

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 16, 2024
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 16, 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: Nick Vivian, 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:

1. Led by Boy Scout Troop #142

OPEN FORUM:

2. To consider the retirement of John Hastings, Sr. from the Wyoming Fire Department

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that John Hastings, Sr. had submitted a letter of resignation after serving the City for 35 years in the Fire Department and his last day will be January 31, 2024. He presented a plaque to Mr. Hastings in recognition of his remarkable achievement, commitment, and dedication to the community.

Mayor Iverson – Expressed the City's gratitude for Mr. Hastings 35 years of service to the community. She also thanked Mr. Hastings family for their support of his service.

There was a round of applause for Mr. Hastings.

3. Swearing in of Officer Chris Hirsch as a Wyoming Police Officer

Public Safety Director Bauer – Introduced Chris Hirsch and shared some background information regarding the values of the Department.

Mayor Iverson – Administered the swearing in of Officer Chris Hirsch.

There was a round of applause for Officer Hirsch.

Mayor Iverson recessed the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for January 2, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 2, 2024 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.

5. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of January 3, 2024 to January 16, 2024
6. ~~To consider the resignation of Assistant Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding from the Public Works Department effective January 23, 2024 (pulled for separate discussion)~~
7. To consider approving the Wyoming Pay Equity Report prepared by Abdo Financial utility the Minnesota Management and Budget web-based pay equity system as required by the State of Minnesota Local Government Pay Equity Act

Mayor Iverson – Asked to pull item #6 for discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #5 and #7 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#6 - To consider the resignation of Assistant Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding from the Public Works Department effective January 23, 2024

Mayor Iverson – Explained that she wanted to thank Acting Public Works Superintendent Keding for his service to the City and the great work he has done. She stated that Mr. Keding would be greatly missed, but the City wished him well in his next endeavor.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he would also like to thank Mr. Keding for his willingness to step into the Acting Public Works Superintendent role and noted that he had done an excellent job with it for the City. He suggested that if the Council accepts this resignation that they also authorize advertising for the Assistant Public Works Superintendent position.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6, THE RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT JOE KEDING FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 23, 2024, AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THIS POSITION

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

8. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for January 11, 2024
9. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for January 10, 2024
10. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for January 12, 2024
11. Report of Acting Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding for January 16, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Results for Radiochemical Monitoring, Wyoming, Chisago County, PWSID 1130018

City Administrator Linwood – Shared information from the Minnesota Department of Health and explained that they monitor the radium in the City's wells. He stated that the updated reports have also been forwarded to WSB for review.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted a discrepancy between the samples collected in May and those collected in July and asked if this difference was usual.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that he had not had a chance to review this information yet and had also passed the reports along to the Water Engineering staff at WSB for review. He stated that once they have a chance to analyze this information more closely, they will report back to the Council.

13. 2024 Street Project Neighborhood Meeting Notice

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that they have been working on the front end things for the feasibility study and part of that is meeting with property owners in order to get their input. He stated that the Neighborhood Meeting related to the 2024 Street Project is scheduled for January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

14. To consider a July 2024 Budget Work Session meeting date for the 2025 budget

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that, due to some scheduling issues with the Council, staff was recommending moving the Budget Work Session meeting to July 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO SCHEDULE A BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING ON JULY 16, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

15. To consider **Resolution 24-01-08** a resolution approving a Final Plat: D-23-004, Katie's Glen; Location: Goodview Avenue between 255th and 258th Streets; Applicant: Dahlquist Land Holdings, LLC, Property ID: 21-10140.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that the Katie's Glen development had been before the Council about a year ago with a different owner and the new owner has now brought forward a Final Plat. He reviewed the Final Plat details and explained that the Planning Commission recommended approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINAL PLAT: D-23-004, KATIE'S GLEN; LOCATION: GOODVIEW AVENUE BETWEEN 255TH AND 258TH STREETS; APPLICANT: DAHLQUIST LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, PROPERTY ID: 21-10140.00

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

16. To consider the addition of a dog park to be located next to the Wyoming Police Department/Public Works Property (7665 Wyoming Trail)

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Reviewed details of the Park Advisory Commission recommendation for the addition of a dog park at Town Hall Park which is next to the existing Public Safety building.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if there were plans to install any benches in this area so people would have somewhere to sit while their dogs are running around.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Explained that the PAC had not discussed that specifically, but he felt that it could be considered.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if Public Works staff would mow the grass in the park.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane - Stated that the City currently contracts with an outside vendor for the mowing, so this area would be continued to part of their responsibilities.

Mayor Iverson - Asked if the proposed waste bags would be coming out of the PAC budget.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Confirmed that the PAC would be financing the waste bags.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if there was a possibility for some type of water feature that could be used when dogs get thirsty.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that based on the PAC discussions, he believes that the intent was just for a big empty field for the dogs to play in. He noted that could be something that is considered in the future.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked about the decision to not maintain it during the winter months because dogs still need to run during the winter, which can be very long in Minnesota.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Explained that one of the issues with winter maintenance was the dog waste but also that this area used to be a swamp, so at times in the spring it can become a big muddy area.

Council Member Ohnstad – Noted that the PAC had discussed the possibility of keeping the dog park open year round after they see how it worked out in the warmer months of the year.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Confirmed that the funds would come out of the Park Development Fund.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A DOG PARK TO BE LOCATED NEXT TO THE WYOMING POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTY (7665 WYOMING TRAIL)

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 17.** To consider **Resolution 24-01-09** a resolution to approve the purchase of a 2024 F-350 Super Crew Chassis for the Wyoming Public Works Department in the amount of \$53,063.86

City Administrator Linwood – Reviewed the request for a 2024 F-350 Super Crew Chassis for Public Works. He noted that staff had decided to hold off with the remainder of the outfitting for the truck until they confirm that the order has been accepted and the City will actually receive the truck. He explained that this item had already been included in the City's 2024 budget plans.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if there was an estimate on what the outfitting will cost.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he did not yet have that information, but knows that Acting Public Works Superintendent Keding was working on that information. He explained that the expectation is that it would fall within the budgeted amount. He noted that the old truck will go to auction when the City receives the new one.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked when the City may plan on the truck being received, outfitted, and ready.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that because this is a high demand vehicle, they are hoping to have it by the summer.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-01-09 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 F-350 SUPER CREW CHASSIS FOR THE WYOMING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,063.86

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Park Advisory Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – No report.

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the EDA and Planning Commission meetings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 16, 2024 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:34 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:
FEBRUARY 6, 2024
7:00PM