

**City of Wyoming  
Council Meeting  
September 19, 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, September 19, 2023, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyoming IL. Roll call was taken, and Alderpersons Ginger Carlisle, Steve Hansard, Dan Hardman, Dave Lindahl, and Jim Mercer were present.

**Citizens to be heard - Brett Elliott, Stark County CUSD 100 Superintendent,** presented the Council with the IDOT "Safe Routes to School" Grant. This is a \$250,000 grant to make new sidewalks for students' safety when walking to school. Mr. Elliott added that the district would work together with the City and suggested we start with both sides of Van Buren street by the Stark County Athletic complex, including the sidewalk leading up to the entrance of the facility. The application is due 10/02/2023. Ald. Hardman asked if this short timeframe was doable. Mr. Elliott believes it is, based on other communities that have applied for it. If the City is not interested this year they can apply for it next year as this is a renewable grant. Lastly, he reminded the Council that they agreed to widen both sides of Van Buren up to the sidewalks next to the Stark County Athletic Complex. This will give more room for traffic when vehicles are parked there. He will coordinate that with Joe Kinsella.

**Consent Agenda:**

**A. Minutes of August 15, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.**

**B. Treasurer's Report: General Operation and CD's balance of \$2,726,816.02**

**C. Staff reports:**

**Joe Kinsella,** Superintendent, reported cutting trees and clearing brush from the Wastewater Treatment grounds. Potter & Son's did a great job chip and tarring East Smith Street. Joe had to have the yellow truck worked on by Cozadd Diesel Service in Wataga, Illinois.

**Police Chief Jim Tiller** suggested we fix up the Tahoe to be a backup vehicle for the police. The Tahoe is not 4-wheel drive, but it would be nice to have it available if needed. He also noticed several yards in town with old furniture and junk set out. Some don't realize they can buy a \$10.00 tag at City Hall to have the garbage company pick them up. City Clerk, Diane Baker, will put another Ad in the Prairie News and on the City's website. He also wanted to let the City know what a great job Jim and Joe Kinsella are for the City.

**Denny Rewerts, Economic Development,** reported that we received a grant to put 2 new doors in the Paramount Theater. We were eligible due to the County holding voting for Essex Township in the theater. Thanks to Heather Hollis, County Clerk, for getting this grant. Mike Evans has a new renter with a dog grooming business coming soon. It will be located on the lower level.

**Mike Luft, Farnsworth Group-** reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant motor control center today. They are still in negotiations with IDOT regarding the sidewalk at 112 S 7<sup>th</sup> St. They require there be enough area for a semi to be able to pull through the entry without backing up. He asked if the City would be willing to have the in and out drive to include the alley area next to the property for IDOT to agree with the design. The sidewalk on 109 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street has a coal chute in the Ms. Tuffy's building basement that needs to be closed before doing the sidewalk. The owner will need to be notified.

**Water & Sewer: Ald. Jim Mercer, introduced our new City Water and Sewer Operator, Steve Marvin.** He is a tremendous employee for the City of Wyoming. Ald. Mercer also wanted to thank Joe and Jim Kinsella for going above and beyond clearing out trees and overgrown areas at the WWTP grounds. You can now see the fence line around the facility. There are many things at the plant that need to be fixed including the **Screen House Auger**. Jim contacted the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) who sent a manual and original start up report. They also provided a quote for \$3320.00 to have their Engineer inspect it and, if can, get it to run. **Drain Digesters** need metal plates removed and replaced. The Lowest quote by MAS Rigging, Inc. is \$9,960.00 for each. This requires a crane. **Hydrants** need to be repaired or replaced. Steve needs to go to classes in Champaign and Edwardsville. He's going to work with Mike Lutz to apply for next year grants for future repairs. We need to address Quick Electric's work which is not up to par. Ald. Mercer will by going through the correct channels to take care of this. Regarding the Water Plant, we need to address R/O filters and replace all gauges. We are currently down one outsource service water pump. It will be fixed by Friday. We don't have any backup for pumps if they go down. Kurt Downie requests that we have a house service water pump on the shelf and two to three pumps on the shelf for the WWTP. We need to address Quick Electric's work which is not up to par. They need to come back and fix what needs to be fixed.

