

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
November 15, 2022**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on November 15, 2022, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ben 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, Knight, Jeffries, Vice, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes

Aldermen Present Allred

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

Approval of the Previous Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Smith made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to approve the November 1, 2022 meeting minutes with the necessary changes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. for Public Hearing Regarding the proposed Annexation and Annexation Agreement of 32 acres located on the southwest corner of State Route 53 and N. River Road (PIN 03-17-24-400-007-0000)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

City Administrator Smith reviewed for the Council the Staff Report as presented in the meeting agenda packet.

Chad Bruner and Mandy Gauss representing the petitioner Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. introduced themselves and reviewed the proposed project as presented in the agenda packet.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed annexation which includes Annexation, Annexation Agreement, Variance from 96.17 Signs in Commercial Districts, Variance from 150.86 Screening between Non-Residential and Residential Zoning Districts, Map Amendment to B3-General Commercial, Final Plat and Site Plan Review approximately thirty-two (32) acres of property located on the southwest corner of State Route 53 and N. River Road in Wilmington, IL.

Public Comment #1 – Rob Weiner stated that he hopes the proper turn lanes will be constructed on RT 53 for this project.

Public Comment #2 – David Belden stated his opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #3 – Roy Surdej stated his opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #4 – Cindy Filas stated her opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #5 – Linda Lafferty stated her opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #6 – John Filas stated his opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #7 – Brenda Karlson stated her opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #8 – Jeff Surdej stated his opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #9 – Dwayne Lafferty stated his opposition to the proposed project.

Public Comment #10 – Ivana Longest stated her opposition to the proposed project.

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to close the public hearing at 9:04 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment

No other public comments were made.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Jeffries seconded to approve Ordinance No. 22-11-15-01, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to The Corporate Limits of The City of Wilmington, Will County, Illinois, Approving an Annexation Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Love's, Approving A Map Amendment to Be Zoned As B-3 General Commercial

District, And Approving Variances for Approximately 32.031 Acres to The Corporate Limits of The City of Wilmington, Will County, Illinois (Affected Pin No: 03-17-24-400-007-0000)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Jeffries, Vice, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes, Knight

NAYS: 1 Kirwin

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022.

Committee of the Whole Reports

A. Police & ESDA

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Leslie Allred

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Jeffries seconded to approve an Additional Sergeant Position for the Final Shift

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the Wilmington Police Commission to Seek & Hire Two Additional Police Officers

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

B. Ordinance & License

Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Knight

Nothing at this time

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 Holmes made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve Payment in the amount of \$6,642.88 to Marino Truck and Equipment for Bucket Truck Repairs and Annual Safety Inspection

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to approve Increasing the Wage Range of Seasonal Employees from \$15-\$17 an hour to \$15-\$20 an hour

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

E. Personnel & Collective Bargaining

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Todd Holmes

F. Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Jeffries

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$1,379,989.82

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to approve and Authorize the Execution of An Agreement Allowing the Investment of Monies thru Grundy Bank (CDARS and IntraFi Network Deposits)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2022-12, A Resolution Approving the Illinois Funds Account Information Change for the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2022-13, A Resolution Approving the Gundy Bank Account Information Change for the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2022-14, A Resolution Approving the Chase Bank Account Information Change for the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2022-15, A Resolution Approving the Old National Bank Account Information Change for the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2022-16, A Resolution Approving the J.P. Morgan Account Information Change for the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Attorney & Staff Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

Executive Session

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:23 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 Kirwin, Jeffries, Vice, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes, Knight

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Holmes seconded to close Executive Session at 9:50 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Allred

The motion carried.

Action Taken Following Executive Session

No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was 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 November 15, 2022, adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk