

City of Wyoming
December 20, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 5:58 p.m. Those in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Jim Mercer, Dan Hardman, and Steve Hansard were present. **Alderpersons Dave Lindahl and Kathy Hardy were absent.**

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. Minutes from the November 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, September 26, 2022 TIF Committee Meeting (Ernie Unhold Application), December 9, 2022 TIF Committee Meeting (Marcus Wilson Application), and December 12, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting (Employees Retirement Plan).
- b. Treasurer's report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,695,980.46
- c. Staff Reports:

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development Advisor explained that the TIF Applications for Unhold and Wilson are being approved to send to the TIF attorney for verification of eligible funds. If so, an Ordinance will be prepared for the council to vote on at our next meeting. Denny also reported that a local contractor is looking into a Senior Living facility. This is at the very early stages to see if it is possible. He updated the council that Family Dollar is waiting on bids from contractors. The mayor reminded the council that the City's contract states the building is to be done by April 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: Ald. Carlisle asked Denny Rewerts when Mr. Wilson would begin working on his building. He expects January 2023. **Roll call vote was made (3-1) 3 ayes Ald. Carlisle, Hansard, Hardman and (1) abstain by Ald. Mercer due to TIF Conflict of Interest and the motion passed. Ald. Hardman thought the 3-1 vote needed Mayor's aye vote to pass. Atty. Raver said that the vote passed as is.**

The Mayor asked James Tiller to update the Council on what needs to be done for him to begin the duties of Police Chief. Jim informed the Council he has one exam left to complete. It will be administered to him tomorrow morning at his office then sent to the Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for review. They will contact him with the result in the next few days and if passed he will begin duties as Police Chief.

Bills and Claims were presented totaling \$11,769.32. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept the Bills and Claims and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call vote 4-0 all ayes by Ald. Hardman, Mercer, Carlisle, Hansard, and the motion passed.

Public Comments: None

New Business

Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-31 Authorizing the Loan Disbursement #4 under IEPA Loan L17-5608 for Leander Construction pay application for \$41,403.68 and for Farnsworth Group, Inc. Construction Engineering Invoices of \$12,885.88. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution No. 22/23-31 and was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion:** Zach Knight, Farnsworth Group explained that this is for the 4th Disbursement. Leander's request is for materials, administrative costs and electrical. Farnsworth Group, Inc. invoices for project management, loan administration and construction coordination. **Roll call votes (4-0) all ayes by Ald. Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

Presentation by Ben Leezer of Leezer Insurance for Resolution No. 22/23-32 regarding the **Renewal of Insurance Policy No. P1063-2023** for the City's Property and Liability Coverage, Workers' Compensation, and Cyber Liability. Insurance packets were handed out to the Council before the meeting. Ben explained they increased all the Property by 8%. The total Policy Renewal was increased from \$49,893.00 to \$54,889.00. Ben stated he needs to change the workman's comp for the police from two to only one officer. Ben also informed the Council that Illinois Public Risk Fund has a new disability policy for full-time public employees that are first responders. Currently that would be the Police Chief. If injured and disabled on the job Workman's Comp would pay (67%) of the employee salary and the City would pay (33%) of the employee's salary for the first year. The premium would be \$380.00 per year based on a \$50,000.00 payroll. Ben also mentioned to the Council that he can now provide fire hydrant damage coverage to the city if interested. Wyoming has 115 hydrants. The Mayor requests he present a quote on this for next Council meeting. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept Resolution No. 22/23-32 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None Roll call votes (4-0) all ayes by Ald Carlisle, Hardman, Mercer, and Hansard and the motion passed.**

Presentation by Ald. Mercer of Resolution No. 22/23-33 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to pay the additional 5% yearly contribution to the full-time employees participating in the Retirement plan, who did not receive this contribution for the last 3 Fiscal Years. The total recalculated payment due is \$32,247.45. (Detail of the employees and amounts were attached to the Resolution. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to Approve Resolution No 22/23-33 and seconded by Ald. Hansard.** **Discussion:** The City has had a retirement contract for full-time employees for 6-7 years. The City Auditor, Hjerpe & Tennison, discovered the City had neglected to pay the additional 5% yearly contributions for the last 3 fiscal years. Ald. Mercer contacted Epic and found that the original retirement company, ABG, sold out to Epic Retirement at about the same time that the new City treasurer was hired. This was the time period that the 5% contribution had stopped. The Auditor and Epic Retirement recalculated the payments due to the eligible full-time employees that were in the plan during this time. The total due is \$32,247.45. **Roll call votes (4-0) all ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Carlisle, and Mercer and the motion passed.**

There were no Aldermen reports.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all ayes (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by,



Diane Baker

City Clerk