

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
November 1, 2022**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on November 1, 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, Allred, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes

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, Chief of Police Joe Mitchell, Public Works Director James Gretencord, City Attorney George Mahoney, and Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller

Approval of the Previous Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the October 18, 2022 meeting minutes with the necessary changes and have them placed on file

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Kirwin, Jeffries, Vice, Allred, Mietzner, Smith, Holmes, Knight
NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dietz swore in Nancy Gross as City Treasurer.

Chief Mitchell presented awards of commendation to the Police Officers and Office Staff.

Public Comment

Roy Surdej, Water's Edge resident expressed his concerns and opposition about the Love's Travel Stop being proposed.

Susan Schnuckel stated her opposition to more trucks traveling through Wilmington.

Dwayne Lafferty expressed his opposition to Love's Travel Stop.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022.

Committee of the Whole Reports

A. Police & ESDA

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Leslie Allred

Nothing at this time

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 Vice made a motion and Alderman Jeffries seconded to approve the purchase of the snow removal equipment not to exceed \$36,392.50

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

E. Personnel & Collective Bargaining

Co-Chairs – Jonathan Mietzner and Todd Holmes

Alderman Mietzner made a motion and Alderman Knight seconded to approve the hire of Casey Green for the Public Works Street Crew 1 Laborer Position with a start date of November 14, 2022 pending the successful passage of a work physical and drug screening

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

F. Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Co-Chairs – Kevin Kirwin and Ryan Jeffries

Alderman Smith made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to approve the authorization for the City Administrator to Execute the Lease Contract for Printer & Services with Konica Minolta

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Kirwin made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to approve Ordinance No. 22-11-01-01, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Wilmington to Enter Into and for the Mayor of Wilmington to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Commonwealth Edison Company

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Attorney & Staff Reports

Director Gretencord thanked Ken Ewenson for his many years of service to the city and wished him a happy retirement.

Chief Mitchell presented his departmental report to the Committee.

Executive Session

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Mietzner seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:49 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: 8 Allred, Knight, Smith, Holmes, Mietzner, Vice, Kirwin, Jeffries

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to close Executive Session at 8:28 PM

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Action Taken Following Executive Session

Alderman Allred made a motion and Alderman Holmes seconded to approve the wage increases for the non-bargaining unit employees as presented during the executive session

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

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 1, 2022, adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk