

City of Wyoming
June 14, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:02 p.m. The group in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming, Illinois City Council met **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL.**

Mayor Maher was presiding with **Alderwomen Ginger Carlisle** and **Kathy Hardy** of the First Ward, **Aldermen Dave Lindahl** and **Jim Mercer** of the Second Ward, and **Aldermen Dan Hardman** and **Steve Hansard** of the Third Ward, all present.

Minutes from the May, 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting and Executive Session were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Voice votes 6 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 \$2,195,558.77. 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 June 14, 2022 and the extra bills submitted the night of the meeting. They were Farm King of Kewanee statement dated 5/30/22 for \$81.77, Illinois Valley Cellular invoice dated 06/09/22 for \$162.53, and Pat Maher invoice dated 06/13/22 for \$75.00. The motion was seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Roll call votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

Treasurer Lisa Evans informed the Council of some CD's that might need to be moved due to low interest rates. Ald. Mercer and Mayor Maher stated the Federal Reserve plans on raising rates later this week and suggested waiting a couple of months before making any changes.

Dave Bickett of 302 W. Grove Street, has been involved for years in keeping our July 3rd City Fireworks display going. He addressed the council on the increased costs of the Fireworks this year and requested a donation from the city. The Mayor and council feel that it is worth it and brings families from all over the area to our town to enjoy. Ald. Carlisle made the motion for the City to donate \$1500.00 for this years Fireworks display. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hardy. Roll call votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

SC Unit School Dist. 100 Superintendent Brett Elliott and Tim Colgan of Wyoming addressed the Council about some projects needing addressed at the Sports Complex on Van Buren and Galena streets. Mr. Elliot stated that they host over 50 events each year and there is not enough lighting for people to safely walk from their cars to the building on both streets. He requested the City work with Ameren and the school district to get more street lights on Van Buren and Galena. In addition to the lighting Van Buren Street is narrow and needs to be widened. Tim stated that Ameren has had programs in the past working with municipalities to add more street lights for the safety of communities. He added that the new High School didn't include a gym, therefore the girls basketball team will use this gym for the next several years. Mr. Elliott informed the Council they plan on upgrading the facility by adding a new roof and bright signage out front. The Mayor agreed that the city will do what they can. Ald. Mercer volunteered to contact Ameren.

Renee Beard of Game Time Playground Equipment presented a bid for both Duryea and Thomas parks. Her suggestion for Duryea includes an Expression Swing that can be added to existing equipment and a 4 seated Merry-Go-All. Thomas Park will have a Small Feats playground set including climbing, stairs and a slide. The bid is for material and freight only and does not include site work, off-loading, safety surfacing, or installation for a total of \$18,996.85. Ald. Mercer made the motion to purchase the equipment quoted. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Voice votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

Public Discussion:

Cheryl Stotler representing Curry's Carry Out Pizza, asked for clarification on the age a server needs to be to serve beer while waiting tables. Attorney Raver explained that if your income is 51% selling food then you are a restaurant that serves beer. If your income is 51% selling liquor you are a bar that serves food. Since you are a restaurant then the server needs to be 18 to wait on tables and carry the beer from the bar to the table. They can't be behind the bar and shouldn't process the sale ticket. If the customer is paying by credit card the server can bring the card machine to the table for them to self pay.

City Engineer Ed Andrews with Farnsworth Group presented a Memorandum updating the Council on ongoing projects. 1) **WWTP** Improvements - all of the documents requested by IEPA Project Manager, Chad Rice have been provided. Ed also spoke with Mike Layden, the financial review officer and will follow up on the second \$6.00 raise in sewer rates. The Loan document has been entered into their system and it is circulating through all departments. We should be seeing the contract to sign off on in about 2 weeks. He also spoke with Leander Construction letting them know the loan status is pending. 2) **MFT** - Ed met with Joe Kinsella for a final road review to meet the MFT Resolution.

Sam Lahood with Austin Engineering presented for approval an **Application for Zoning Amendment** to rezone the existing Residential R-1 Zoning District to the proposed Commercial C-1 Zoning District for the construction of a proposed **Family Dollar**. This document will then be presented to the County Zoning Officer, Renee Johnson. Ald. Mercer made the motion to rezone the property for proposed Family Dollar from Residential 1 to Commercial 1 Zoning district. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Roll call votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

He also presented for approval The Plat of Survey along with the preliminary site plan to create a parcel to be rezoned for the proposed Family Dollar. The Total Area= 1.595 AC, IDOT ROW Area= 0.191 AC, Area Conveyed to the City = 0.084 AC, and the Area Remaining for **Family Dollar= 1.32 AC**. Ald. Mercer made the motion to accept the Plat of Survey for the Family Dollar property. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Roll call votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

City Attorney Justin Raver reported he will be attending the Sheriffs Sale for the locker property at 103 N. Galena Ave on June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The sale takes place at the County Courthouse. He suggested bidding the judgement of \$16,754.70. If there are no other bidders at the sale the City will then be able to put the property out for bid.

Atty Raver announced Barash & Everett, LLC will be opening an office in Wyoming. The office will have a new Lawyer, Jeffrey Beaver who will become the principle attorney for the City under Justin's supervision. There will also be a more senior lawyer there part time.

Water & Sewer Manager, Greg McCauley was absent.

Joe Kinsella reported he has the new skid steer. They are working on sidewalks, painting, and spray patching roads.

Chief Mark James reported he will be full time with the city to July 1, 2022. He would be willing to help the City by working part time until the City can find a replacement. He had nothing more to report.

Illuminate Real Estate sent a 2nd Amendment to Agreement for Sale of Property to extend the closing (60) days from the Effective Date of the Second Amendment. (This would be 60 days from May 26, 2022 which would be July 26). The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to accept the extended closing date from May 26, 2022 to July 26, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

Mayor Maher's presented an Amendment to Ordinance 22/23-4 allowing the City to pay Amy Stutzman of Spoon River Bowl \$10,000.00 from the TIF 1 Loan immediately. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 22/23-4 to pay Amy Stutzman of Spoon River Bowl the \$10,000.00 TIF loan immediately. **Amendment Ordinance 22/23-15**. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes 6 ayes and the motion carried.

TIF 1 Surplus Ordinance 20/21-5 approved November 23, 2020 authorizing payment of Surplus Revenue to Stark County Treasurer for Distribution to the Affected Taxing Districts on a pro rata basis for tax years 2005 through 2019 related to PIN 07-01-100-012 for the amount of \$6,752.01. The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve the payment of \$6,752.01 TIF surplus. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Roll call votes all ayes and the motion carried.

Aldermen's Report:

Ald. Hardman reported that last month when the Council approved the septic system at Northeast Park, Janelle Down and Phil Daum contacted the contractor to go ahead with the job and they were told they are 14th on the list. Also, the Lion's Club has started putting roofs on the dugouts and are looking great. Ald. Hardman received a couple of complaints from residents that live on the corner of W. Elm & 3rd Streets. They complained about the abandoned property north of them along the highway and also complained about speeders in their neighborhood. Officer James observed the area and was unable to find anyone speeding.

Ald. Mercer made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding Personnel and seconded by Ald. Hardy. Voice votes all ayes and the Executive Session began at 7:22 p.m.

The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to return to Regular Session. This was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all ayes and the regular meeting started at 7:43 p.m.

Ald. Hardy made the motion to adjourn and Ald. Hansard seconded the motion. Voice votes all ayes and the motion passed.

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker
City Clerk**