

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington City Hall  
1165 South Water Street  
February 7, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on February 7, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ben Dietz in the Council Chamber of the Wilmington City Hall.

**Roll Call**

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

**Aldermen Present** Kirwin, Knight, Jeffries, Vice, Allred, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes

**Quorum**

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order

**Other Officials in Attendance**

Also, in attendance were City Administrator Jeannine Smith, Finance Director Nancy Gross, Chief of Police Adam Zink, Public Works Director James Gretencord, City Attorney Bryan Wellner, and Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller

**Approval of the Previous Regular City Council Meeting**

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Allred seconded to approve the January 17, 2023 meeting minutes with the necessary changes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       7 Vice, Allred, Jeffries, Kirwin, Mietzner, Smith, Knight

**NAYS:**       0

**PASS:**       1 Holmes

The motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dietz reminded us about the Town Hall meeting on February 9, 2023. This meeting is being held at Wilmington High School and begins at 6 PM.

IML Fact Sheet regarding Statement of the Economic Interests Forms was distributed to the Council for their review and reference.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

Alderman Knight made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-02-07-01, An Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use for Property Located at 110 Bridge Street, Wilmington, IL60481 (Nelly's Drive-Thru Window; PIN No. 03-17-25-304-007-0000

Discussion: Administrator Smith stated that it has come to the City's attention that the build-out with additional seating was not included with the plans and may be a legal nonconforming use. The drive-thru window is okay but we need to verify the build-out plans with the petitioner, Steve Nelson. Mr. Nelson was not in attendance at this meeting.

Following the discussion, Alderman Knight rescinded his original motion and made a motion to table the approval of the Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use for Property Located at 110 Bridge Street, Wilmington, IL60481 (Nelly's Drive-Thru Window; PIN No. 03-17-25-304-007-0000). Alderman Jeffries seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Knight, Jeffries, Kirwin, Vice, Mietzner, Allred, Smith, Holmes

**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

Prior to making the motion below, a discussion was had regarding the trash surround, which is required by City Code, at the existing Wildcat Self-Storage. Administrator Smith stated that a conversation will be had with the Petitioner, Eric Kempes prior to the City Council granting an amendment for their next self-storage project. Mr. Kempes was not in attendance at this meeting.

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Jeffries seconded to table the Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment from R1 and R3 to B3 - General Commercial and a Conditional Use For Vacant Property Located on School Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 (PIN Nos. 03-17-26-403-009-0000 And 03-17-26-403-011-0000)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Vice, Jeffries, Knight, Kirwin, Mietzner, Allred, Smith, Holmes

**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2023.

### **Committee of the Whole Reports**

#### **A. Police & ESDA**

*Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Leslie Allred*

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Smith seconded to approve the Wilmington Police Commission to Seek & Hire One Patrolman

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Allred, Smith, Holmes, Mietzner, Vice, Knight, Kirwin, Jeffries

**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

#### **B. Ordinance & License**

*Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Knight*

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to approve Resolution No. 2023-03, A Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Property

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        8 Kirwin, Vice, Allred, Smith, Holmes, Mietzner, Knight, Jeffries

**NAYS:**        0

The motion carried

**C. Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety**

*Co-Chairs – Ryan Jeffries and Thomas Smith*

Nothing at this time

**D. Water, Sewer, Streets & Alleys**

*Co-Chairs – Todd Holmes and Dennis Vice*

Nothing at this time

**E. Personnel & Collective Bargaining**

*Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Todd Holmes*

Nothing at this time

**F. Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee**

*Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Jeffries*

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to Approve the Accounts Payable Reports in the amount of \$560,249.11

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        8 Jeffries, Knight, Kirwin, Vice, Allred, Smith, Holmes, Mietzner

**NAYS:**        0

The motion carried

**Attorney & Staff Reports**

Director Gretencord informed the Council that the new truck for the Public Works Department has been purchased and even came in a couple of thousand dollars less.

**Executive Session**

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:27 PM to discuss Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation [ILCS 120/2(c)(11)]

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        8 Allred, Knight, Kirwin, Jeffries, Vice, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes

**NAYS:**        0

The motion carried.

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Holmes seconded to close Executive Session at 7:42 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        8 Allred, Holmes, Knight, Kirwin, Jeffries, Vice, Mietzner, Smith

**NAYS:**        0

The motion carried.

**Action Taken Following Executive Session**

No action taken

**Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Holmes and seconded by Alderman Allred. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The City of Wilmington City Council's regular meeting on February 7, 2023, adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joie Ziller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk