

City of Wyoming
September 20, 2022
Venue: Paramount Theater
Council Meeting

The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, September 20, 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 6:04 p.m. Roll call was taken and Aldermen Kathy Hardy, Jim Mercer, Dave Lindahl, and Steve Hansard were present. Ald. Carlisle and Ald. Hardman were absent. The group in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. Alderman Hardman arrived to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. **Minutes from the August 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.**
- b. **Treasurer's Report : General Operation and CDs balance of \$2,185,961.75.**
- c. **Bills and Claims: Bills were presented in the amount of \$21,516.73.**
- d. **Staff Reports:**

Economic Development Advisor, Denny Rewerts provided the TIF 1 Beautification Application from Stark County Assets (Keith Ratcliff) for approval. This item should have been voted on separately from the Consent Agenda to allow Ald. Mercer to abstain from voting. This will be on the October 11 Agenda as a separate item to be voted on correctly.

Denny also reported the closing of property for Family Dollar, with Illuminate Real Estate, should be on September 30, 2022. Work will start two weeks after closing.

Water and Sewer Manager Greg McCauley reported that grading and electrical work will begin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant early next month. Johnston Construction will soon begin working on the roof, soffit and fascia project as well.

Greg informed the Council that the membranes we have will not work without extreme modifications to the R/O unit. He met with the VP's of Avista and Hydraunatics for advice and they determined that CPA2 membranes will be required. They also mentioned that the R/O unit is in good working order, should last for many more decades, and should only require membrane replacement every 10 years. Greg will be receiving a quote from Water Surplus for the new membranes.

The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve the Consent Agenda. Ald. Hansard seconded the motion. Discussion: None Roll Call Vote 4-0 ayes Ald. Hardy, Mercer, Lindahl, & Hansard and the Motion Passed.

Public Comments:

Trent Frisby of 608 N. 7th Street, addressed the Council regarding the need for upgraded security cameras at Thomas Park. During the investigation of what transpired at the park prior to his son's death the cameras either did not work or they couldn't zoom in to see better detail. He is concerned for the safety of our children due to alleged drug dealings that have been taking place at the park. The Mayor stated that he was aware of this and it is on the Agenda for tonight's meeting to purchase new security cameras that are able to see the whole park and can be zoomed in for the smallest detail.

New Business

Attorney Justin Raver of Farnsworth Group introduced Jeffrey Beaver as a new employee with his firm. Jeffrey will be working out of the Wyoming office and will be attending the Council meetings each month. He doesn't have his license at this time so he is not a lawyer and can't answer any questions but will be able to take notes to pass along to Justin. Jeffrey grew up in Speer, his Mother is Jennifer Beaver and his grandparents are Richard and Marilyn Tanner of Tanner's Orchard.

Presentation by Jody Dienst representing The State Bank of Toulon. The bank has volunteered to take over the Moonlight Madness Parade this year. Moonlight Madness will be held on the Friday before Thanksgiving, November 18, 2022. The parade begins at 8:00p.m. starting at Duryea Park going west on Park street to 7th street turning South on 7th Street past Casey's then turn left on Elm Street. Denny Rewerts will check out the Paramount's speaker system to make sure it will be loud enough for all to hear and is in good working order. The Mayor said they can get with the Wyoming Police Chief prior to Moonlight Madness to inform them where to block off streets.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 22/23-12 by Ald Mercer requesting a cap of \$1500.00 on all City Donations be used for not-for-profit fund raising events. The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to accept Ordinance 22/23-12 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: Ald. Hardy did not see a need to put a cap on donations. She was concerned that the Wyoming Fireworks will need more than \$1500.00. Attorney Raver informed the Council that they can change the Ordinance at any time. It can be a subjective decision if the council feels the need to. The mayor feels that whatever is voted on should be the same amount for every donation. **Roll call vote 3-ayes Aldermen Lindahl, Mercer, Hansard and 1-nay by Ald. Hardy the Motion Passed 3-1.**

Consideration of Ordinance No. 22/23-14 Approving the Rescinding of Ordinance 20/21-19 Approving and Authorizing The Execution of a Wyoming TIF District Redevelopment Agreement by Bureau Service Company. The developer has not yet executed said Redevelopment Agreement. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve Ordinance 22/23-14 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None Roll call vote 4-0 ayes Ald Hardy, Lindahl, Mercer, and Hansard. The Motion Passed.

Consideration of Resolution No. 22/23-15 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to Purchase Security Cameras for Thomas Park for \$3,845.00. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to accept Resolution 22/23-15 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None Roll call vote 4-0 ayes Ald. Hansard, Lindahl, Hardy, and Mercer and the Motion Passed.

Consideration of Resolution 22/23-16 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to Purchase Street Lights (25) led light bulbs for downtown from Crescent Electric for \$1,231.25. The motion was made by Ald. Hardy to approve Resolution 22/23-16 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None Roll call vote 4-0 ayes Ald. Mercer, Hardy, Hansard, and Lindahl and the Motion Passed.

Consideration of Resolution 22/23-17 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to Request Reimbursement of the Design Engineering Service payment with the IEPA Loan for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The total reimbursement of \$258,211.30 to the City of Wyoming. The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to accept 22/23-17 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: Engineer Zach Knight, with Farnsworth Group, informed the council that the amount should be \$258,211.25. These are fees that the city has paid and can be put back into the appropriated funds. Ald. Mercer made a motioned to amended Ordinance 22/23-17 to correct the amount from \$258,211.30 to \$258,211.25. The motion was seconded by Ald. Hardy. Roll Call vote to amend 5-0 all ayes Ald. Mercer Ald. Hardy, Hardman, Lindahl, and Hansard and the Motion passed. Roll call vote on the amended motion 5-0 ayes Ald Hardy, Mercer, Hansard, Hardman, and Lindahl and the Motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution 22/23-18 Authorizing a Revised Resolution of 2022 MFT Resolution No 21/22-8 for asphalt work not to exceed \$25,000.00 to be completed under the 2022 MFT Program. The motion was made by Al. Hansard to accept Resolution 22/23-18 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: Engineer Zach Knight explained that the paperwork on the original Resolution was never received by IDOT therefore never voted on. It is too late to resend the original paperwork as it will be too cold out to do the work by the time it is approved. Roll call vote 5-0 Ald. Hardman, Hardy, Mercer, Lindahl, and Hansard and the motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution 22/23-19 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to Accept Gerard Tuck Pointing and Masonry Repair Estimate of \$3900.00 to repair the exterior of the City Hall building. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None Roll call vote 5-0 ayes Ald. Hardy, Hansard, Lindahl, Mercer, and Hardman and the motion passed.

The Mayor presented Authorizing the sale of 20'x95' parcel of City property that runs through the house and garage of property located at 100 N. Galena. This will leave an 8' x 95' section of City property along Mallard Street. If the council agrees to sell the property Ordinance will be voted on at next month's Council Meeting on October 18, 2022. They discussed it and agreed the city should sell the property.

Ald. Mercer stated that the Ameren is scheduled to put the light poles on Main Street and Van Buren in October.

Ald. Hardman informed the Council that property at 406 S. 6th Street is in a bad shape and needs to be cleaned up. No one is living there at the moment.

Ald. Mercer asked for the status of cutting down the dead trees in front of the Congregational Church. The Mayor said that he is still working with Senator Stoller's office to determine who is suppose to remove them.

The Mayor informed the Council that we received the second check from the state of \$86,617.88 This money is to be used on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hardy and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all (5-0) the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker
City Clerk**