

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Claire Luger called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for April 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 Linda Nanko Yeager, Dennis Schilling, Brett Ohnstad, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: Mayor Lisa Iverson

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, and Steve Reeves, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Work Session Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 19, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 19, 2024 AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

2. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 19, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 19, 2024 AS SUBMITTED

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

3. Consider approving the minutes of the "Special Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 27, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “SPECIAL MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 27, 2024 AS SUBMITTED

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

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.

4. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of March 20, 2024 to April 2, 2024
5. To consider **Resolution 24-04-35** a resolution approving Final Payment (Pay Voucher #3) to Blackstone Contracting for the 2023 Railroad Park – Phase 1 project in the amount of \$3,155.50
6. To consider **Resolution 24-04-36** a resolution approving Final Payment (Pay Voucher #2) to Vinco, Inc. for the 2023 Railroad Park – Phase 1 electrical project in the amount of \$1,284.50

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE #4, #5, and # 6 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

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

7. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for March 26, 2024
8. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for March 29, 2024
9. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for March 28, 2024
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for March 27, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. M Health Fairview Lakes Opens Wyoming’s First Naloxone Access Point

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the City was pleased to announce that M Health Fairview has opened the first site in Wyoming for access to Naloxone and asked Public Safety Director Bauer to fill the Council in on additional details.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Gave a brief overview related to the increased use and overdose of opioids. He explained that one of the ways to reduce the deaths associated with this activity is by the use of Narcan/Naloxone and this will be available free of charge. He stated that people

can simply walk up to the counter at the M Health Fairview Emergency Department and ask for a dose of Naloxone and it will be provided with no questions asked. He noted that there is more information available at www.steverummlerhopenetwork.org.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked if there were any plans to expand this program.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that the City was just the facilitator in this process and noted that they wanted to find someplace that would be open 24 hours a day or have regular hours that are posted. He stated that he feels the M Health Fairview Emergency Department is the best option for the City right now.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked if the Wyoming Police Officers carry a dose as well.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that the Officers are required to carry two doses with them.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luger – Expressed her appreciation to M Health Fairview for partnering with the City and for Public Safety Director Bauer and City Administrator Linwood for their work in helping this access point to be available in the City. She stated that she felt that this was a great resource for the community. She stated that the Steve Rummier organization also provides on-line training so community members can learn how to administer the medication.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that as of last Thursday, it had been open 6 days and they had given out 12 Naloxone kits and 9 Fentanyl test kits

12. Age Friendly Minnesota Community Grant Update

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane - Reminded the Council that the City had been awarded the Age-Friendly Minnesota Community grant in April of 2023 with the purpose of using the funds to create an accessible garden within the community. He noted that the plans are for it to be an expansion of the existing community garden at the Wyoming Fairview location. He briefly described some of the accessibility features including wheelchair accessible plant beds and raised plant beds.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

13. To consider **Resolution 24-04-37** a resolution approving the installation of three phase transformer for the Railroad Lift Station by Xcel Energy for the amount of \$11,242.29

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Reviewed the plans to upgrade the transformer on site to be three phase for the Railroad Lift Station and shared some of the ongoing concerns if they choose to continue on with the two phase.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-04-37 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF THREE PHASE TRANSFORMER FOR THE RAILROAD LIFT STATION BY XCEL ENERGY FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$11,242.29

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

14. To consider **Resolution 24-04-38** a resolution approving utility work by Erichson Electric Company, Inc. for the new transformer at the Railroad Lift Station (Lift Station #2) for the amount of \$8,400.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-04-38 A RESOLUTION APPROVING UTILITY WORK BY ERICHSON ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR THE NEW TRANSFORMER AT THE RAILROAD LIFT STATION (LIFT STATION #2) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400.00

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

15. To consider **Resolution 24-04-39** a resolution accepting the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Grant from the MN Office of Justic Programs (MN DPS)

Public Safety Director Bauer – Outlined the grant for Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training and the request to create the temporary/full-time Police Cadet position. He explained it is a \$50,000 grant that will provide the training through Hennepin Tech and about 27 weeks of their salary/benefits for the temporary position. He noted that they are estimating that the City will be responsible for about 3 weeks of their salary in 2025 while they are in the process of getting them hired full-time but noted that would be addressed during the budget process. He explained that the completion of this program, they would be able to take the licensing exam and be hired as a police officer with the City.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked what would happen if this cadet washes out, for example the City would have paid some of their tuition but they end up flunking their mental of physical tests or simply decide to go elsewhere.

Public Safety Director Bauer - Explained that they would be doing those screening processes during the hiring process so that would not be an issue. He stated that they could put requirements in place like they have with their reserve program, that they would be obligated to repay those funds. He noted the funds would not actually be coming from the City, but from the State via the grant.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked what would happen if there were not vacancies when this training was completed.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that he did not see that being an issue because the Department was currently down two officers and there are two upcoming retirements. He stated that due to the current hiring environment, the City will need to have some discussions about being more flexible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luger – Asked how the State was marketing this initiative or if recruitment efforts would only be from the City.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that the State would not be involved and explained that it would be up to the individual agencies for how they want to approach this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luger – Asked how many of these grants had been awarded by the State.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that he believes that there were 26 grants awarded and stated that he thinks they are also planning a second phase.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-04-39 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANT FROM THE MN OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (MN DPS)

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

- 16. To consider approving the creation of the Intensive Comprehensive Peace officer Education Training (ICPOET) Police Cadet Temporary Position**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION TRAINING (ICPOET) POLICE CADET TEMPORARY POSITION

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

- 17. To consider the hiring of Rick Lopez as Assistant Public Works Superintendent for the City of Wyoming**

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Stated that staff had reviewed 11 applications for this position and interviewed the to candidates where Rick Lopez was selected as the top candidate. He gave a brief review of Mr. Lopez's background and experience.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that when the City created this position, she was not comfortable creating a higher managerial position to replace a lead worker. She explained that her opinion on the position has not changed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luger – Confirmed that the City had budgeted for this position and asked for details on how the job responsibilities for this position fit into the Department.

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Explained that this position would be in day to day operations and 'boots on the ground'. He stated that he has been handling both positions in his time with the City and sees this as a needed position for the City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF RICK LOPEZ AS ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Council Work Session and the Council Special meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Council Special meeting.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Council Special meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luger – Attended the Council Special meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 2, 2024 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Iverson

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:

APRIL 16, 2024

7:00PM