

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 2, 2024
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 2, 2024 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, Dennis Schilling, Brett Ohnstad, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, and Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Designate Official Newspaper for 2024 – Chisago County Press

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked whether the City should consider going back to the Forest Lake Times because it is cheaper and the City utilizes many of the amenities in Forest Lake, such as Cub or Walmart and explained that she felt there was more of a Wyoming presence in Forest Lake rather than at County events.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she feels that the Chisago County Press has done a great job representing the City this past year.

Council Member Schilling – Stated that the only reason he had voted in favor of this last year is because the City was located within Chisago County. He stated that he thinks it is appropriate to have the official newspaper represent the County that the City is within.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Suggested that the City work towards having more of a presence at County events, such as parades, like Lindstrom, Chisago City, and the County fair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-01, “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CHISAGO COUNTY PRESS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING FOR THE YEAR 2024.”

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Designate Official Depository for City Funds for 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY

COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-02, “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024”

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Designate Electronic Fund Transfers and Payment for Claims

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-03, “A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO MAKE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS PRIOR TO BOARD APPROVAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND THEIR DESIGNEES FOR 2024.”

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Elect an Acting Mayor to serve in the Absence of the Mayor in 2024 (Minn. Stat. 412.121)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO SERVE AS ACTING MAYOR IN THE ABSENSE OF THE MAYOR IN 2024 (MINN. STAT. 412.121)

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Review Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Board of Trustees of Fire Department Volunteer Relief Association

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-04, “A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR 2024.”

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Establishing 2024 Regular Meeting Nights of the City Council of the City of Wyoming and Budget Calendar for 2025 Budget

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked to move the July 23, 2024 Work Session meeting to a different date so she would be able to attend.

The Council discussed alternate dates and attempted to find compatible dates for the other members of Council.

City Administrator Linwood – Suggested that the Council adopt the meeting schedule, as presented, and then at the next meeting, once people have a chance to check their calendars, look for an alternative date to the July 23, 2024 meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE 2024 REGULAR MEETING NIGHTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYOMING AND BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE 2025 BUDGET.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Set Annual Fees for City Services for 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-05, "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL FEES FOR CITY SERVICES FOR 2024."

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

8. Consider approving the minutes of the "Work Session Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for December 19, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "WORK SESSION MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 19, 2023 AS SUBMITTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for December 19, 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 DECEMBER 19, 2023 AS SUBMITTED

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

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.

10. Consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of December 20, 2023 to January 2, 2024
11. To consider authorizing the approval of an application for a consumption and display permit by the Wyoming Creative Arts Community
12. To consider ~~Resolution 24-01-06~~ a resolution accepting a donation from Maranatha Church to the Wyoming Public Safety Donation Fund. (pulled for separate discussion)

Mayor Iverson – Asked to pull item #12 for further discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE #10 and #11 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

#12 To consider Resolution 24-01-06 a resolution accepting a donation from Maranatha Church to the Wyoming Public Safety Donation Fund.

Mayor Iverson – Expressed appreciation to Maranatha Church for their donation to the Wyoming Public Safety Fund.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that this donation would be used for recognition events and awards dinners for the Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #12 RESOLUTION 24-01-06 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM MARANATHA CHURCH TO THE WYOMING PUBLIC SAFETY DONATION FUND.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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

13. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for December 28, 2023
14. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for December 28, 2023
15. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for December 28, 2023
16. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for December 27, 2023
17. Report of Acting Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding for December 27, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS:

18. Wyoming Police Multicultural Advisory Committee

Public Safety Director Bauer – Gave an overview of the new initiative to help build relationships and develop open dialogue between the community and the Police Department with creation of a Multicultural Advisory Committee. He outlined some of the conversations and interactions he has

been able to have to individuals in the Forest Lake school district.

Mayor Iverson – Asked how potential language barriers would be addressed.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that they will address that issue once they begin meeting, if it arises.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked what metrics or criteria would be used to show that the program was effective.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that he was not sure that this was something that they could show in a quantifiable way and explained that he felt that it would be judged by the level of engagement and support that occurs.

The Council expressed their overall support of this program for the City.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

19. To consider **Resolution 24-01-07** a resolution to approve the purchase of one 2024 Ford Maverick vehicle for the Wyoming Department of Building Safety in the amount of \$27,853.16

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Reviewed the request to replace the current older inspection vehicle and noted that it had already been included in the 2024 budget figures. He reviewed some of the uses for the vehicle and equipment that needed to be hauled around for inspections.

Council Member Ohnstad – Noted the recent difficulties the City has had in acquiring vehicles, including Fords, and asked if this was a vehicle that could be acquired right away.

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Stated that he was hopeful it will be received in the spring of 2024.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the information that they have received from the Ford State contract, is that this particular vehicle is not as in demand as other vehicles, so he is also hopeful that they will not have difficulty in acquiring this vehicle sometime in the spring. He noted that he expects this to be a 10 year vehicle for the City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-07 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PURCHASE OF ONE 2024 FORD MAVERICK VEHICLE FOR THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,853.16

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

20. To consider the hiring of Christopher Hirsch for the Police Officer position with a tentative start date of January 15, 2024

Public Safety Director Bauer – Reviewed the interview process for this vacancy and outlined some of Christopher Hirsch's background, education, and experience.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF CHRISTOPHER HIRSCH FOR THE POLICE OFFICER POSITION WITH A TENTATIVE START DATE OF JANUARY 15, 2024.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – No report.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – No report. She asked if the City would be going back to brining all the streets.

City Administrator Linwood – They have brined some of the mains and residential streets this year, but stated that it depends on the weather system, for example, the brine is not as effective with rain. He noted that he would discuss with acting Public Works Director Keding and could send information to the council

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – No report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 2, 2024 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:40 PM

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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:
JANUARY 16, 2024
7:00PM