

City of Wyoming
August 16, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, August 16, 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, Dave Lindahl, Dan Hardman, and Steve Hansard were present. The group in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag.

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. **Minutes from the July 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.**
- b. **Treasurer's Report : General Operation and CDs balance of \$2,158,578.01.**
- c. **Bills and Claims: Bills were presented in the amount of \$23,536.44**
- d. **Staff Reports:**

Economic Development Advisor, Denny Rewerts provided a written update on the Curry's Building located at 104 E. Williams Street. John Taylor has been interested in the building however was unable to find anyone to insure it. Denny contacted Ben Leezer of Leezer Insurance Agency and he agreed to would work with John on liability insurance for the building. Hopefully this will help move things along.

Water and Sewer Manager Greg McCauley reported there was a pre-construction meeting on July 25th for the upcoming Wastewater Plant project. Johnston Construction will begin working on the roof, soffit, and fascia the middle of September. The interior electrical work cannot begin until the new oxidation ditch aerators are installed. At the Water Plant he will be meeting with Water Surplus to determine if the R/O membranes purchased will suffice. He will update the council at next months meeting.

The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve the Consent Agenda. Ald. Lindahl seconded the motion. Discussion: None Roll Call Vote 6-0 and Motion Passed.

Public Comments:

Tammy Wilkinson was told by the city that they would be cutting down 3 trees on the city side of her property located at 408 N Main. She has burned down the abandoned house and cleared off most of the property. She just wanted to make sure she is still on the city's list. Joe Kinsella stated they have her down to remove the trees. The Mayor stated that the list is long on tree removals.

Mike Endress of 104 S 4th Street commended the City boys and summer workers for the great job they are doing.

New Business

Ald. Mercer made the motion for consideration of Resolution 22/23-11 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to Purchase Street Lights near the Stark County Sports Complex. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hansard. **Discussion:** Ald. Mercer explained there will be two lights on Main Street at a cost of \$97.50 and two lights on Van Buren at a cost of \$487.00. The lights would go on the City's Franchise Agreement with Ameren. Ald. Mercer also mentioned that the Stark County School Superintendent, Brett Elliott, stated that the school will pay for any additional lighting on the building itself. **Roll call vote all 6-0 ayes and the motion passed.**

Presentation by Ald. Mercer regarding Ordinance No. 22/23-12 proposing a cap of \$500.00 on all City Donations, with the stipulation that the Organization requesting the donation hold at least two fund-raising events during the year. Ald. Carlisle looked into the past couple of years of donations and doesn't feel like the City needs to put a cap on donations. She feels that the Council should continue to evaluate each request and vote on what they feel is appropriate. Ald. Hansard liked the requirement of fund raising by the organization before asking the City for a donation. Ald. Hardman thinks that the City should put a cap on donations but feels it should be more than \$500.00. Ald. Mercer also presented a letter from the Chamber of Commerce that contained misinformation regarding the donation from the city to the Spoon River Days event along with other incorrect comments. At this point the council was talking over each other and the Mayor stopped the conversation and decided to table voting on the Ordinance until next Council Meeting.

Presentation by Engineer, Ed Andrews regarding Resolution No. 22/23-13 regarding Pay Application #1 under IEPA Loan No. L17-5608. The Council is to approve making a request to the IEPA for loan distribution in the total amount of \$86,626.09 for progress payment to Leander Construction, Inc. Ald. Hansard made the motion to approve Resolution 22/23-13 for a total of \$86,626.09. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. **Roll call vote all 6-0 and the motion passed.**

Ald. Hansard mentioned that Donetta & Danny Berchtold were very happy with the new sidewalk in front of their home.

Ald. Hardman stated he has been replacing the bulbs on the downtown street lights as they go out. We are currently out of bulbs and he will contact a couple of companies for quotes on the LED lights for next months meeting.

Ald. Hardy asked if the city's cameras at Thomas Park are in working order. Mayor Maher will have Officer James check them out.

Ald. Carlisle mentioned that Denny Rewerts made a great presentation to the County Board regarding the zoning request for Family Dollar location from residential to commercial.

Mayor's reported he had interviewed police candidate James Tiller over the phone and was impressed with him.

The Mayor asked the following Aldermen what their thoughts were. Ald. Mercer, Ald. Hardy, and Officer James interviewed James Tiller when the Mayor wasn't able to due to illness. He is a retired police officer and is originally from here and seemed to be a good fit for our community. They all highly recommended him. The Mayor will be contacting him Wednesday to offer him the position.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hardy and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all (6-0) the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker
City Clerk**