

**City of Wyoming
Council Meeting
February 6, 2024**

(This meeting replaces the January 16, 2024 meeting that was cancelled due to illness)

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, February 6, 2024, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken, and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Dave Rumbold, Steve Hansard, Dan Hardman, and Dave Lindahl were present. Alderman Jim Mercer was absent.

Citizens wishing to be heard:

Megan Lane, representing SCES Elementary Parents Club requested a donation to help support the different projects that benefit the Elementary School and our children. One of their current projects is updating the preschool playground. **(will be voted on under New Business, Resolution 23/24-40)**

Jessica Jackson, Superintendent & board member of the Stark County 4-H Speed Show donation request for the 6th annual speed show held July 26 & 27. The money will help draw contestants with more prize money. The city will be mentioned several times during the event and on social media. **(will be voted on under New Business, Resolution 23/24-41)**

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of December 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting**
- B. Treasurer's Report December 2023: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,727,846.09.**
- C. Bills & Claims December 2023: totaling \$89,497.81.**
- D. Staff reports:**
 - 1. Joe Kinsella, Superintendent** has requested quotes from John Deer and Kubota for a new lawnmower. He also requested a quote from Bonnell for a wing attachment to the snowplow. This would speed up the time it takes to clear the city streets in the winter. He added that they have done a lot of cleaning up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - 2. Police Chief Tiller's** report included 2 warrants, 17 calls, and 3 reports.
 - 3. Denny Rewerts, Economic Development** informed the council that Attorney Mike Evans will soon have 4 businesses in his building. Currently there is "Yellow Dog Spa", and a Not-for-Profit business, along with Atty Evans' office. IDOT will rent office space once they begin working on the bridge west of Wyoming on Route 91.
Denny scheduled a retreat on Saturday, March 02, 2024, for the City Council, Engineers, and North Central Council of Governments to discuss and prioritize the top projects we want to focus on for the City. Being proactive gives us a better chance of applying and receiving grants for these projects.
 - 4. Mike Lutz, Farnsworth Group** reported that some wiring must be done on the Wastewater project. We are waiting on parts to put in the new filters. Regarding MFT he has most of the package ready for the next meeting that the council will have to pass, then sent to IDOT to review and put on their next bid letting.

5. Kurt Downie, Water & Sewer Contractor, reported that the filters at the R/O Water Plant are 13 years old and in bad condition. The new R/O System that Harn R/O quoted to the city is very much needed and will provide much cleaner drinkable water. It could take up to 14 weeks to receive the filters after the order is placed. Ald. Lindahl asked if there is a warranty on the new system. Ald. Carlisle stated the proposal includes a 1-year materials and workmanship warranty on the membrane elements. Kurt added that if maintenance is kept up, cleaning the filters every 6 months, they should be good for approximately 8 years.

The motion was made by Ald. Lindahl to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: all the above staff reports. Roll call all (5 ayes) by Ald. Carlisle, Hardman, Lindahl, Rumbold, Hansard and the motion passed.

New Business

Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-40 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Stark County Parent's Club for the purpose of supporting projects for our children and teachers. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve this Resolution and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: presented by Megan Lane, representing the SC Elementary Parent's Club. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Lindahl, Hansard, Carlisle, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-41 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$500.00 to the Stark County 4-H Speed Show held on July 26 & 27. This donation's purpose is to support and assist with funding the event. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve this Resolution and was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: presented by Jessica Jackson. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Carlisle, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-42 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to enter into a contract with Harn R/O Systems, Inc. of Venice, Florida for a total of \$135,112.00 for the work and parts necessary to repair the RO system. Attached is the detailed proposal. **The motion was made by Ald. Lindahl to approve this Resolution and was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: Yes.** by Kurt Downie under staff reports. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Rumbold, Lindahl, Hansard, Hardman and the motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-43 Authorizing the IEPA to make a progress loan disbursement #17 of \$26,050.04 for Leander Construction, Inc. and Farnsworth Group, LLC., representing work performed as required by the contract. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve this resolution and seconded by Ald. Rumbold. Discussion:** Ald. Hardman asked, after this disbursement how close are they to being done? Mike Lutz said he already has a Change order for the next meeting, and we are within the 3% contingency given on the loan for that. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Carlisle, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-44 Approving a requested Change Order # 8 from Leander Construction, Inc. for a total of \$1291.63 to add an additional float for the RAS Pump Station. This float will allow for a lag pump operation in the pump station making it less likely to flood the wet well. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve this Resolution and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Carlisle, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.**

Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-45 Authorizing the increase of the Basic Sewer Rate by \$6.00 to \$22.50 per month. This helps pay expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **The motion was made by Ald. Rumbold to approve this Ordinance and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Lindahl, Rumbold, Hardman, Carlisle and the motion passed.**

Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-46 Approving a sewage dumping license and setting the fees associated as follows: Licensed Septic waste operators in good standing will pay \$50.00 per visit for dumping sewage from septic system work into City of Wyoming Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additionally, the public will pay \$25.00 per visit. This reduced fee is restricted to small tanks, such as RVs, and not large septic tanks. Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine, not to exceed \$750.00. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman and seconded by Ald. Rumbold. Discussion:** The Mayor explained that they pay at the City Hall first for a receipt to present to the employee at the WWTP. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Carlisle, Hansard, Lindahl, Hardman and the motion passed.**

Ald. Hardman mentioned Murphys want to increase the garbage fee \$3.00 per household. The Mayor said he would check with Toulon to see who does their garbage pickup and possibly go out for bids.

Ald. Carlisle reminded the council that the residents at 400 N 7th street still have bags of yard waste in the ditch area of front yard. Ginger will try to contact them and explain that Murphys will not pick up yard waste. She also reported that Patty Dean, on S. 7th Street, has a hole in her sidewalk in front of her home that needs fixed. Superintendent, Joe Kinsella, said he patched that as a temporary fix and will replace it in the Spring. She mentioned that the City boys did a great job of keeping the streets cleared off.

The Mayor reported Chuck Terwilliger will be putting up security cameras at the WWTP.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hansard and seconded by Ald. Rumbold. Voice votes all (5) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



Diane Baker
City Clerk