

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
December 15, 2020**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on December 15, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strong 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 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

Alderman 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 Joie Ziller, Chief of Police Phillip Arnold, Finance Director Matt Hoffman, Executive Secretary Tessa Krusinski, and City Attorney Bryan Wellner

Approval of the December 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Strong dedicated a moment of silence for the passing of city employee, Mike Stroud.

Public Comment

Nicole Kasalko asked the Council about the water leak at Midewin and Mayor Strong informed her that Island City Piping, a private company, was hired by Midewin to fix the leak, not the City of Wilmington. Ms. Kasalko then asked if the US Department of Agriculture was billed for the water lost in the leak and the Council told her that it was billed the proper amount.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 7th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Police & ESDA Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance & License Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-12-15-01 Declaring as Surplus Certain Equipment

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-07 Ridgeport TIF Amendment

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Studer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2020-12-15-02 An Ordinance Abating the Tax hereto Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$685,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2015, of the City of Wilmington, Illinois

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Studer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2020-12-15-03 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the City of Wilmington, Will County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Studer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2020-12-15-0 - An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the City of Wilmington Special Service Area Number 1 for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2020-12-15-05 - An Ordinance abating the Tax hereto Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$6,530,00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2020 of the City of Wilmington, Will County, Illinois

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee

Nothing at this time.

Attorney & Staff Reports

City Attorney Wellner informed the Council about a possible IML modeled ordinance for amusement and streaming service taxes as well as one for social media policy.

Finance Director announced the need for a Special Council Meeting on December 22nd, at 7:00 PM to present the 2020 Financial Audit.

Administrator Ziller informed the Council about a possible IML modeled ordinance that would require employees to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Police Chief Arnold informed the Council that Wilmington's COVID-19 numbers were decreasing at a total of 114. He also announced that the suspect convicted in a case in Wilmington involving the abduction of a minor received a federal indictment.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Butler and seconded by Alderman Kirwin.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Butler, Studer

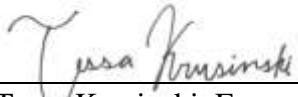
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on December 15, 2020 adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tessa Krusinski, Executive Secretary