

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
March 18, 2020**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on March 18, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roy Strong in the Council Chambers 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 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

Aldermen Absent Studer, Combes

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 the City Administrator/Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, Finance Director Matt Hoffman, Chief of Police Phillip Arnold and City Attorney Wellner

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Butler made a motion and Alderman Tenn seconded to approve the March 3, 2020 Regular City Council meeting minutes as amended and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried.

Open Public Hearing

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$7,230,000

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried.

Roy Strong, Mayor, as Hearing Officer read the following statement:

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This hearing will come to order. Let the record reflect that this is a public hearing being held pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. Notice of this hearing was published on March 11, 2020, in the Free Press Advocate, a newspaper of general circulation in the City. This is a hearing regarding a plan to issue not to exceed \$7,230,000 in aggregate principal amount of the City's General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) currently refund the City's outstanding IEPA Water Treatment Refunding Loan, dated May 24, 2007, which loan was entered into for the purpose of financing a waste water treatment plant within the City and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds thereof.

The Bonds will be issued by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and shall constitute a general obligation of the City, payable from (i) Net Revenues of the City's Sewerage System, (ii) all collections distributed to the City from Retailer's Occupation Taxes, Service Occupation Taxes, Use Taxes and Service Use Taxes and (iii) ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount.

This public hearing is required by Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing, the issuance of the Bonds and the purpose of the issuance of the Bonds.

Close Public Hearing

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Tenn seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Matt Hoffman as City Treasurer/Collector

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried.

Public Comment

Administrator Ziller read an email from Steve Flynn... *To the Mayor, City Council, and others, I would like to say THANK YOU to all of our city officials, employees, police, fire, ESDA, and everyone else who has been working hard for our community. Keep up the good work, and stay safe! PS. Maybe now is not a good time to raise any of our rates, water included, That's all. Thanks! Steve.*

Planning & Zoning Commission

Aldermen Vice made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve the 2020 Zoning Map

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Police & ESDA Committee

Alderman Butler made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the Purchase of 2015 Ford Police Interceptor from Taylor Ford of Manteno in the amount of \$12,460.00

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance & License Committee

The ordinance amending Chapter 34, Article 3 Catfish Days Committee has been tabled for further discussion at the April Ordinance & Licensing Committee meeting.

Alderman Tenn made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-03-18-01 – An Ordinance Amending Sections 70.12 and 70.47 of the Wilmington Code of Ordinance Regulating Commercial Motor Vehicles on City Streets

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-02 – A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Property from the City of Wilmington to the Wilmington Island Park District.

Discussion: Attorney Wellner stated that this resolution is also authorizing, other than just the transfers, to enter into an agreement with the Wilmington Island Park District to make the transfer, that agreement is not finalized yet. Attorney Wellner sent the agreement to the Park District's attorney's last week; he is currently on vacation but the once it is finalized the Mayor will be able to execute it on mutually agreeable terms.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to approve the Purchase of 2020 GMC Sierra 3500HD from Community GMC, Inc, in the amount of \$33,098.00 for the Water Reclamation Department

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve the accounts payable report in the amount of \$330,105.57 as prepared by the Finance Director

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Persic made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-03-18-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Ratifying the Action of the City of Wilmington to Enter Into and for the Mayor of Wilmington to Execute an Agreement between the City of Wilmington and Constellation Regarding Electric Energy to the City of Wilmington for a Term of Three Years

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Studer, Combes

The motion carried

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee

Nothing at this time.

Attorney & Staff Reports

Attorney Wellner explained that the Chief Judge requested portable metal detectors at all branches serving the Will County Circuit Court. Local court is held here, at City Hall once a month. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic local court is cancelled until further notice. Attorney Wellner stated that he will be drafting an ordinance, for the Council consideration, regarding meeting participation and voting via electronic conferencing.

Administrator Ziller stated that effective today, the lobby at City Hall is closed to the public and we requested all personnel to practice social distancing. The Council advised staff to waive late fees on utility bills until May 1st.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was necessary

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Butler and seconded by Alderman Kirwin. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on March 18, 2020 adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk