

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington City Hall  
1165 South Water Street  
March 3, 2020**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on March 3, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 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** Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Dietz, Studer, Tenn, Combes, Butler

**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, Executive Secretary Veronica Villafranco, Chief of Police Phillip Arnold and City Attorney Wellner

**Approval of Minutes**

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

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       6 Kirwin, Persic, Dietz, Vice, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**       0

**ABSTAIN**   2 Combes, Butler

The motion carried.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor thanked Pam Monson for her newspaper article on the TIF.

Mayor discussed the benefit of having a part-time police officer.

D.a.d.’s Day has a tag day scheduled for June 20, 2020

**Public Comment**

Sherry Michaels presented Chief Arnold with a check for \$2,500 for expenses related to the K-9 unit.

Steve Evans of the Chamber of Commerce discussed some benches that the Chamber has ordered for the City.

Kevin Cavanaugh brought his concerns to the Council on the poor condition of Stevens Lane. Administrator Ziller mentioned a grant we have applied for to correct the drainage issue so that the road can be repaired.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

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

**Committee Reports**

**Police & ESDA Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Ordinance & License Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee**

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Dietz seconded to approve the accounts payable report in the amount of \$248,975.03 as prepared by the City Accountant and the supplemental payments to ESI in the amount \$98,067.21

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Studer, Dietz, Vice, Kirwin, Tenn, Persic, Combes, Butler

**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Dietz seconded to approve Ordinance 02-03-03-01 – An Ordinance authorizing the City of Wilmington, Will County, Illinois, to issue Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds to be issued in one or more series, on a taxable or tax-exempt basis, for which property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied, but which are expected to be paid from the net revenues of the sewerage system of said City and sales taxes received by the City) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,230,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the City.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**       8 Studer, Dietz, Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Combes, Butler, Tenn

**NAYS:**       0

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee**

Nothing at this time.

### **Attorney & Staff Reports**

Administrator Ziller advised that she distributed a monthly newsletter and will continue to do so on the first council meeting of each month.

Chief of Police Arnold advised that he and the Police Commission conducted interviews for candidates to create eligibility list. WPD is partnering with US Secret Service to host a class in June to put together a threat assessment team to try to identify potential for active shooter incidents.

Mayor Strong advised that the City has trigger locks to be handed out to anyone who has the need.

Mayor Strong discussed the Catfish Days budget.

### **Executive Session**

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to go into Execution Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the City of Wilmington (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) and Collective negotiating matters between the City of Wilmington (public body) and its employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)) and Matters of Land Acquisition [2(c)(5) and 2(c)(6)]

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Kirwin, Butler, Persic, Vice, Combes, Dietz, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

Alderman Combes made a motion and Alderman Tenn seconded to close Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Combes, Tenn, Dietz, Vice, Kirwin, Persic, Butler, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

### **Action Taken Following Executive Session**

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Dietz seconded to approve the hire of Matt Hoffman as Finance Director with a start date of March 11, 2020.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:**     8 Vice, Dietz, Persic, Kirwin, Combes, Butler, Tenn, Studer

**NAYS:**     0

The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Butler and seconded by Alderman Persic. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on March 3, 2020 adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Veronica Villafranco, Executive Secretary