

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
May 17, 2022**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on May 17, 2022 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor 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, Jeffries, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Holmes

Aldermen Present via Zoom

Smith

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, Chief Joe Mitchell, Finance Director Matt Hoffman, 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 Knight seconded to approve the May 3, 2022 meeting minutes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dietz announced the proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month

Please do not place grass clippings on the city streets.

Mayor Dietz announced that the city is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$236,000 to go towards the public parking on N. Water Street.

Public Comment

Public Comment 1 – Steve Evans, Chamber of Commerce President read a letter opposing the proposed increase to business licenses.

Public Comment 2 – Roy Strong stated he is not in favor of the increase on the video gaming terminals and questioned the Council who came up with this increase.

Public Comment 3 – Eric Kempes stated he would like to know what the Council has earmarked to do with the money, share the plans so we “business owners” can get behind it. Mr. Kempes questioned where the increase originated from.

Public Comment 4 – Ralph Stevens stated that he has been in business 35 years and he has never seen the fees go up like this. Businesses are still recovery after COVID.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Committee of the Whole Reports

A. Police & ESDA

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Leslie Allred

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Allred seconded to approve the Ray O’Herron Quote for Firearms and Equipment in the Amount not to Exceed \$11,670

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

B. Ordinance & License

Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Knight

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-17-01 – An Ordinance Amending the Façade Improvement Grant Program Within the City of Wilmington, Illinois

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Allred seconded to table the Ordinance Amending the License Fee for Video Gaming Terminals Within the City of Wilmington, Illinois and bring it to the June Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion

Discussion – Mayor Dietz stated he meet with the Chamber of Commerce last Thursday to go over the proposed license fees and video gaming terminal fees, to which he received zero feedback from the Chamber President and Vice President who are both here speaking against it today. Mayor Dietz stated he visited specifically with the Chamber to talk to you about this program so we didn’t have to argue or have this commerce here in this venue so he hopes the next time we have the conversation at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, that we have an open honest dialogue.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Vice, Knight, Jeffries, Allred, Kirwin, Smith, Holmes

NAYS: 1 Mietzner

The motion to table was 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

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Holmes seconded to approve the Wolf's Seal Coating Quote for the Drive Surrounding the Sewage Treatment Plant and Ridge Port Lift Station in the amount not to exceed \$7,700

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

E. Personnel & Collective Bargaining

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Todd Holmes

Alderman Holmes made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to approve and authorize the Public Works Director to Seek and Hire Two Seasonal Workers

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

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 Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Report in the Amount of \$312,684.18 as presented by the Finance Director

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the Sound & Light Contract with Rock Productions for the July 1, 2022 Independence Day Celebration in the amount not to exceed \$500

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to approve and authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau in an amount not exceeding \$5,000

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Attorney & Staff Reports

Administrator Smith stated that she will be meeting with MAP representatives to continue negotiations on the collective bargaining agreement.

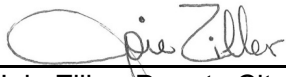
Public Works Director Gretencord thanked the Council for the approval of the two seasonal workers at the Public Works Department.

Chief Mitchell provided the Council with a memo related to truck enforcement. This memo will be attached to the final meeting minutes for future reference.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Holmes and seconded by Alderman Knight. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on May 17, 2022 adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk