

**City of Wyoming  
Council Meeting  
February 20, 2024**

**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, February 6, 2024, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken, and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Dave Rumbold, Steve Hansard, and Dave Lindahl were present. Alderman Dan Hardman was absent.

**Citizens wishing to be heard:**

**Ernie Unhold addressed the council about expediting the approval of drawings submitted to IDOT for pouring cement in front of his building sidewalk to the road (Rte 91) in front of his garage. His proprietor, Andy Haga, would like to open his business no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ernie asked if he could contact a Representative or Senator to speed up the process. The mayor mentioned Representative Weaver and Stoller. He will also contact them. Ald. Rumbold asked what the benchmark elevation on the drawing was. He said we could give Ernie a copy of the drawing with that information and his contractor could possibly pour cement on his property prior to the approval of IDOT. Rumbold also suggested spreading C-6 rock down temporarily. Engineer Lutz will check on the benchmark elevation and get back to Ald. Rumbold. Ernie gave the microphone to Andy to explain what his business would entail. He used to work for Wyoming Motors and plans on providing full diagnostics, mechanical work for all types of vehicles including Diesel, along with tires and oil changes.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**A. Approve Minutes of February 6, 2024, Regular Council Meeting**

**B. Treasurer's Report January 2024: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,684,893.95.**

**C. Bills & Claims January 2024: totaling \$35,442.59.**

**D. Staff reports:**

**1. Joe Kinsella, Superintendent was absent.** The mayor explained the wing curb shoe for the snowplow will allow the one vehicle to clear the snow for the entire town. Therefore, they wouldn't have to purchase an additional truck and would be saving on maintenance as well. This will be voted on under New Business.

**2. Police Chief Tiller** reported that there are two new residents in the city that are on probation that he will be keeping a close eye on. He received 2 complaints regarding children and that is it.

**3. Denny Rewerts, Economic Development** the SCCI will sponsor the Retreat on March 02 at the Paramount Theater from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be new entry doors put on the front of the Paramount Theater next week. He also mentioned that the Paramount will not be available for our March 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. It is being used as the polling place for the Election. The Mayor stated that we can have our next meeting at City Hall.

**4. Mike Lutz, Farnsworth Group** reported we are still waiting on IDOT to approve the south sidewalk plans as discussed previously. The north sidewalk plans are ready to be submitted to IDOT. The Motor Fuel Tax Funds are under New Business to be voted on and then sent to IDOT.

**5. Ald. Jim Mercer, Water & Sewer**, reported there are problems with the program system. When we did the security line to get into the system it is blocking us from doing that. It needs to be fixed. We replaced an airpump for the clarifier which is working. We need to purchase 2 more air pumps to have 1 on hand and include back flow prevention. Joe Kinsella, Jim Kinsella, and Steve Marvin did an excellent job of cleaning the garage at the WWTP. It looks like a new building. Ald Carlisle asked where Steve Marvin is at with his classes? Ald. Mercer said Steve will begin classes this Spring.

**The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Discussion: Yes, the above staff reports. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hansard, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-47** Authorizing the City of Wyoming to Purchase a Wing Curb Shoe for the city snowplow from Bonnell Industries, Inc for a total of \$16,893.18. This includes parts and labor to install. Bonnell is the company the city snowplow was purchased from. **The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to approve Resolution 23/24-47 and seconded by Ald. Rumbold. Discussion: Yes, under Consent Agenda. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Hansard, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle and the motion passed.**

**Consideration of Resolution No. 23/27-48** Authorizing the IEPA Loan Disbursement #18 for \$435,240.30 of which Leander Construction receives \$428,335.34 and Farnsworth Engineering receives \$6,904.96 representing work performed as required by the contract. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution 23/24-48 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Lindahl, Carlisle, Rumbold, Hansard and the motion passed.**

**Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-49** Approving the Motor Fuel Tax Funds for maintaining streets in the City of Wyoming from 01/01/2024 to 12/31/24 for 203,426.00 not to exceed \$224,000.00. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Resolution 23/24-49 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: Engineer Mike Lutz explained that after the council approves this Resolution, we will submit it to IDOT. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Carlisle, Lindahl, Hansard, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

**Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-50** Approving this new Ordinance stating that the owner or occupants of the building's downtown are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their buildings. The Snow removal Zone is located as follows:

-Route 91 between Elm Street and Thomas Street

-Route 91 to 110 West Williams Street

-East Williams between Route 91 and Galena Ave. Failure to comply could result in a fine of not more than \$750.00 per instance.

**The motion was made by Ald. Rumbold to approve Ordinance 23/24-50 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call votes all (5) ayes by Ald. Rumbold, Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hansard and the motion passed.**

**Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-51** Authorizing an increase of \$3.00 to the current garbage collection fee for a total of **\$12.00 per household**. This increase came from Murphy Container Service because of increased landfill rates and fuel charges. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Ordinance 23/24-51 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: Yes. The mayor made some calls to see how this increase compares to what Toulon is paying for garbage pick up and Wyoming is still less. Roll call all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle, Rumbold and the motion passed.**

**The motion was made by Ald. Mercer to go into Executive Session regarding Litigation Exemption and was seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all ayes and Executive Session started at 6:39 p.m.**

**Regular session returned from Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.**

**Aldermen reports:**

**Ald. Lindahl** informed the council that the boat at Duryea Park is leaning a little more and needs to be checked out. The mayor will have someone look at it to see if it can be fixed.

**Ald. Hansard** has had several people ask about potholes being filled. The Mayor stated that they will be taken care of when Spring arrives.

**Ald. Carlisle** asked if we could make an Ordinance to charge food trucks a fee. Atty. Raver will check into that and get back to the Council.

**Mayor Maher** asked Atty. Raver for status on the Marcus Wilson issue. Atty Raver said Marcus Wilson is now in publication and eventually we will have jurisdiction over him.

**The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Rumbold and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Voice votes all (5) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by,**



**Diane Baker  
City Clerk**