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

**Bills and Claims totaling \$268,913.82 were presented to the council. The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Mercer, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard, and the motion passed.**

#### **New Business**

- A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 23/24-18** Authorizing the hourly rate of compensation increase for Joe Kinsella and Jim Kinsella to \$29.00 per hour, effective immediately. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to authorize Ordinance 23/24-18 and seconded by Ald. Carlisle. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Mercer, Hardman, Hansard, Carlisle, and the motion passed.**
- B. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-19** Authorizing the City to enter into a contract with MAS Rigging, Inc. having bid the lowest responsible bid of \$9960.00 to clean up metals present in one of the processing tanks of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City boys will replace the air line. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to accept Resolution 23/24-18 and seconded by Ald. Hardman. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Carlisle, Hardman, Mercer, Hansard, Lindahl, and the motion passed.**
- C. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-20** Authorizing Disbursement #13 under IEPA Loan L-17-5608 from Leander Construction, Inc. for \$42,056.34. This includes administrative costs, equipment, construction, and demolition. **The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to authorize Resolution 23/24-20 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Mercer, Hansard, Carlisle, Hardman, Lindahl, and the motion passed. Ald. Hardman added that next month we will check to see that the work done by Quick Electric is corrected. Ald. Mercer responded that was correct.**

- D. Consideration of Resolution No. 23/24-21** Approval of Change Order #6 from Leander Construction inc. for a total of \$9,035.06 to repair the east Clarifier Drum at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **The motion was made by Ald. Carlisle to approve Resolution 23/24-21 and seconded by Ald. Mercer. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hansard, Hardman, Lindahl, Mercer, Carlisle and the motion passed.**

**Aldersperson's report:** Jim Mercer wants to make sure that we approved the classes that Steve Marvin needs to attend. The Mayor said they were approved in the Consent Agenda. Also, there is a pine tree on 3<sup>rd</sup> street that blocks your view when pulling out on Route 91. He's going to talk to the owner about cutting it down.

**Ald. Carlisle** thanked Ald. Mercer for all of the work he has done for the City at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Mayor's report:**

- A) Stahl Lumber Company has not fixed the problem of spewing large amounts of cement dust over the downtown area. Attorney Raver filed a Petition for Abatement of Nuisance at the Stark County Courthouse regarding this matter. The court date is scheduled for October 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
- B) There was a question of who would be responsible to do the readings at the water plant on Saturday's and Sunday's. Steve Marvin agreed to come on weekends to do the readings but if he is unable to be there he will train Ald. Jim Mercer to fill in for him.
- C) Illuminate Real Estate, owners of the Family Dollar Building, will be putting up a privacy fence on the South side of the property. This commitment was sent via email to the City of Wyoming. Denny Rewerts will contact them and make sure the fence will be on their property
- D) Marcus Wilson update was not discussed at this time.
- E) Marianna DeBolt, Art Teacher at Stark County High School, sent some fun sidewalk art pictures to the council that children can play on and do what the sidewalk tells them to do. If the Council likes this idea, she would like to have her art club paint the designs on the sidewalk in Thomas Park. This would be done with paint that won't wash off. The Council thinks this is a great idea. Joe Kinsella stated the sidewalks in the park need to be replaced in the Spring. Diane Baker and Joe though it would be nice to have another sidewalk around the playground area that the Art Club could do all of their drawings on. Everyone thought that was a great idea. Diane will get back with Marianna on this.

**The motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Mercer and seconded by Ald. Hansard. Voice votes all (5) ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by,



**Diane Baker**  
City Clerk