General's sales tax of which the term of the agreement has been met. Ald. Hardman asked when the real estate tax agreement ends? Treasurer Evans will provide the information to our City Attorney for him to look into that.

Ald Hardman asked for an update on the new police officer. He is waiting on the state of illinois to inform him whether he needs to complete extra courses prior to starting his job.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hansard and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all (5-0) ayes and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by,



Diahe Baker
City Clerk