

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

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on March 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 Holmes seconded to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes with the necessary changes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**PASS:**        1 Allred

The motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dietz announced the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the I&M Canal Proclamation

**Public Comment**

Robin and Brandon Krug experienced a broken water pipe that ran consecutively for approximately seventeen days at their place of business on S. Water Street and made the request to the Council for them to consider removing the fees related to the sewer portion of their utility bill. After much Council discussion, the request from the Council was to know the current procedures that are in place and if the software being utilized has a mechanism to report leaks directly to the customer. Mayor Dietz stated that the Council's questions and concerns will be addressed at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting. The Krug's documentation and request will be reviewed by Staff who will follow up with the Krug's.

## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded Approve Ordinance No. 23-03-07-01, 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)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Vice, Jeffries, Smith, Allred, Mietzner, Kirwin, Knight, Holmes  
**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded Approve Ordinance No. 23-03-07-02, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant of Easement Between the City of Wilmington and Nelson's Furniture, Inc. (Part of PIN 03-17-25-307-006-0000)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Vice, Jeffries, Smith, Allred, Mietzner, Kirwin, Knight, Holmes  
**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded Approve Ordinance No. 23-03-07-03, An 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, Mietzner, Smith, Allred, Jeffries, Kirwin, Knight, Holmes  
**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023.

## **Committee of the Whole Reports**

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

*Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Leslie Allred*

Nothing at this time

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

*Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Knight*

Nothing at this time

### **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 \$237,158.37

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2023-06, A Resolution of the City of Wilmington in Support of Tax Increment Financing

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2023-07 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the MissionSquare Retirement Governmental Money Purchase Plan

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried

**Attorney & Staff Reports**

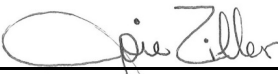
City Administrator Smith reminded us about the upcoming Kankakee River Watershed Conference being held at Kankakee Community College on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Zink informed us that the Wilmington Police Department is participating in the Polar Plunge at Braidwood Recreation Club on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Knight and seconded by Alderman Allred. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The City of Wilmington City Council's regular meeting on March 7, 2023, adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk