

City of Wyoming
July 12, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and Aldermen Ginger Carlisle, Kathy Hardy, Jim Mercer, Dan Hardman, and Steve Hansard were present. Ald. Dave Lindahl was absent.

The group in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag.
Ald. Lindahl arrived to the meeting after the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Attorney Justin Raver with Barash & Everett, presented a new format for the Agenda moving forward. He also explained a more efficient format for the Mayor to run the meeting. His goal is to establish a standard operating procedure to make things run smoother and easier.

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. Minutes from the June 14th Regular Meeting and the July 11th TIF 1 Committee Meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report : General Operation and CDs balance of \$2,160,746.22.
- c. Bills and Claims: Bills were presented in the amount of \$150,596.17
- d. Staff Reports:

Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported plans on replacing a square of broken sidewalk that has developed a large sunken hole beneath it. This is located in front of the Dean residence at 310 S. 7th Street. There are some trees to be taken down. The city boys will also be spray patching this week. Joe mentioned he will be on vacation the week of July 18th.

Water and Sewer Manager Greg McCauley reported a pipe broke at the WWTP. It burst and ruined the control module in the new furnace. It has already been repaired. The bill has yet to be received by the treasurer. Ald Mercer asked if the R.O. membranes had been changed out. Greg said they had not at this time. He thinks he might have to make a modification in pressure at the R..O. before using these membranes. They should be changed out before next Council Meeting.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve the Consent Agenda. Ald. Carlisle seconded the motion. Discussion: Ald. Hardman asked Joe about the "Sawing Logs" bill for cutting down two trees on Ernie Unhold's property. Joe said the trees were in the alley area. Roll Call **Vote 6-0 and Motion Passed.**

Public Comments:

Bebe Groter addressed the council regarding the two dead trees in front of the Congregational Church on 7th Street (State Rte 91). She is concerned about someone being injured if the trees or limbs fall on them. This is a school crossing also. Mayor Maher said he is working with a state Representative for answers on whether the state or the city is responsible to take down the trees.

New Business

Presentation by Amy Stutzman and Tammy Rouse, representing several businesses in Wyoming, regarding the Revitalization of Spoon River Days. First, Amy wanted to thank the City for their support for the recent fund raiser hosted by the Spoon River Bowl. She received positive comments about the City and many out-of-town visitors will be coming back. After hosting an event for hundreds of people she realizes the major costs involved. For the revitalization of Spoon River Days they plan on having a band, car show, vendors, pop up vendors with boutiques, a parade, and much more. This will involve renting porta potties, picnic tables, and advertising among other expenses. Tammy stated the event will take place on October 8, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m. with a kiddie parade. They request closing E. Williams Street from the DMV to the Fire Station, 117 S. Galena to 109 N Galena, and all of Mallard Drive. They plan to charge vendors \$40.00 and will set up a bank account just for Spoon River Days. Anyone can donate to this fund to help support future Spoon River Days events. The Mayor's only concern is blocking off part of Galena & Williams street next to the Funeral Home and Fire Department. This will need to be revisited right before the day of the event.

Ald. Hardy made the motion for consideration of Resolution 22/23-10 and Ald. Hansard seconded the motion. Discussion: The Mayor thinks that the City needs to cap all donations at \$1000.00. This money is coming out of the general fund and the City has made several donations to local organizations. He asked that the Council take that into consideration.

Ald. Hardy rescinded and amended her motion to allow donation of \$1000.00 with the closure of roads to be determined at a later date. **Ald. Mercer seconded the amended motion. Roll call votes 6-0 ayes and the motion passed.**

Presentation by Bebe Groter requesting a donation of \$4000.00 for Toys for Kids. They provide food, toys, clothing and gift cards through local businesses to children and families in need in the Wyoming area all year long. They also give to the local schools for supplies and healthcare products for children that can't afford them. Ald Carlisle asked what their budget was for a year? Bebe said their budget is from \$7000.00 - \$7500.00 per year.

Ald. Carlisle made the motion for consideration of Resolution 22/23-6 approving a donation of \$4,000.00 to Toys for Kids. The motion was **seconded by Ald. Hardy. Discussion:** Ald. Hardy and Ald. Carlisle stated the City has donated \$4000.00 the last 3 years and it helps our kids & families in our community. Roll call **votes all (6) ayes** and the **motion passed.**

Presentation by Ald. Mercer, for Julie Wages (Organizer) of the St. Jude Midwest Run through the City of Wyoming on Saturday, August 6, 2022 starting at approximately 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. Sheriff Sloan will be escorting them all the way through Stark County. She would like to do a presentation in front of the Paramount to acknowledge all the businesses in town that donated to the St. Jude Run and asked everyone at the meeting to please donate to this great cause if you can. Make out checks to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

Presentation by Joe Kinsella representing the Wyoming Tractor Pulls to be held on July 23, 2022 at the Stark County Fairgrounds. There will be 8 classes beginning at 10:00 a.m. and should be over by 6:00 p.m. They are requesting a donation for \$1000.00.

Ald. Mercer made the motion to consider resolution 22/23-9. The motion was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None Roll call vote all **6-0 ayes** the **motion passed.**

Consideration of Ordinance 22/23-7 to approve the Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation for May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. **Ald. Mercer made the motion to approve Ordinance 22/23-7.**

Ald. Hardman seconded the motion. Discussion: Ald. Hardman explained that the Finance Committee reviewed the history on all General Ledger accounts. They cut back on a few things and added to others. The budget was increased for repairing the exterior back wall of the City Hall building and to paint the front of the building. They decreased the police budget as we only have one officer now. Roll call **vote 6-0 ayes** and the **motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution 22/23-8 for sale of property at 103 N. Galena by closed bid. Ald. Carlisle made the motion to accept Resolution 22/23-8. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hardy.

Discussion: The council agreed to sell the property by closed bid with a minimum bid of \$3,000.00 and an easement through the property. Roll call vote (5 ayes-1 no Ald. Carlisle) the motion passed.

Presentation of the TIF Committee recommendations for TIF 1 Redevelopment Agreement with Ernie Unhold. The project is to refurbish and restore an old gas station at 112 S. 7th Street to become a service station for automobiles. The Committee felt that the bids Ernie presented with the Applications were very high. They recommend Ernie get a few more bids before proceeding with their decision next month.

Council Communications:

Ald. Mercer met with Ameren regarding more lighting needed on Van Buren street and Galena Ave. around the Sports Complex. They looked at the areas around the Complex and will provide a quote for Jim to present at the next Council Meeting.

Ald. Carlisle looked at the trees in front of the Congregational Church and thought the trees would look great if they were topped off and not cut down. The mayor and Joe Kinsella will take another look at them.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all (6-0) the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker
City Clerk**