

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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, Jonathan Mietzner, Todd Holmes and Thomas Smith. Absent Leslie Allred and Ryan Knight. The number present constitutes a quorum.

Also present: City Administrator Jeannine Smith, Finance Director Nancy Gross, Public Works Director James Gretencord, Chief of Police Adam Zink Dole, City Attorney Hannah Lamore.

**CITIZENS COMMENT**

Anthony Cavalea representing the petitioner who is requesting a variance to allow a residence on the first floor at the building located at 213 N Water Street. Mr. Cavalea provided his summary report to the Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2024
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Report

Alderperson Kirwin made a motion and Alderperson Jeffries seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 6, 2024, City Council meeting as presented

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        6 Kirwin, Jeffries, Mietzner, Smith, Vice, Holmes  
**NAYS:**        0  
**ABSENT:**    2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dietz thanked staff, specifically Jeannine and James for their quick response related to the recent flooding, along with the Police Department, Fire Department, and ESDA. Mayor Dietz encouraged the Alderpersons to contact him directly with any suggestions or questions related to notifications and communications. Mayor Dietz also informed us that we were awarded the grant for the kayak launch through the IDNR.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

**Consideration to Approve the 2024 City of Wilmington Zoning Map**

Alderperson Jeffries made a motion and Alderperson Mietzner seconded to approve the 2024 City of Wilmington Zoning Map

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**        6 Jeffries, Mietzner, Kirwin, Smith, Vice, Holmes  
**NAYS:**        0  
**ABSENT:**    2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve Ordinance No. 24-02-06-01, An Ordinance Approving a Variance for Property Located at 23920 Stripmine Road, Wilmington, IL 60481 Regarding a Minimum Fence Height**

Aldersperson Kirwin made a motion and Aldersperson Jeffries seconded to approve Ordinance No. 24-02-06-01, An Ordinance Approving a Variance for Property Located at 23920 Stripmine Road, Wilmington, IL 60481 Regarding a Minimum Fence Height

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6 Jeffries, Mietzner, Kirwin, Smith, Vice, Holmes

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**   2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve the PZC Recommendation to Deny the Petitioner’s Request for a variance from Section 150.61(B)(5) for a rear dwelling unit on the ground floor in B2A-Central Business District zoning on property located at 213 N. Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 in Wilmington, IL (PIN 03-17-25-322-007-0000)**

Discussion: The findings of fact were discussed as outlined in the City Administrator’s memo which was included in the agenda packet.

Aldersperson Smith made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Recommendation to Deny the Petitioner’s Request for a variance from Section 150.61(B)(5) for a rear dwelling unit on the ground floor in B2A-Central Business District zoning on property located at 213 N. Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481 in Wilmington, IL (PIN 03-17-25-322-007-0000)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6 Smith, Kirwin, Jeffries, Mietzner, Vice, Holmes

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**   2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration to Approve Ordinance No. 24-02-06-02, An Ordinance Confirming and Extending a Declared State of Emergency for the City of Wilmington Regarding the Ice Dam Flood Event**

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Holmes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 24-02-06-02, An Ordinance Confirming and Extending a Declared State of Emergency for the City of Wilmington Regarding the Ice Dam Flood Event

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6 Mietzner, Holmes, Jeffries, Kirwin, Smith, Vice

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**   2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve the Payment of the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center Invoice #23-1235 for the Wilmington Police Department’s new officer academy in the amount of \$15,040**

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Jeffries seconded to approve the Payment of the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center Invoice #23-1235 for the Wilmington Police Department’s new officer academy in the amount of \$15,040

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6 Mietzner, Jeffries, Kirwin, Mietzner, Smith, Vice

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:** 2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**Consideration and Approval of the Request for Approval of Change of Plans for the 2023 MFT Project and Execute IDOT BLR 13210 Form**

Aldersperson Vice made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded the approve the Request for the Change of Plans for the 2023 MFT Project and Execute IDOT BLR 13210 Form

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:** 6 Vice, Kirwin, Smith, Jeffries, Mietzner, Holmes

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**Consideration and Approval of Engineer's Payment Estimate for the 2023 MFT Project and Execute IDOT BLR 13230 Form**

Aldersperson Vice made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to approve the Engineer's Payment Estimate for the 2023 MFT Project and Execute IDOT BLR 13230 Form

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:** 6 Vice, Holmes, Kirwin, Smith, Jeffries, Mietzner

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve Lab Strong Quote #12276 in an amount not to exceed \$7,356.70**

Aldersperson Holmes made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to approve the Lab Strong Quote #12276 in an amount not to exceed \$7,356.70

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:** 6 Holmes, Kirwin, Vice, Smith, Jeffries, Mietzner

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 2 Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

City Attorney – Hannah Lamore – No Report

City Administrator – Jeannine Smith – We experienced a devastating flooding event, something we haven't seen in 100 years. There are so many people and organizations to give kudos to, but the staff was amazing – thank you to the Public Works Department, Police Department & ESDA, and the Mayor.

Finance Director – Nancy Gross – No Report

Public Works Director – James Gretencord – The pump house is almost back to normal operating conditions – three of the six motors damaged during the flooding have been replaced and a few diagnostic issues need to be corrected. On February 9th, Chamlin & Associates will be going door to door providing door hangers that contain instructions on how to fill out the Water Service Line Inventory.

Chief of Police – Adam Zink – Last year the Department raised \$5,034 for Special Olympics Illinois – this year we plan to raise even more. The Wilmington Police Department met the ILACP eligibility requirements for Use of Force Certification.

**ALDERPERSON COMMENTS**

Aldersperson Kirwin – No Comment

Aldersperson Vice – No Comment

Aldersperson Allred – Absent

Aldersperson Holmes – No Comment

Aldersperson Jeffries – No Comment

Aldersperson Knight – Absent

Aldersperson Mietzner – No Comment

Aldersperson Smith – Commended everyone’s efforts during the recent flooding event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:42 PM to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the City of Wilmington (public body) and its employees [ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6   Mietzner, Kirwin, Vice, Smith, Jeffries, Holmes

**NAYS:**       0

**ABSENT:**   2   Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Jeffries seconded to close Executive Session at 7:52 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6   Mietzner, Jeffries, Vice, Kirwin, Smith, Holmes

**NAYS:**       0

**ABSENT:**   2   Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**POSSIBLE ACTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

**Consideration to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31, AFL-CIO, Local 1909 to be Effective from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2026**

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 24-02-06-03, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31, AFL-CIO, Local 1909 to be Effective from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2026

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6   Mietzner, Kirwin, Vice, Jeffries, Holmes, Smith

**NAYS:**       0

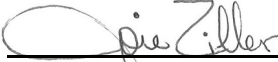
**ABSENT:**   2   Allred, Knight

The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderperson Jeffries and seconded by Alderperson Kirwin. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The City of Wilmington City Council's regular meeting on February 6, 2024, adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk