

**City of Wyoming
Council Meeting
November 21, 2023**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 5:58 p.m. Those in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken, and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Jim Mercer, Dave Lindahl, Daniel Hardman, and Steve Hansard were present.

New Business

J. Consideration of Resolution 23/24-36 Approving the Mayor's Appointment of Dave Rumbold, of 200 W. Olive St., to fill the vacancy of Ward 1 Alderman. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Resolution 23/24-36 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote (6) ayes by Mayor Maher, Ald. Carlisle, Hansard, Lindahl, Mercer, Hardman, and the motion passed.** Dave was sworn into the position of Ward 1 Alderman by Attorney Raver.

Citizens to be heard:

Wendy German, representing the Stark County **After Prom**, explained some of the expenses incurred to keep the kids busy and safe. This includes games, prizes, and food. (Council will vote on donation for After Prom on item C under New Business)

Doug Hampton, representing the Wyoming **Lions Club**, announced they were established December 6, 1948 and are celebrating their 75th year Anniversary. He read the Proclamation to the Council that included requesting the city declare December 06, 2023, as Lions Club Day. **(This is under New Business item B. Resolution 23/24-28 to be voted on)** The Mayor stated that the Lions Club is a great organization in our community.

Jenny Davis, owner of "Top That" food truck, complained to the Council that the Mayor denied her request for a permit to have her food truck in Wyoming as it would take away business from the city's restaurants. She decided to contact someone she knew who had private property in Wyoming so that she could set up her food truck and did. Family Dollar contacted her to set up in their parking lot as it draws more people to their location. She has done that a couple of times. She quoted **IL HB2099 Food Truck Freedom Act** which provides that a unit of local government may not require a separate license, permit, or fee beyond an initial or reciprocal business license issued to food truck businesses by different units of local government or local health departments. The state of Illinois requires a food truck business to have a business license, food handler's permit for all employees, and sellers permit, which she has all of these. She also quoted **IL HB3509** which provides that a unit of local government may not require a food truck business to pay any fee or obtain from the unit of local government any permit to operate a food truck at a food truck event that takes place on private property within the unit of local government, regardless of whether the event is open or closed to the public. She reported that the State of Illinois requires Food truck businesses to pay sales tax to the county they sell in. She added that all our communities need to work together to help support each other to allow them to prosper. She feels she's proven they are not violating any state laws and will continue to set up their food truck at private locations within the city of Wyoming. The mayor asked if there were any questions at this time. The assistant manager of Dollar Tree stood up and informed the council that the corporate office approved having the food truck on their private property. No other questions or comments were made at this time.

Citizens to be heard continued:

Anita Berlanga of 403 W. Elm addressed the council regarding a large broken limb in the adjacent vacant property that hangs over her property and needs to be removed. She isn't sure who owns the property. Chief Tiller offered to help Anita find the owner and contact them to take care of the Nuisance.

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,801,834.35 and bills totaling \$54,795.41.

C. Staff reports:

Ald. Mercer, water & sewer, reported everything is going per schedule with the WWTP. Motor buckets are wired but need power to them. The screen house is working well. The main water line that was broken has been fixed. The trash pump they thought was good, quit running. We are going to need 4 new pumps and motors. The R/O Water Plant is still waiting on flow meters. We haven't received a report from the EPA yet. All membranes need to be changed, which will cost approximately \$50,000.00. We might need to start planning to replace the R/O completely in the next couple of years. The R/O is almost 30 years old. We will work with Farnsworth Group to apply for grants.

Joe Kinsella, Superintendent stated that Ald. Mercer has mentioned many of the things he was going to bring up. He added that the yellow truck is being worked on in Wataga due to warning lights coming on again. Ald. Mercer requested we bring part-time employee, Pat Finnegan, back to help install the R/O scales. The Mayor agreed to contact him.

Mike Lutz, Farnsworth Group Engineer, reported that the paperwork for sidewalks downtown on Route 91 has been submitted to IDOT for approval. They will possibly get back to us in January. Ald. Carlisle asked if he had heard anything from the owner of Ms. Tuffy. Mike needs to measure the coal chute in the basement of the building before designing the sidewalk. Ald. Mercer will let him into the building to measure the coal chute. Lastly, Mike stated he plans on submitting MFT to IDOT in January. Officer Jim Tiller reported 1 felony charge, 2 civil calls, and there is a trend in gasoline thefts right now.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (6) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, Rumbold and the motion passed.

New Business Continued:

A. No action was taken on Resolution No. 23/24-22 for employees Health Insurance Renewal. The Mayor is still waiting on a quote from Midwest Insurance Association. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to table Resolution 23/24-22 until December 19th Council Meeting. Ald. Hardman seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Roll call vote (6) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Hansard, Hardman, Mercer, Rumbold, Lindahl and the motion passed.**

B. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-28 recognizing the Lion's Club 75-year Proclamation declaring December 6, 2023 as Lions Club Day in the City of Wyoming. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution 23/24-28 and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: None. Roll call vote (6) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Carlisle, Lindahl, Rumbold, Hardman, Hansard, and the motion passed.

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-29 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$1000.00 to the Stark County After Prom Committee. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution No. 23/24-29 to donate \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call vote (6) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Lindahl, Hansard, Carlisle, Mercer, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

D. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-30 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate the sum of \$400.00 to the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce to support Small Business Saturday. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Resolution 23/24-30 for \$400.00 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: None. Roll call votes (6) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Lindahl, Rumbold, Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, and the motion passed.**

E. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-31 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate the sum of \$400.00 to the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce to support Moonlight Madness. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution 23/24-31 for \$400.00 and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: None. Roll call votes (6) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.**

F. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-32 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to enter into a contract with Ferguson Waterworks to maintain the hardware and software used for \$2,984.18. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve Resolution 23/24-32 for \$2,984.18 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: TJ Rodebaugh with Ferguson explained the contract to the Council. Roll call vote all (6) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Mercer, Hansard, Hardman, Carlisle, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

G. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-33 Authorizing the IEPA to make a progress loan Disbursement # 15 to Leander Construction for a total of \$483,276.61 representing work performed as required by the contract. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution 23/24-32 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call votes all (6) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

H. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-34 Approval of Change Order # 7 from Leander Construction, Inc. of \$3,373.65 for additional sandblasting needed to repair the West Clarifier Influent Feed Well at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution 23/24-34 for \$3,373.65 and was seconded by Ald. Rumbold. Discussion: None. Roll call votes all (6) ayes by Ald Mercer, Rumbold, Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Carlisle and the motion passed.**

I. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-35 Approving the Annual Christmas Bonuses for the City of Wyoming full-time employees of \$600.00 and \$300.00 for the part-time employee. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution 23/24-35 and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call votes all (6) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Mercer, Carlisle, Lindahl, Rumbold, Hardman and the motion passed.**

J. Approved at the beginning of the meeting Resolution 23/24-36.

K. Resolution No. 23/24-37 Renewal of Leezer Insurance Policy for the City of Wyoming's Property and Liability Insurance was very high and the Mayor wanted Leezer's to come down on the prices and resubmit to the Council. **Ald. Hardman made the motion to table Resolution 23/24-37 until December 19th Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (6) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.**

Aldersperson's report:

Ald Lindahl asked Chief Tiller what the status on N. Madison with a couch and bed frame in the yard. The Chief has been in touch with them and will be taken care of soon.

Ald. Carlisle made a statement that she is very fond of our businesses in town and one of our businesses had to close the afternoon the Food Truck was in town. She added that she is totally against having the Food Truck in town.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Hansard and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Voice votes all (6) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:23p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker
City Clerk**