

City of Wyoming
May 02, 2023
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, May 02, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken and Alderpersons Kathy Hardy, Ginger Carlisle, Dave Lindahl, Steve Hansard, Dan Hardman, and Jim Mercer were present.

Attorney Raver swore in the newly re-elected Aldermen, Jim Mercer, Dave Lindahl, and Steve Hansard. Kathy Hardy decided not to run for re-election to the Wyoming city council. Mayor Maher has 60 days to appoint a new member to fill the vacant seat. The city thanked Kathy for her dedication and service to the city. She will be missed.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to go into Executive Session regarding personnel and seconded by Ald. Mercer and executive session began at 6:05 p.m.
The Council went back into Regular Session at 6:20.

Citizens wishing to be heard:

Jon Knoblauch and Lauren Dye, representing the Spoon River Days Committee, addressed the Council with the final updates for the event on June 10, 2023. Instead of getting a special event liquor license they will be setting up the beer tent on Williams Street in front of the Spoon River Bowl. It will be surrounded by snow fence to secure the area. They will rent a 60kw Generator to take care of all power needs. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m., beginning at Thomas Park and going 1 block north to Route 91 and just past Caseys. There will be vendors and games along with a band. Lots of fun scheduled throughout the day into the evening.

John Carroll addressed the Council regarding the new construction of the Family Dollar store next to his property on Route 91. He is concerned about a retention pond near his property with a drain tube 3ft from his property line. The engineers involved don't think it will be a problem. John believes his property will end up being flooded in the future. He wanted his concerns to be on record.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of April 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,702,997.04

C. Staff reports:

Joe Kinsella, Superintendent reported he hired summer help, John Carroll starts May 12th and Blake Orwig starts May 22nd. Jim and Joe are currently working on replacing sidewalks.

Chief Jim Tiller reported he contacted the County Sheriff's office for additional coverage during Spoon River Days. He has made some connections with local domestic violence shelters due to some of the recent crime activity around the community.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development, reported The Edge Hair salon moved to Toulon. He does have someone that is interested in renting the space. He will update the council at our next meeting. He also wants to make the council aware that the building at 104 E. Williams that was purchased by Marcus Wilson hasn't been worked on at all. We had our Attorney send him a letter basically reminding him that we gave him TIF money for that purpose. We have not heard from him.

Bridget Barry with Farnsworth Group, reported that the 2023 MFT packet has been received by IDOT. They will be reviewing and then letting it for bids. Hopefully there will be bids to open at the next Council Meeting.

Greg McCauley, Water/Sewer Manager, reported that the R.O. backup battery failed. He reset it and it is working at this time. He ordered a used 2019 3300 series Kubota tractor from German Bliss. They are modifying the width by adding hub extenders to fit on the tracks of the sledge drying beds. He also ordered a deeper bucket for it. The cost is still between \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 below the approved budget. Dave Lindahl asked Greg if he had found the endcaps for the R.O. Greg is going to contact the V.P. at Water Surplus to see if they have them.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: Ald. Hardman questioned the bill from Grainger for 3 garden hoses totaling \$781.51. Greg McCauley said they are like heavy large fire hoses not garden hoses. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Lindahl, and the motion passed.**

Bills and Claims totaling \$18,491.93 were presented to the council.

The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept the Bills and Claims and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**

New Business

A. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-1 Authorizing Disbursement # 9 under IEPA loan L17-5608 from Leander Construction for \$13,640.68. This includes costs for equipment, construction, and demolition services rendered. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to authorize **Resolution 23/24-1** and seconded by Ald. Hardman. **Discussion:** Ald Hardman checked it out and he can see a lot of progress. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Hansard, Carlisle, Mercer, Hardman, and the motion passed.**

B. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-2 Approval of Leander Construction, Inc. Change Order request # 3 for the cost of increasing the conductor size to the Aerator Control Panel along with piping and fittings totaling \$17,719.70. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to accept Resolution 23/24-2 and seconded by Ald. Hansard. **Discussion:** Ald. Mercer asked Engineer Michael Lutz why we have yet another change order to this job? Why wasn't it included on the original bid? Michael explained that they estimated 100 amp for the Control Panel, however they were uncomfortable with that and decided 150 amp would be best. He also mentioned that the contract is up in August and the loan has a 3% contingency of which all 3 change orders are within. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Carlisle, Lindahl, Hansard, Mercer, and the motion passed.**

C. Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-3 Approval of setting the increased rate of pay for Full-time and Part-time Employees. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to accept Ordinance No. 23/24-3 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion:** None. **Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard, Carlisle, Mercer, and the motion passed.**

Aldersperson's report

Ald. Mercer informed the council that a citizen tripped and fell on the broken sidewalk in front of 1-11 Taco, at 111 N. 7th Street (Route 91). She is doing alright but it could have been much worse. The whole sidewalk from 103 to 113 N 7th Street needs to be replaced.

We can use TIF money if need be. He talked to Engineer Bridget Barry and since it's on Route 91 we need to contact IDOT for a permit. There used to be an ADA crosswalk from the church at 105 N 7th Street crossing 91 to the corner at 100 N 7th Street and Ald. Mercer suggested we investigate putting one back in. He also would like to get Ernie Unhold's sidewalk and continue to in front of a Few of My Favorite things up to the Paramount Theater be replaced. Bridget stated that the MFT program has already been submitted and designated what we are using the money for. She also added that the crosswalk could be bid as an add alternative so if we want to see whether to include the crosswalk or not. She will look at the options available and report back to the council at the next meeting. Jim also asked if the City is starting to address the nuisance properties that need to be mowed and cleaned up. The mayor replied that we have a list and will be sending out notices very soon. Lastly, Jim asked if the city could have a pickle ball court in Thomas Park. This would be a game that all ages could play. The mayor will look into it.

Ald. Hardman—Caleb Klemm is in attendance tonight to earn his citizenship badge for the Boy Scouts. He also mentioned he needed to schedule a Finance Committee Meeting in June for the Budget and Appropriations for this year.

He also asked what we are doing about South Street next to the Family Dollar property. It will need to be widened. The mayor said we are going to wait until the contractors are done digging.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all (5-0) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



Diane Baker

City Clerk