

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

MAYOR BEN DIETZ CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

After the pledge of allegiance, the following answered to Roll Call: Alderpersons Kevin Kirwin, Ryan Jeffries, Dennis Vice, Ryan Knight, Jonathan Mietzner, Leslie Allred, and Thomas Smith. Absent: Todd Holmes. The number present constitutes a quorum.

Also present: Finance Director Nancy Gross, Public Works Director James Gretencord, Police Chief Adam Zink, City Attorney Bryan Wellner, and Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller.

CITIZENS COMMENT

Sheryl Puracchio shared with the Council that she would like to apply for a grant from the Retirement Research Foundation for the Aging and is requesting \$500 from the City to cover the cost of an epidemiologist noting if the grant is awarded this money will be reimbursed. The Council was in favor of this expenditure.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2023
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Report

Aldersperson Kirwin made a motion and Aldersperson Allred seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 3, 2023, City Council meeting as presented

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Holmes

The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Aldersperson Vice made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to Approve Ordinance No. 23-10-03-01, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant of Easement Between the City and Commonwealth Edison

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Holmes

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Knight made a motion and Aldersperson Smith seconded to Approve and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Zeiler Amusements for 2024 Catfish Days Carnival Rides, subject to the attorney modifications

Discussion: The Council requested that the dates for the 2024 event be corrected and the dates for the 2025 and 2026 events be added

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Holmes

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Jeffries made a motion and Aldersperson Knight seconded to Approve the Quote from Clennon Electric to Move and Replace the Electrical Equipment on the Light Poles at the South Island Park Fishing and Skating Pond for a Cost Not Exceeding \$8,900

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Holmes

The motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Attorney – Bryan Wellner – Reported that he attended an Illinois Department of Labor seminar related to the Paid Leave for All Workers Act

City Administrator – Jeannine Smith – Absent

Finance Director – Nancy Gross – No Report

Public Works Director – James Gretencord – Reported he located a repair shop in South Bend, IN for the street sweeper. The vehicle will need to be towed, costing approximately \$1,000, per way.

Chief of Police – Adam Zink – No Report

ALDERPERSON COMMENTS

Aldersperson Kirwin – No Comment

Aldersperson Vice – No Comment

Aldersperson Allred – No Comment

Aldersperson Holmes – No Comment

Aldersperson Jeffries – No Comment

Aldersperson Knight – No Comment

Aldersperson Mietzner – No Comment

Aldersperson Smith – No Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Aldersperson Allred made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:21 PM to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of an Employee of the City of Wilmington [ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Holmes

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Allred made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to close Executive Session at 7:24 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Holmes

The motion carried.

POSSIBLE ACTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

No action taken

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldersperson Kirwin and seconded by Aldersperson Knight. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The City of Wilmington City Council's regular meeting on October 3, 2023, adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk