



City Council Meeting Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance 2023 – 04
Resolution 2023 – 02

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
4. Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **February 14, 2023**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report from **December 2022**
6. Community Police Report
7. Mayor's Report
8. Public Comment
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **February 1, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 1, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **February 15, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 15, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **February 1, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 1, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Reagan: The Committee last met on **February 15, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 15, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
10. New Business
 - a. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2023-04** Amending the City of West Peoria Code Title 3, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 7, No Parking, Section 3-7-1, No Parking
 - b. Motion to pass **Resolution 2023-02** Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program
 - c. Motion to authorize payment to Compass Minerals for salt in the amount of \$5,680.88 (line item: 01-41-616)
11. Public Comment
12. Motion to Adjourn

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1. Mayor Dillon Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scouts Pack 11 who attended the meeting. Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was not videoed.
2. Roll Call: Members present were Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Dohm, Mathewson, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Silver. Alderperson Edmonds was absent. Attorney Connor attended remotely. Also present were City Administrator Krider, City Treasurer McGill, residents Marlene Carter, Colin Corbett, Bob DeSutter, Bonnie Farrell, Bradley and Suzanne Linsley, Cub Scout Pack 11: Andres Diaz, Eli Diaz, Brad Slott, and Will Slott, Lt. Jason Briggs, and Clerk Barnes.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **February 14, 2023** was made by Alderperson Reagan and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. Discussion. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Reagan, Abraham, Dohm, Mathewson, Ruskusky, and Silver – 6 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderpersons Edmonds and Thomas – 2 **Motion carried.**
5. A Motion to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report from **December 2022** was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Ruskusky, Dohm, Reagan, Abraham, and Silver – 6 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderpersons Edmonds and Thomas – 2 **Motion carried.**
6. Community Police Report: In the past 2 months there have been 196 traffic citations issued. With the coming of warmer weather, there is usually an uptick of crime. Please be good neighbors! If you see something "unusual" call 911 – don't wait for a week or two when news of another break-in happens and think "I thought I saw something/someone." The City now has a dedicated community officer for every shift, and they will come as soon as possible. Thieves are getting bolder – now smashing windows out of cars – and even in daylight hours. Many, although not all, are juveniles. Mayor Dillon mentioned that someone on Facebook was complaining about police watching middle schoolers and speaking with them. That's part of being a community officer. We want the officers to get to know the kids, so they won't be afraid of police officers when they grow up.

Alderperson Thomas joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

7. Mayor's Report included announcing the Open House at the Regional Learning Center at the Franciscan Recreation Center. It's being held March 1, 2023 from 2-6 p.m.
He also announced the Business Association is holding a St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 11, 2023 starting at 11 a.m. that will step off from Crusens II and end at Raber's lot. There are about 30 entries so far, and there is space for more if you want to join in the fun. Mini buses will run from any pub in town – even those uphill from Farmington Road – from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to ease parking.
8. Public Comment: Complaints about Rohmann Avenue garbage tote that never gets put away when Code says gone by 10 p.m. the day of garbage pickup. Another complaint of overnight parking on Rohmann when there is No Parking on Rohmann at all. These will be addressed tomorrow. If you

see someone parking on the street feel free to contact the police for that or any wrong-way parking. The non-emergency number for the police is (309) 672-6011.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **February 1, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 1, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **February 15, 2023**. The Committee did their usual housekeeping duties. Street Department Manager Hess reported the costs of solar-powered stop signs and wind-powered spinners to consider for use at intersections. He is also gathering information concerning costs for sealcoating, fog seal, and mill and overlay for this summer. He also gave an update about preparations for the sidewalk project on Idaho this summer. There were several discussions about projects that are taking some time to plan and execute: FY2024 Budget, Vaughn/Magnolia, IEPA Goals, Ardmore Sidewalk from last summer, and continuing traffic issues at Waverly and Callender. The Committee also sent to the Council the third item under New Business for this evening's meeting. Public Comments covered researching the possibility of replacing trees removed by construction in our City and questioning the maintenance of the intersections at Western Avenue. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 15, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **February 1, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 1, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Reagan: The Committee last met on **February 15, 2023**. The Committee did their usual housekeeping duties including discussion of the Code Enforcement Report. Mr. Dave Schaab from Waste Management presented reasons for the price increase during the 1-year extension of the garbage removal contract. Discussions were held concerning the FY2024 Budget, the placement of totes in the side or rear yards, and No Parking signs needed on Downs Circle. The Slow Down Peoria project discussion covered many ideas for getting people to Slow Down. One resident expressed the need to continue to give tickets to offenders rather than "educate" them about speeding. They've been educated and warned. Now's the time for tickets! Other Public Comment spoke to researching a tree plan for possibly replacing trees removed because of construction throughout the City. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **March 15, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
Question: Has Waste Management raised the price before we pass an acceptance of the proposed increase during the extension of the contract? Was not supposed to. Will look into this.

10. New Business

- a. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2023-04** Amending the City of West Peoria Code Title 3, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 7, No Parking, Section 3-7-1, No Parking was made by Alderperson Reagan and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. Discussion: This concerns unsafe parking on the interior of the cul-de-sac on Downs Circle. Service and emergency vehicles are having difficulty getting around with cars parked there. This would make it illegal to park on the inner circle curb. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Reagan, Dohm, Thomas, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Silver – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Edmonds –1 **Motion carried.**
- b. A Motion to pass **Resolution 2023-02** Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion: Several questions arose

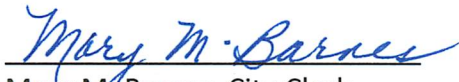
about what kind of electricity will be promoted by this lowest bidder, the name and the rate of electricity, etc. As of now, the City has enrolled with an Ohio company in the hopes that a decrease in rates will be forthcoming as in the past with a different company. More information will be posted as it becomes available. Nothing will take effect until July. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Ruskusky, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, and Silver – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Edmonds – 1 **Motion carried.**

- c. A Motion to authorize payment to Compass Minerals for salt in the amount of \$5,680.88 (line item: 01-41-616) was made by Alderperson Silver and seconded by Alderperson Reagan. Discussion: The City owns lots of salt that has not yet been used because of the mild winter. The problem comes because there is no storage space, and the City must purchase within 20% of what it requested last summer/fall or be fined. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Silver, Reagan, Dohm, Thomas, Mathewson, Abraham, and Ruskusky – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Edmonds – 1 **Motion carried.**

11. Public Comment: One Cub Scout asked the Mayor a question about the difference between Mayor and Councilor. Other questions would be asked by them after the meeting adjourned.
12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Silver at 7:31 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Reagan. **Motion carried by voice.**

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Respectfully submitted,


Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

