

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
DECEMBER 5, 2023  
7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for December 5, 2023 to order at 7:00 PM*

**CALL OF ROLL:**

*On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Lisa Iverson, Linda Nanko Yeager, Brett Ohnstad, and Claire Luger*

*ABSENT: Councilmember Dennis Schilling*

*Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official, City Planner Kim Lindquist, and Joe Keding, Acting Public Works Superintendent*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Robert Pundt** – Stated that he had appeared before the Council in June regarding his proposal to have Little Free Library boxes in Lions Park and Goodview Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. He explained that he had completed the project and presented details to the Council.

**Mayor Iverson** – Stated that she thinks they look fantastic and are a much needed addition.

The Council expressed their appreciation for the work Robert Pundt had done on the Little Free Libraries project for the City.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for November 21, 2023**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AS SUBMITTED.**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

- 2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for November 21, 2023**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

## AS SUBMITTED

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

## SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

## SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. To consider **Resolution 23-12-120** A Resolution Certifying the 2023 Tax Levy Collectible in 2024

**Victoria Holthaus, Abdo** – Gave a brief presentation explaining the proposed 2024 budget and tax levy. She reviewed key items related to the budget including: LGA increases; and a community service officer position; cost of living adjustments for employees; and the anticipated 8% increase in the City's worker's compensation insurance and a 10% increase in the general property insurance. She reviewed details related to the overall tax levy, tax rate, and tax capacity and how various scenarios would impact on residents. She gave a general overview of the General Fund budget details.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TAX LEVY AND EXPENDITURES.**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**Robert Rosenbaum, 25242 Grizzly Court** - Expressed concern about home valuations and his tax load. He stated that he is on a fixed income and likes living in the City but doesn't like the tax load. He stated that he was glad to hear that the City is working to keep their budget down and encouraged the Council to keep the taxes as low as they can because increases are a burden to those that are on fixed incomes.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked who was responsible for changing the valuation of a home.

**Ms. Holthaus** – Explained that the County Assessor is responsible for the valuations for the City.

**City Administrator Linwood** – Gave an overview of what the County Assessor considers when valuing a property. He noted that residents are able to file a petition and disagree with their evaluation.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked for an overview of LGA and what the City does with it.

**Ms. Holthaus** – Explained that LGA stands for Local Government Aid and is funding passed down from the State to cities with the intent to help reduce the property tax burden. She stated that the City utilizes those dollars for capital, which she feels is a fiscally prudent policy.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked for an explanation of what the Community Service Officer (CSO) would be doing for the city.

**Public Safety Director Bauer** – Explained that the CSO would be a part-time position which would essentially be a college student that is looking to get into law enforcement.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Asked if the CSO position would become a budgeted item once the State aid funding ends.

**Public Safety Director Bauer** – Stated that would be a decision made by the Council.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Noted that she was glad to see the proposed budget decrease a bit from the ‘do not exceed’ budget that was approved earlier this fall, but explained that she still thinks it is a bit too high.

**Council Member Ohnstad** – Referenced the increases in worker’s compensation, property insurance, and health insurance which show an increase of 8-10% and asked questions about how these affect the City’s overall budget.

**City Administrator Linwood** – Stated that there is a significant impact from the property liability and the worker’s compensation and noted that the League of Minnesota Cities is essentially the only option for an insurance provider.

**Mayor Iverson** – Stated that she was also pleased that the budget had decreased a bit from earlier this fall. She noted that she understands incomes levels of how this kind of thing can effect people. She stated that she thinks the City has been very good stewards with the resident tax dollars and everything that has been included she would consider ‘needs’ and not ‘wants’.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-12-120 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE 2023 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2024**

*Voting Aye: Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

4. To consider **Resolution 23-12-121** A Resolution Approving the Proposed 2024 Expenditures

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-12-121 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED 2024 EXPENDITURES**

*Voting Aye: Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Items under the “Consent Agenda” will be adopted with one motion; however, council members may request individual items to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and action if they choose.*

5. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of November 22, 2023 to December 5, 2023
6. To consider **Resolution 23-12-122** a resolution approving the issuance of various On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Combination Liquor Licenses in the City of Wyoming for the year 2024
7. To consider **Resolution 23-12-123** a resolution approving the issuance of various Tobacco, Waste Haulers Licenses, and Massage Occupancy in the City of Wyoming for the year 2024.

8. To consider **Resolution 23-12-124** a resolution accepting a donation from Forest Lake Area High School for the donation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park on December 2, 2023
9. To consider **Resolution 23-12-125** a resolution accepting a donation from Polaris Industries for a donation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park on December 2, 2023 .
10. To consider **Resolution 23-12-126** . a resolution accepting a donation from Sunrise River Farms for a donation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park on December 2, 2023 .
11. To consider **Resolution 23-12-127** a resolution accepting a donation from WSBN Engineering for a donation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park on December 2, 2023 .
12. To consider **Resolution 23-12-128** a resolution accepting a donation from the Wyoming Lions Club for a donation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park on December 2, 2023
13. To consider **Resolution 23-12-129** a resolution accepting a donation from Xcel Energy for a donation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park on December 2, 2023 .
14. To consider **Resolution 23-12-130** a resolution declaring certain Public Works items as surplus property and authorizing the Public Works Department to dispose of such items through online auction or disposal process.
15. To consider **Resolution 23-12-131** a resolution approving pay voucher #5 to Ferguson Waterworks for the 2023 Water Meter Replacement Project in the amount of \$9,540.00.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14 and #15 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

16. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for November 30, 2023
17. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for November 30, 2023
18. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for November 30, 2023
19. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for December 1, 2023
20. Report of Acting Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding for December 5, 2023

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

21. To consider **Resolution 23-12-132** a resolution establishing Water and Sewer rates for 2024-2028 and SAC and WAC fees for 2024-2028 based on the rate study completed by Erickson Northstar, LLC

**City Administrator Linwood** – Introduced Nick Dragisich and Alan Erickson from Erickson Northstar.

**Mr. Dragisich and Mr. Erickson** – Gave an overview of the rate study that was recently completed for the City's water and sewer funds and review of the SAC and WAC funds and outlined their recommendations to the Council

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Referenced the recent actions by the Sewer Commission to raise their rates by 6.9% and asked if that had been taken into consideration.

**Mr. Dragisich and Mr. Erickson** – Confirmed that they had taken that information into consideration because they had access to their 2024 budget so they had included this into their projections.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Asked if the City would be operating in the black by 2027, with depreciation included, and would not be operating at a loss.

**Mr. Dragisich and Mr. Erickson** – Explained that if all things were equal, that would be correct and stated that they expect the model to be fairly accurate.

**Mayor Iverson** – Noted that she feels the Council has worked hard to ensure that they are planning out 5-10 years.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-12-132 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2024-2028 AND SAC AND WAC FEES FOR 2024-2028 BASED ON THE RATE STUDY COMPLETED BY ERICKSON NORTHSTAR, LLC**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**22.** To consider **Resolution 23-12-133** a resolution amending the existing conditional use permit for the expansion of exterior storage in the industrial district at 26443 Fallbrook Avenue

**City Planner Lindquist** – Gave an overview of the request to amend the existing CUP for expansion of exterior storage at 26443 Fallbrook Avenue. She outlined the Planning Commission discussion and their recommendations. She also reviewed some of the staff discussion related to the Planning Commission recommendations regarding the fence height and truck maneuver areas and their differing recommendations. She stated that the City had received an e-mail earlier today from the applicant regarding some of the proposed conditions and reviewed some of their requests including paving an area in order to provide for truck maneuvering and storage of a semi-trailer and explained that this had not been raised in prior conversations. She stated that staff, at this point, was not interested in making a change to their recommendations. She gave a brief overview of some of the others issues raised by the applicant in their e-mail.

**Council Member Luger** – Noted that she did not have specific questions but was interested in hearing about the rationale, from the applicant, for the proposed changes.

**Council Member Ohnstad** – Agreed and noted that he would also like to hear what the applicant has to say because he was not completely sure he understood what they were actually requesting.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Referenced condition #11 and asked if the City was okay with the proposed 5 parking spaces.

**Ms. Lindquist** – Stated that was correct and they supported those parking spaces.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Asked if the Resolution before the Council reflected the new material and not what the Planning Commission had recommended.

**Ms. Lindquist** – Stated that was correct, but explained that it did not reflect the requests that were received today in the e-mail submitted by the applicant. She noted that she believes the applicant was not in agreement with all of the conditions and thinks they may request changes.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Asked if this could be sent back to the Planning Commission for further discussion with this new information.

**Zoning Administrator Weck** – Stated that they are on the clock, but noted that they have until January 16, 2024. He stated that the Council could choose to send it back to the Planning Commission, but could also make a decision without taking that step.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Referenced condition #5 and asked how many bump outs and undulation would be required. She noted that the language simply states 'more than the November 2023 plans' and does not have exact, precise language.

**Ms. Lindquist** – Stated that they could quantify this amount and suggested that 6 seemed reasonable.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked the applicant to explain the items around the perimeter that are depicted in the photo of the current building and why there was so much.

**John Peterson, All Safe Global** – Explained that the majority of what is depicted in the photos are compressed gas cylinders. He stated that they recycle and service the cylinders but clarified that they do not deal with poisonous, toxic, or corrosive gases.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked why there was currently so much material on site.

**Mr. Peterson** – Stated that it has just built up on them over the years and explained that the company has grown. He stated that they have begun some things to help process the cylinders at a faster pace and noted that their proposal was really to utilize their yard space in a better manner. He stated that he thinks what they are proposing will make their site look cleaner and more professional.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked about the two fire incidents in the last few years.

**Mr. Peterson** – Clarified that they took place within the last year and gave an overview of the two fires.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked why they were asking for an 8 foot fence rather than a 6 foot fence.

**Mr. Peterson** – Explained that the existing fence is 8 feet high and noted that the pallets coming to the site will most likely be about 7 feet tall. He stated that they are committed to not having material go over the height of the fence, but maintaining the 8 foot height would be very helpful to them and not create additional work once the pallets were delivered.

**Mayor Iverson** – Explained her concerns related to the excess material that is currently on the site.

**Mr. Peterson** – Assured the Council that they will not go over the 8 foot level and noted that the recycling portion of their business has slowed down quite a bit which should also help. He stated that their biggest issue is coming into compliance with the fire marshal and described some of those requirements.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked about the Planning Commission recommendation for 8 foot fencing and City staff's recommendation for 6 foot fencing.

**Council Member Luger** – Asked what the applicant had planned to take the height of the material down below the fence height.

**Mr. Peterson** – Stated that within the last month, they have moved 10 full, 50 foot trailers out of there and explained that his goal is to just get rid of stuff.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked for an explanation of the recent request for a parking space for a semi-trailer.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Asked if they could continue the fence discussion first and asked how flammable the fencing was.

**Mr. Peterson** – Reviewed details of the recent fires and noted that the current fencing is made of wood, so it would be considered flammable but the fence they are proposing to install is not flammable.

**Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck** – Noted that the fence that sits around the yard is wood and would be flammable. He stated that the fire code requires that they have containment areas for the flammable gases which are the ones that will be made out of concrete and are separate than the wooden fencing that will screen the property.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Stated that if there are already 3 bump outs in the fencing and now staff is asking for 6, as it is written, all the applicant would have to do is put one more bump out in and they would meet the requirement of 'more'. She stated that she would recommend that this condition simply be struck.

**Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck** – Noted that the applicant could submit another plan without bump outs and suggested that keeping the condition in would make sure that they do not make future changes, for example, if the fencing blew over.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Reiterated her earlier point that she would prefer the resolution language have a concrete number of bumps outs rather than 'more than'.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked for an explanation of the semi-trailer situation.

**Mr. Peterson** – Stated that the issue is that they have three tractor trailers and do not run a large second shift anymore. He stated that there will not be any extra cars parked out there or any product stored out there but having three tractor trailers there may be times where they need to be parked overnight or on the weekend. He noted that they also have trucks coming and going and explained the importance of having a place for them to go so they don't have to sit on Fallbrook waiting for room.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked if there was a manager on site everyday watching all this activity.

**Mr. Peterson** – Explained that he was there quite a bit.

**Mayor Iverson** – Stated that she was talking about somebody that was there every day and referenced his explanation of one of the fires where someone had gone outside of their training which resulted in the fire, as well as the other things that they were planning to change with their operations. She asked who was going to be on site to implement those changes.

**Mr. Peterson** – Explained that they had let their Production Manager go in early September and have a new Plant Manager who has been with the company for about 18 years. He noted that this individual lives in Wyoming and is there every day.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked what other conditions Mr. Peterson had requested the City change.

**Mr. Peterson** – Stated that the other condition was related to curbs.

**Frank Brodeen, Widseth Engineering** – Stated that he had wanted to ask a clarifying question about the proposed curb and gutter and whether it would channelize stormwater flow through the vegetated filter strip area that they were proposing for the wetland. He stated that he thought it may be a better solution to keep it as sheet flow so the vegetative filter strip would perform better.

**Ms. Lindquist** – Stated that staff feels that they may be able to add a few drainage ways and noted that she believes the main point with the curb and gutter related to the activity that goes on there is that they wanted some type of curbing in order to define the edge.

**Mayor Iverson** – She stated that she would always put the safety of the City's residents first and explained that she would prefer the 6 foot fencing recommended by staff. She explained that she would prefer the cleanest filtration possible and stated that she doesn't like the idea of the semi-trucks being parked out on Fallbrook. She noted that she was not very comfortable with the idea of the Council passing this without the changes going back before the Planning Commission.

**Council Member Luger** – Asked about the triangle space and the question of vegetation or bituminous material. She asked if the cause of the current pile up was because they did not have a second shift and was related to staffing issues.

**Mr. Peterson** – Stated that was not the issue and explained that the area is currently gravel and does not have anything to do with the excess product inside the fencing.

**Ms. Lindquist** – Explained that when the City had initially met with the applicant, they had stated that they did not need this space which was where the initial recommendation to add vegetation to the area came from. She stated that since that time, the applicant has now explained that they need this area for truck maneuvering or parking of the semi-trailer. She stated that part of City staff's goal was to start bringing the site into more compliance and not have a semi-truck parked in the front visual area where there is not a lot of screening.

**Council Member Luger** – Stated that Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck had stated that time was ticking for this application and asked for details.

**Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck** – Explained that Minnesota Statute requires the City to make a decision within 60 days of a complete application. He stated that they have already extended that out an additional 60 days, so anything beyond that would have to be approved by the applicant.

**Council Member Luger** – Stated that it sounds to her like there are three versions of the proposal from staff, applicant, and the Planning Commission. She stated that feels very messy to her and noted that the task of the Planning Commission is to interpret City Code and make recommendations to the Council. She explained that she felt the Council needed to look at the larger impact on the community and the immediate area and she does not have a clear understanding of what would bring it into compliance and what would not.

**Mayor Iverson** – Reiterated her question on whether there would be time to take this back to the Planning Commission.

**Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck** – Stated that it could go back to the Planning Commission next week and come back to the Council in two weeks.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Stated that the alternative to doing that would basically be the Council rewriting the resolution on the fly during tonight's meeting.

**Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck** – Explained that the Council could also table it, which would allow staff time to rewrite it prior to their next meeting.

**Council Member Luger** – Stated that she would prefer one of those options because she did not feel comfortable sifting through this information.

**Council Member Ohnstad** – Asked if the applicant was allowed to put up an 8 foot fence if it would allow them to move some of the items that are stored on the south end of the property. He stated that his main concern is that there are trucks that are parking long-term, as storage.

**Mr. Peterson** – Explained that the trailers depicted in the picture are not parked out there for long-term, but noted that they did in the past. He noted that Northland Pallet used to drop a trailer there and when it was full of old pallets, they would come back and swap it out. He stated that they no longer do that so all of their wood pallets are stored in the fenced area and when there is enough for a truckload they call them and load it up at that time.

**Council Member Ohnstad** – Stated that he did not see the height of the fence as a big deal and noted that they already have an 8 foot fence. He noted that he was trying to look at other places on their site that they may be able to put a tractor trailer so it would not be out in front of the building.

**Mr. Peterson** – Stated that he had been brainstorming all day and explained that an option they have would be using their other leased space further up the road.

**Council Member Ohnstad** – Suggested that they may want to consider herringboning their dock space.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO TABLE DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION 23-12-133 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE EXPANSION OF EXTERIOR STORAGE IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AT 26443 FALLBROOK AVENUE, AND SEND IT BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**23.** To consider Resolution 23-12-134 a resolution approving a site plan review application for the expansion of exterior storage in the industrial district at 26443 Fallbrook Avenue

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO TABLE DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION 23-12-134 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF EXTERIOR STORAGE IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AT 26443 FALLBROOK AVENUE AND SEND IT BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**24.** To consider entering into a service agreement with Steve Duff as a contractual consultant in a part-time, temporary capacity for the Public Works Department

**City Administrator Linwood** – Explained that the Public Works Department has been operating short with the Public Works Superintendent on leave and this is a way to provide more support for Acting Public Works Superintendent Keding. He shared some background and experience of consultant Steve Duff and explained that staff was recommending approval and entering into an agreement with him for no more than 20 hours/week beginning December 11, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

**Mayor Iverson** – Asked where the funding for this contract would come from.

**City Administrator Linwood** – Stated that it could come out of the employment wage for the vacant Public Works Superintendent position.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Asked if the contract with Mr. Duff could be ended prior to the February 29, 2024 contract term.

**City Administrator Linwood** – Stated that would be possible and noted that, per the agreement, the City would need to give him 15 days' notice.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Explained that she was not completely comfortable with this action because the Council had authorized posting the Public Works Superintendent position at the last meeting.

**Council Member Luger** – Stated that she completely supports this action because it will provide some support to Public Works. She noted that fully staffing their department could be a long process and this will help.

**Mayor Iverson** – Stated that she liked the fact that this contract has a 15 day notice stipulation and supports this action.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STEVE DUFF AS A CONTRACTUAL CONSULTANT IN A PART-TIME, TEMPORARY CAPACITY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

*Voting Aye: Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**25.** To consider a City Council Work Session on December 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**City Administrator Linwood** – Gave an overview of the reason staff was requesting a Council Work Session regarding Sick and Safe Policy that will be effective in January.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE SCHEDILING A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 19, 2023 AT 6:00 PM.**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

**Council Member Ohnstad** – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and noted that it was very well attended, and also the Park Advisory Commission meeting.

**Council Member Nanko Yeager** – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Council Member Luger** – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and expressed her appreciation to everyone involved in making it a great event.

**Public Safety Director Bauer** – Gave an update on the Fill the Truck event and noted that they had collected over 1,000 pounds of food as well as over \$1,000 in cash donations.

**City Administrator Linwood** – Noted that the Fire Department and the anonymous Santa had gone out and were also successful in their efforts.

**Mayor Iverson** – Stated that she is very proud of the community and what they are able to get done and thanked everyone for their involvement. She stated that she had attended the Tree Lighting ceremony and thanked her adult children for coming to assist her for the very first time. She thanked Sunrise River Farms, Polaris, WSB Engineering, Wyoming Lions Club, Xcel Energy, Pleasant Valley Cloggers, Forest Lake Dance Factory, Coffee Smith, Chisago County Anonymous Santa, and the Wyoming Public Works Department. She stated that she also wanted to thank City staff and Public Safety because the City would not be able to hold this event without their assistance. She stated that they also appreciate Eckberg Lammers Law Firm for helping to making this an amazing community event.

Mayor Iverson recessed the meeting at 8:43 PM and reconvened at 9:03 PM

**26.** To consider entering a Closed Session under MN State Statute 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiation strategies for a contract with the bargaining unit of Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) and IUOE Local 49ers

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTE 13D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGAINING UNITS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES (LELS) GROUP 507 AND 365 AND LOCAL 49 AT 9:07PM**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, and Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTE 13D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGAINING UNITS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES (LELS) GROUP 507 AND 365 AND LOCAL 49 AT 9:47PM**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, and Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

City Administrator Linwood gave a summation of the closed session

The closed meeting was relative to the matters for bargaining purposes and contract negotiations between the City of Wyoming and bargaining unit of Law Enforcement Labor Services groups 507, 365 and Local 49. The meeting was closed under MN State Statute 13D.03. The closed

meeting was attended by Mayor Lisa Iverson and City Council Members Linda Nanko Yeager, Claire Luger and Brett Ohnstad. Also, in attendance was City Administrator, Robb Linwood, Assistant City Administrator Grant MacFarlane, Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer and Labor Attorney, Soren Mattick. The council reviewed the proposed contract from the bargaining units. The city council provided advice and direction to legal and city staff but made no formal votes or motions

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 5, 2023 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 9:50PM**

*Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Schilling*

**A portion of this public meeting may be closed to discuss “Labor Negotiation Strategies”; “Misconduct allegations or charges”; “Attorney-client privilege”; or “Performance evaluations” as per MN State Statute 13D.01-.05.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**  
**DECEMBER 19, 2023**  
**7:00PM**