

**City of Wyoming**  
**May 10, 2022**  
**Venue: Paramount Theater**  
**Council Meeting**

**The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:05 p.m.** The group in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming, Illinois City Council met **Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyoming IL.** Mayor Maher was presiding with **Aldermoman Ginger Carlisle** of the First Ward, **Aldermen Dave Lindahl** and **Jim Mercer** of the Second Ward, and **Alderman Dan Hardman** of the Third Ward, present. **Aldermoman Kathy Hardy** of the First Ward and **Alderman Hansard** of the Third Ward **were absent.**

**Minutes from the April 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting and Executive Session were reviewed.** The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ald. Carlisle and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes and the motion carried.

**The Treasurer's Report and Bills were reviewed. The Treasurer's Report showed a General Operation and CDs balance of \$2,285,200.60.** The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to authorize Treasurer Lisa Evans to pay all the bills listed on the City of Wyoming Board Listing dated May 10, 2022 and the extra bills submitted the night of the meeting. They were Meaker Farms, Inc. invoice 86 dated 05/02/22 for \$1000.00, and Barash & Everett, LLC statement dated 05/09/22 for \$3773.40. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

**Renee Beard, of Cunningham Recreation "Game Time" did not attend the meeting.**

**Ernie Unhold of rural Wyoming** purchased the garage at 112 S. 7<sup>th</sup> and plans to refurbish the building back to its original look and make into an automotive service station. He will be pouring new concrete from the building 23' to the sidewalk. It will be higher next to the building and gradually grade lower to the sidewalk. There has been a drainage problem along that causes standing water along the street and sidewalk. Ernie asked if the City could fix the drainage problem. It would be nice if this could be coordinated with his concrete contractor. The Council agreed that this has been a problem for years. Joe Kinsella said we have to contact the state before doing anything. The Mayor will contact Representative Mike Luft for his assistance in helping fix this problem. Ernie will provide photos of the standing water for the Mayor to show Representative Luft.

**The Stark County Athletic Program, represented by Janel Down and Phil Daum** informed the Council that they have been contacted by the Henry/Stark County Health Department regarding the septic for the building at the North Ball Park. They are ready to approve putting in a septic system including a curtain drain that will tie into an existing tile north of the concession building. They must use a contractor approved by the Health Department. The contractor Ron DePauw of DePauw Septic Service, made the effort to look over the property and provide an estimate of \$13,000 to \$14,000.00 to complete the job. There are 160 kids out for baseball, 53 home games, 23 are at the North Park. It costs \$85.00 for each home game. They requested a donation from City to help with expenses to complete the septic system. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to donate \$14,000.00 for the septic system. The motion was seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

**Karen Koepfel, representing the Congregational Church,** asked the City to take down two dead Elm trees between the road and the sidewalk in front of the church. The Mayor said the state needs to be notified first because it is a state highway. Karen has called the state the last three years and they have it in writing that anything inside the City limits from the white line to white line is the responsibility of the City. The mayor will contact the state to clarify this prior to proceeding.

Engineer Ed Andrews with Farnsworth Group informed the Council that the WWTP 30 day notification period is done through the PJ Star. He will be finalizing paperwork for the MFT. He is also continuing to assistance with Austin Engineering regarding zoning and storm water for the proposed Dollar Tree store. They will seek a re-zoning from Residential to Commercial after approval from Dollar Tree and coordinate storm water permitting with IDOT.

Attorney Zach Lessard with Barash & Everett presented two Ordinances and one Resolution for the Council to vote on.

**Resolution 22/23-1 Accepting the Gift of Land to the City of Wyoming from the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources.** This is a strip of land the City has been renting from the state along the Rock Island Trail. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept Resolution 22/23-1. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

**Ordinance 22/23-2 Amending the Rates and Charges for the use and services supplied by the Sewerage system. The sewer basic fee was increased \$6.00. This increase takes effect June 15, 2022.** The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to accept Ordinance 22/23-2. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

**Ordinance 22/23-3 (Amendment to 21/22-3) Regarding Excavations and Other Use of City Rights of Way** This incorporates the \$50,000.00 Bond and the \$100.00 application. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept Ordinance 22/23-3. The motion was seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

**Economic Development Advisor Denny Rewerts presented Ordinance 22/23-4 Approving and Authorizing The Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Spoon River Bowl, Inc.** The council approved the amounts of \$18,000.00 Grant and a loan for \$10,000.00 at 2% interest for a 5 year term at last months Council Meeting. However must vote again on this Ordinance agreement. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to accept Ordinance 22/23-4. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Roll call votes Aldermen (3) ayes, Mayor (1) aye, and Ald. Mercer (1) abstain and the motion carried.

Denny reported that the old Curry's Pizza building at 104 E. Williams St. is in the process of being sold to a gentlemen from Kewanee. He will update the council at the next meeting.

He also reported the Dollar Tree status. In order to line up West South Street with East South Street will encroach on their original plans and require an additional 3/10ths of an acre to allow the building to be narrower and longer. There is a requirement for a retention pond also. They are requesting the additional 3/10 of an acre to move forward with the project. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to give the additional 3/10 of an acre at no charge. The motion was seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Roll call votes three ayes and one nay and the motion carried.

**Superintendent Joe Kinsella** reported that Birkey's will have the skid steer in May or June. Joe & Jim have been working on sidewalks. The City Clerk, Diane Baker mentioned two calls she received about repairing their sidewalks, Donnetta Berchtold on W. Smith Street and Todd Swinderman on N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Joe said they will definitely do the sidewalk in front of Swindermans as they had to dig through the sidewalk when putting in water lines. The aldermen for Ward 3 will have to decide what sidewalks to repair on Smith Street.

**Police Chief Mark James had nothing new to report.**

**Mayor's report regarding garbage and recycling fees balance correction. The Council reviewed the costs per household of each service and adjusted the flat rate for garbage by increasing it \$2.50 from \$9.00 to \$11.50 and reducing Recycling by \$2.50 from \$4.50 to \$2.00. The City will review the rates again in the future.** Ald. Mercer made a motion to **increase the Garbage flat rate by \$2.50 and decrease the Recycle flat rate by \$2.50.** The motion was seconded by Ald. Hardman. Roll call Vote all ayes and the motion carried.

**Alderman's report:** Ald. Lindahl asked the Mayor for the status on cutting down 2 trees in front of Wade Wilkinson's property at 408 N Main Street. The Mayor said that he has looked at them and they are on a list. Ald. Hardman mentioned that the Wilkinson's are about ready to have the Fire Department burn down the old house on the property.  
Ald. Carlisle wanted to comment on what a great job the city boys are doing by grating alleys and replacing sidewalks in town.

**The motion to go into Executive Session on Personnel was made by Ald Lindahl at 7:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes and the motion carried.**  
**The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Ald. Hardman and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes and the Regular Meeting began at 7:36 p.m.**

**The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to raise full time employees pay (6%) per hour starting immediately. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.**

**Motion to Adjourn was made by Ald. Lindahl and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by,**



**Diane Baker  
City Clerk**