

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 16, 2024**

MAYOR BEN DIETZ CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL AT 7:04 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

After the pledge of allegiance, the following answered to Roll Call: Alderpersons Kevin Kirwin, Ryan Jeffries, Dennis Vice, Ryan Knight, Leslie Allred, Jonathan Mietzner, and Thomas Smith. Absent Todd Holmes. 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 Bryan Wellner, and Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller.

**CITIZENS COMMENT**

No comments were made.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2024
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Report
3. Approve the Will County Governmental League Invoice for 2024 Membership Dues in the Amount of \$5,244.06
4. Approve the Quote from Automatic Control Service to Upgrade the PLC and Install Cellular Communication to the South Arsenal Road Booster for \$12,635
5. Approve the Quote from Lindblad Construction Company to Construct and Install Track and Industrial Curtain Around the Lime Feed Equipment for \$13,025
6. Approve Proposal from TranSystems to Evaluate the Feasibility of Rehabilitating the Kankakee Street Bridge for \$12,000

Aldersperson Kirwin made a motion and Aldersperson Jeffries seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 16, 2024, City Council meeting as presented

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1 Holmes

The motion carried.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration and Approval of Ordinance No. 24-01-16-01, An Amendment to the Ordinance Declaring Rules and Regulations Regarding Unscheduled Intercity Buses**

Aldersperson Jeffries made a motion and Aldersperson Knight seconded to approve Ordinance No. 24-01-16-01, An Amendment to the Ordinance Declaring Rules and Regulations Regarding Unscheduled Intercity Buses

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1 Holmes

The motion carried.

**Consideration and Approval of Ordinance No. 24-01-16-02, An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority and the City of Wilmington**

Aldersperson Knight made a motion and Aldersperson Kirwin seconded to approve Ordinance Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority and the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1 Holmes

The motion carried.

**Consideration and Approval to Allow the City Administrator to Ratify and Extend Building Permit #WI-22-134 until 08/17/2024**

Aldersperson Vice made a motion and Aldersperson Smith seconded the Approval to Allow the City Administrator to Ratify and Extend Building Permit #WI-22-134 until 08/17/2024

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1 Holmes

The motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

City Attorney – George Mahoney – No Report

City Administrator – Jeannine Smith – No Report

Finance Director – Nancy Gross – No Report

Public Works Director – James Gretencord – No Report

Chief of Police – Adam Zink – Provided an update on the Kankakee River ice jams

**ALDERPERSON COMMENTS**

Aldersperson Kirwin – Provided compliment to the Public Works Department on their snow removal efforts

Aldersperson Vice – No Comment

Aldersperson Allred – No Comment

Aldersperson Holmes – Absent

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 Knight seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:09 PM to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of an Employee of the City of Wilmington [ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], Collective negotiating matters between the City of Wilmington (public body) and its employees [ILCS 120/2(c)(2)], Matters of Land Acquisition [ILCS 2(c)(5) and 2(c)(6)], Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation [ILCS 2(c)(11)]

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1    Holmes

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Allred made a motion and Aldersperson Mietzner seconded to close Executive Session at 8:24 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1    Holmes

The motion carried.

## **POSSIBLE ACTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

### **Consideration to Approve the Grievance Settlement Agreement Related to Uniform and Clothing Allowances**

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Vice seconded to approve the Grievance Settlement Agreement between the City of Wilmington and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Wilmington Police Chapter #129 for Payout of Unused Uniform and Clothing Allowance Balances in Fiscal Year ending 2023

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1    Holmes

The motion carried.

### **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 Knight seconded to table 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:**        7    Mietzner, Knight, Allred, Vice, Jeffries, Kirwin, Smith

**NAYS:**        0

**ABSENT:**    1    Holmes

The motion carried.

### **Consideration to Approve the Conditional Offer and Authorize the City Administrator to Hire the Building Permit Technician Candidate**

Aldersperson Mietzner made a motion and Aldersperson Allred seconded to table the Conditional Offer and Authorize the City Administrator to Hire the Building Permit Technician Candidate

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NAYS:**     0

**ABSENT:**  1   Holmes

The motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve Vacation Time Buy Out for a Specific Employee – no action taken**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldersperson Allred and seconded by Aldersperson Knight. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The City of Wilmington City Council's regular meeting on January 16, 2024, adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk