

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
September 6, 2022**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on September 6, 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, Jeffries, Knight, Vice, Allred, Mietzner Holmes, Smith

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, Chief of Police Joe Mitchell, City Attorney Bryan Wellner, and Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller

Approval of the Previous Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Jeffries seconded to approve the August 16, 2022 meeting minutes with the necessary changes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Kirwin, Holmes, Jeffries, Knight, Vice, Allred, Mietzner, Smith

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Chief Mitchell recognized Sergeant Hopper, Officer Schwartz, Officer Jurgens, Officer Campos, and Deputy Chief Zink for their outstanding performances.

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Jeffries seconded to Recess the Council Meeting for a short break at 7:08 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Kirwin, Holmes, Jeffries, Knight, Vice, Allred, Mietzner, Smith

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Allred seconded to Resume the Council Meeting at 7:21 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Kirwin, Holmes, Jeffries, Knight, Vice, Allred, Mietzner, Smith

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Public Comment

Public Comment #1 – Sherri commended the Wilmington High School Football team and organizers on their pre-game performance.

Public Comment #2 – David Casper expressed his concerns regarding the semi-truck traffic on North Kankakee Street.

Public Comment #3 – Marty Orr thanked the Police Department, ESDA & Public Works for all their work during the Catfish Days festival. Mr. Orr also stated that the Catfish Days Committee meet and has selected Kirstin Van Duyne as its new Chairperson.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2022.

Committee of the Whole Reports

A. Police & ESDA

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Leslie Allred

Nothing to report at this time.

B. Ordinance & License

Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Knight

Nothing to report 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 Vice made a motion and Alderman Holmes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 22-09-06-01, An Ordinance Amending Section 76.02 No Parking Places, to allow for overnight parking on Water Street from Baltimore Street to Chicago Street except for Mondays between 3 AM and 6 AM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

PASS: 1 Smith

The motion carried.

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the Public Works Director to Seek and Hire a New Employee for the Street Crew 1 Position

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes, Smith

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Consideration and Direction of Readopting the City Leaf Vacuum Program

The Council reviewed the memo as prepared by Director Gretencord. Alderman Vice requested that this topic be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion.

Discussion Regarding Easement Over City Parking Lot on Bridge Street (Steve Nelson)

The Council reviewed the proposed renovations to Nelly’s which will include a drive-thru window. The consensus of the Council was for the property owner Steve Nelson to move forward with the project and go through the formal process.

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to approve and authorize the execution of the Contract with New Era Spreading, Inc. for Lime Sludge Removal in the amount not to exceed \$30,000

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Smith, Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

**E. Personnel & Collective Bargaining
Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Todd Holmes**

Nothing at this time

**F. Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee
Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Jeffries**

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to approve the Accounts Payable Report in the Amount of \$126,028.67 as presented

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Smith, Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to Approve Resolution No. 2022-05, A Resolution Approving the Illinois Funds Account Information Change for the City of Wilmington

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Smith, Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Discuss Appeal and Authorize the Disbursement of Funds for the Façade Improvement Grant Application Submitted for Route 66 Bar & Grill at 113 E Baltimore St

After discussion, the owner of the building will reapply for the façade grant.

Alderman Smith made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to Approve the Authorization for Mayor to Execute the Façade Improvement Grant Agreement with Community GMC, Inc at 317 S Water St

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Smith, Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Knight made a motion and Alderman Allred seconded to Approve the Authorization for Mayor to Execute the Façade Improvement Grant Agreement with Oak Knoll Financial Strategies, Meents Law Office Located at 205 & 207 S Water St

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Smith, Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Jeffries made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to Approve & Authorize City Administrator to Execute and Enter into a Contract for an Interim Finance Director subject to the Attorney's review and approval

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Smith, Kirwin, Vice, Knight, Allred, Mietzner, Jeffries, Holmes

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Attorney & Staff Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

Executive Session

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:31 PM to discuss 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: 8 Kirwin, Holmes, Smith, Mietzner, Vice, Knight, Jeffries, Allred

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to close Executive Session at 8:38 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Kirwin, Holmes, Smith, Mietzner, Vice, Knight, Jeffries, Allred

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

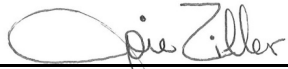
Action Taken Following Executive Session

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Vice and seconded by Alderman Jeffries. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on September 6, 2022, adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joie Ziller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk