

City of Wyoming
November 15, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:02 p.m. Those in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken and Alderpersons Kathy Hardy, Ginger Carlisle, Jim Mercer, and Dan Hardman were present. **Alderpersons Dave Lindahl and Steve Hansard were absent.**

Executive Session regarding personnel yearly Christmas Bonuses. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes and the **Executive Session started at 6:05 p.m.** **The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to return to the Regular Session and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes and the Regular Session started at 6:08 p.m.**

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. Minutes from the October 18th Regular Council Meeting and November 04, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting.**
- b. Treasurer's report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,658,651.84**
- c. Staff Reports:**

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development Advisor reported that Illuminate Real Estate, LLC has purchased the land that Family Dollar will be built on. He reported that the TIF Committee met with Ernie Unhold to discuss the water drainage problem in front of his business property on 7th Street. Lastly, he plans to meet with the new owner of Curry's building, downtown on East Williams Street, to discuss what the plans on doing with the building.

Greg McCauley, Water & Wastewater Plant Operator's written report stated that the electrical work has begun at the Wastewater Plant. Trenching of the new electrical conduit is complete. The work on the first clarifier has been delayed until the Spring when the weather is warmer. He reported that wastewater plant had a major breakdown of the blower that supplies the oxidation ditch. The replacement cost of the blower was \$4300.00. The blower will be obsolete and no longer used upon the installation of the aerator aspirators in the oxidation ditch. The Village of Bradford inquired about our 60 R/O membranes that we can't use. Per Mayor Maher, the membranes were offered at \$305.00 each and that price was accepted by their village board.

Bills and Claims were presented totaling \$27,464.78 plus an MFT bill for \$5500.00 from Berchtold Blacktopping. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept the Bills and Claims and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. **Discussion: None. Roll call vote 4-0 all ayes by Ald. Hardman, Hardy, Mercer, Carlisle and the Motion Passed.**

Public Comments:

Al Curry, Representing the Stark County 4-H, informed the Council that the 4-H Club and Soil & Water Conservation District have a program to select 25 Counties to plant at least 25 oak trees in public places. They have been quality trees in the past and are approximately 6' tall. Mr. Curry asked if the city would be interested. The Mayor and Aldermen agreed they could use 10 trees total to plant in Thomas & Duryea Parks plus the North Ball field near the 4-H fair grounds. Toulon and Bradford have also been approached. The trees will be delivered this Spring. Al will proceed with the application and will follow up with the Council.

Mike Endress asked when we will have a police officer. The Mayor replied that we have hired an Officer and he will soon be on duty.

Melody Anderson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, handed out flyers with all the events going on during Moonlight Madness and Small Business Saturday. She requested a donation of \$400.00 per event. That will cover 25-30% of their expenses. This will be discussed and voted on under New Business items E) and F)

New Business

A) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-26 Authorizing the Loan Disbursement #3 under IEPA Loan L17-5608 for Leander Construction for a total of \$66,925.73. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve the #3 Disbursement to Leander Construction for \$66,925.73. Ald. Hardy seconded the motion. Discussion: Zach Knight, Farnsworth Group explained that this is for the 3rd Disbursement request for material they have on sight, mostly electrical. Next coordination meeting is November 22, 2022. Roll call votes (4-0) all ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Hardy, Hardman, and the motion passed.

B) Consideration of Ordinance No. 22/23-27 Approving the Tax Levy for 2022 Payable in 2023. Ald. Mercer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 22/23-27. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hardy. **Discussion:** Ald. Hardman, Finance Committee member, explained that some of the items stayed the same and nothing was raised over 4%. **Roll call all ayes (4-0) by Ald. Hardman, Mercer, Carlisle, Hardy, and the motion passed.**

C) Presentation by Mayor Maher for Resolution No. 22/23-28 regarding the Annual Employee Christmas Bonuses. He stated that the Board felt the amounts should remain the same as last year. Those amounts were \$600.00 for full time employees and \$300.00 for part-time employees.

D) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-28 Authorizing the Annual Christmas Bonus as \$600.00 for full time employees and \$300.00 for part-time employees. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve Resolution No. 22/23-28 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. **Discussion: None Roll call vote all ayes (4-0) by Ald. Hardy, Carlisle, Mercer, Hardman, and the motion passed.**

E) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-29 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$400.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for Moonlight Madness advertising costs. The event will take place November 18, 2022. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to authorize Resolution No. 22/23-29 to donate \$400.00 for Moonlight Madness and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None Role call vote all ayes (4-0) by Ald. Hardy, Carlisle, Mercer, Hardman, and the motion carried**

F) Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-30 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$400.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for Small Business Saturday advertising costs. This event will take place on November 26, 2022. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to authorize Resolution No. 22/23-30 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. **Discussion: None Roll call vote all ayes (4-0) by Ald. Hardman, Mercer, Carlisle, Hardy, and the motion passed.**

Ald. Mercer had some residents suggest the City recognize Lori Hartz of Hartz Produce for keeping our environment clean by vacuuming a majority of our resident's leaves that have been raked to the road. She has been doing this for several years now. They mulch their gardens with the leaves. The mayor agreed and will put something in the paper. Ald. Mercer also asked what the status was on selling the police Tahoe? The mayor stated that he has held off selling it. It will be put up for sale in the Spring.

Ald. Hardman asked for an update on the water issue in front of Ernie Unhold's building on S. 7th Street. Denny Rewerts stated that Joe Kinsella will contact the state to coordinate with them on fixing the cement problem and that they agree with what is decided. Ernie mentioned the person doing his cement would be happy to do an estimate to the City once they make a decision

Ald. Carlisle was notified that a resident in Ward 2 has had a couch in his front yard for several months. The Mayor said that last week he was notified that he needs to buy a tag from City Hall and the Murphy's will pick it up.

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

Minutes submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Baker".

Diane Baker

City Clerk