

**City of Wyoming
Council Meeting
October 17, 2023**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Maher at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming Illinois City Council met Tuesday, October 17, 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, and Daniel Hardman were present. Alderman Steve Hansard was absent.

Citizens to be heard:

Mike Endress, reported seeing many nuisance properties including abandoned vehicles in the City. They need to be addressed.

Jackie Carroll, of S. 7th street asked for status on the privacy fence that Illuminate Realty promised to put up on the South side of the Family Dollar property. She also mentioned two other problems with Family Dollar. During the last good rain, the water was coming over to her driveway due to the way the landscaping was done at Family Dollar, and the store's exterior lights are way too bright at night. Denny Rewerts will contact both companies regarding Jackie's concerns.

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of September 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,709,540.23

C. Staff reports:

Water & Sewer: Ald. Jim Mercer reported that the large digester is down and will be cleaned out to take out the metal plates November 1st. For now, we only have the small digester running. Parts are being ordered for the flow sieve for the trash Auger in the screen house. Steve Marvin, Joe Kinsella, and Jim Kinsella have volunteered to put the parts together on the flow sieve. The OEI said the Screen Auger requires water to work correctly. We will need to keep the building above freezing. Jim has 3 quotes for spray foam insulation for the Screen house. The building does have an electric furnace.

The IEPA came to inspect the R/O Plant. There were some questions we couldn't answer. She understood our situation and will send us a report that we will have to respond to. The last time the EPA inspected our plant was 2018. That report showed the City was only billing 50% of the water produced. Ald. Mercer used his personal test meters and discovered both city meters were off 100gals per minute, which puts us in the acceptable percentage range. That is why we are ordering two well water flow meters. The City is required every 3yrs to mail out a Cross-Connection Control Survey to all residents that receive a water bill. They must fill it out and return to city hall. The EPA wants to make sure everyone is legally hooked up to our sewer system and that they have a backflow preventer if needed. All businesses are required to have a connect-control system that needs to be certified every year by an independent contractor. The City is responsible for verifying they have been certified.

The MCC panels have been installed at the WWTP. They have yet to be wired at this time.

Joe Kinsella, Superintendent, was absent but gave Ald. Mercer his report. Joe & Jim Kinsella put in 2 new water mains at the WWTP this week. They will be busy next week doing locates for fiber optics being laid through town.

Police Chief Jim Tiller paid Princeville Automotive \$1300.00 to have the manifold replaced in the Tahoe. This is a backup vehicle for the Police Department. There have been several nuisance notices handed out for tall overgrown grass and weeds, animals coming and going in the overgrowth at abandoned homes. Most of them have cleaned up their properties. We will continue to keep in contact with the few that haven't. He also reported 17 calls and 2 reports.

Denny Rewerts, Economic Development, Denny reported a new business in town called Yellow Dog Spa. It is located at 101 W. Williams in Mike Evan's building. Denny informed the council that the retreat he has volunteered to host will be scheduled sometime in January.,

Mike Luft, Farnsworth Group— regarding the sidewalk at 112 S 7th St., he reported working on a new set of plans showing the usage of the alley as a part of the in and out drive to meet IDOT requirements. The sidewalk on 109 N. 7th Street has a coal chute that needs to be removed. Mike contacted the owner of the building and he agreed to meet with him, but no date was set at this time.

The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald Hardman. Discussion: Yes, the above under Consent Agenda. Roll call vote all (4) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman, Carlisle, and the motion passed.

Bills and Claims totaling \$32,786.16 were presented to the council. The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: Ald. Hardman wanted to be updated on the quality of work by Quick Electric. Ald. Mercer stated that they are meeting code, and he will continue to monitor them. **Roll call vote all (4) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Lindahl, Carlisle, Hardman, and the motion passed.**

New Business

- A. No action was taken on Resolution No. 23/24-22 for health insurance renewal.** The Mayor and council requested Lisa Evans, treasurer, to get additional bids. This item will be tabled until next month's Council Meeting.
- B. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-23** Authorizing the IEPA to make a progress loan disbursement #14 which includes \$283,137.69 for Leander Construction, Inc. administrative costs, equipment, and construction. Also, the Farnsworth Group for \$16,349.88 representing work performed as required by the contract. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (4) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**
- C. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-24** Approval of TIF 1 Beautification Grant for Amy and Kevin Stutzman, Spoon River Bowl, Inc. for \$3000.00. **The motion was made by Ald. Hardman and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote (4) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Lindahl, Hardman, Mayor Maher, and (1) Abstain by Ald. Mercer, and the motion passed.**

- D. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-25** Approval of TIF 1 Beautification Grant for Jamie Stone and Derek Gray, Perfectly Polished Salon, for \$2,837.50. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call vote (4) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Hardman, Carlisle, Mayor Maher, and (1) Abstain by Ald. Mercer, and the motion passed.**
- E. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-26** Authorizing the City of Wyoming to enter a contract with Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for the purchase and installation of the Force Flow Scales at a cost of \$13,854.20. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion:** Ald. Mercer explained that we need the new scales to weigh accurately the amount of chemicals we put into our water at the R/O plant. These figures are reported to the IEPA. **Roll call vote (4) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Mercer, Lindahl, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**
- F. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-27** Authorizing the purchase of two well water flow meters for the R/O Plant at a cost not to exceed \$7006.00. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion:** Ald. Mercer explained that the original flow meters are not accurate, and we need to replace them. **Roll call votes (4) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman, and the motion passed.**

Aldersperson's report: **Ald. Mercer** reported that the pine tree on 3rd & W. Williams has been removed. House on 4th and Thomas Street has cleaned up their yard which looks much better. Also, he wanted everyone to know that Greg McCauley has been very helpful answering any questions we might have regarding problems at the WWTP and with EPA questions and reports. **Ald. Hardman** was at the sewer plant and it looks great. Job well done. **Mayor Maher** asked for an update on Marcus Wilson's Nuisance Notice. Atty. Raver has heard nothing from Mr. Wilson and will proceed with a Petition for Abatement of Nuisance through Stark County Court. Lisa Evans added that she noticed another brick had fallen from the building a few days ago. Ald. Hardman asked for an update on Stahl Lumber Company. Ald. Mercer said Stahl's have hired a company to fix the problem by adding a water tank that the cement dust will go into instead of out in the atmosphere. They will be done soon.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Voice votes all (4) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



Diane Baker
City Clerk