

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
April 7, 2020**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on April 7, 2020 was called to order at 7:05 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 Studer, Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

Aldermen Absent 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, Superintendent Bob Bland and City Attorney Bryan Wellner

Mayor Strong announced that this evenings’ City Council meeting is being held remotely using a video and audio recording program consistent with Executive Order 2020-07 which was ordered by Governor Pritzker on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This order addresses the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body. Specifically, (1) the requirement in 5 ILCS 120/2.01 that “members of a public body must be physically present” is suspended; and (2) the conditions in 5 ILCS 120/7 limiting when remote participation is permitted are suspended. More importantly, based on what we know now about the coronavirus pandemic and prudent precautions as a result thereof, this meeting is being conducted in ways to provide the maximum amount of protection to our board, staff and the community. We apologize for any inconvenience to anyone, but we ask for understanding and compliance temporarily. Thank you.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Butler made a motion and Alderman Tenn seconded to approve the March 18, 2020 Regular City Council meeting minutes as amended and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Studer, Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Strong stated, that considering what is available to us, that the City is doing its best at handling this COVID-19 pandemic. Equipment, such as masks are hard to find but Chief Arnold was able locate some through a source at Shorewood Police Department. The masks have been ordered and are expected to arrive in 10 days. Mayor Strong thanked City Administrator Joie Ziller and Chief of Police Phil Arnold, they are

updating us with new information every day and is very thankful for these people in their positions, doing their job and stepping up to the plate during this difficult time.

Public Comment

Alderman Tenn stated that he received a text from someone asking if the City plans to still increase water rates. This will be discussed further at the April Water, Sewer, Streets & Alleys Committee meeting.

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

Committee Reports

Police & ESDA Committee

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

Ordinance & License Committee

Alderman Tenn made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-04-07-01 – An Ordinance Establishing Rules for Participation and Voting Through Electronic Conferencing by Members of the Public Body for City of Wilmington City Council Meetings, to become effective once provisions in Section 6 of Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-07 is no longer effective

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Studer, Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

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

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee

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

Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

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 Tenn seconded to approve the accounts payable report in the amount of \$293,448.58 as prepared by the Finance Director

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Studer, Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Kirwin made a motion to approve ESI Consultants, Ltd. Recommendation and Award Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. the Illinois Route 53 at Kankakee River Drive/Wilmington-Peotone Road Intersection Improvement Project in the bid amount of \$2,629,523.47

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Studer, Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Tenn, Butler

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 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

City Administrator Joie Ziller stated that she distributed the April City Limits Newsletter via email. This newsletter can also be found on the City's website.

Chief Arnold stated that he will continue to email his daily COVID-19 status reports and asked if any of the Aldermen had specific questions to please feel free to give him a call.

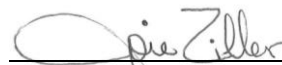
Executive Session

No Executive Session was necessary

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Studer and seconded by Alderman Kirwin. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on April 7, 2020 adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk