

**FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 16, 2021
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 16, 2021 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, Dennis Schilling, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a statement explaining that the Council is meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that tonight's meeting would be held according to State Statute 13D.021, will be live streamed on the City's YouTube page, and will be recorded as part of the public record on the City's website

OPEN FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 2, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 2, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

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.

2. To consider the Memorandum of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for the Wyoming Public Water System for Radium Compliance
3. To consider a request to advertise for a Public Works seasons worker at \$13.00-\$15.00 per hour depending on experience
4. To consider **Resolution 21-03-21** a resolution authorizing the Chisago Lake Joint Sewer Treatment Commission to issue, sell and deliver a not to exceed \$850,000 General Obligation Revenue Note, Series 2021A
5. Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll, and Journal Entries for the period of March 3, 2021 to March 16, 2021

Council Member Nanko Yeager asked to pull items #2 and #3

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. To consider the Memorandum of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for the Wyoming Public Water System for Radium Compliance

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) appears to have changed and shared examples of where the agreement was different than the previous agreement. She asked what had changed that required a change in the MOA.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Explained that the radium levels in well 1 and 2 have decreased and well 3 increased a bit. He stated that they have measured out the total maximum containment levels which is why they will let the City pump 50% of its usage this year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #2 TO CONSIDER THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE WYOMING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FOR RADIUM COMPLIANCE

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. To consider a request to advertise for a Public Works seasonal worker at \$13.00-\$15.00 per hour, depending on experience

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked why this position was necessary, given that the City has already upgraded its technology, so theoretically, the existing staff can do more work in less time and noted that the City had already expanded staff.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Explained that usually there are people on vacation or employees using comp. time. He explained the make-up of the current work crews and stated that this person would fill in and noted that they had hired 2 seasonal employees last year, but one did not work out. He noted that it looks like that is the direction the City will be going again

this year and will just hire one seasonal worker.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Explained that she does not think she can support this because the City has already expanded the Public Works staff.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if the City had already budgeted for this position

City Administrator Linwood – Confirmed that the City had budgeted for this position and noted that this is something that almost all municipalities do and is actually a cost savings to the City and the taxpayers because seasonal employees can be utilized at a lower rate of pay than Public Works staff.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL WORKER AT \$13.00-\$15.00 PER HOUR DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE

Roll Call Vote:

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:

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for March 11, 2021
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for March 11, 2021
8. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for March 11, 2021
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for March 12, 2021
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for March 12, 2021

Mayor Iverson – Asked to pull item #6 for discussion. She asked Chief Hoppe what was being done to help the officers with the nuisance ordinance. She noted that she had received 2 complaints today surrounding this issue.

Police Chief Hoppe - Stated that the department is looking to revamp the nuisance ordinance enforcement. He stated that they have divided the City into 6 sectors and assigned an officer as the primary contact for each sector. He explained the new process for citations and efforts to bring properties into compliance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Update on Stagecoach Days 2021 Planning

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Explained that the Fire Relief Association is moving forward with plans for Stagecoach Days 2021 which is set for September 18, 2021. She noted that the City is still planning to provide fireworks for this event.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

12. To consider the request from Moxness Development Group, LLC to provide a cashier's check in place of a Letter of Credit payable to the City of Wyoming in the amount of \$670,000.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that Mr. Moxness and his development group have asked the City to consider accepting a cashier's check for 101% of the cost of the improvements rather than 125%. He noted that Mr. Moxness had a similar request for the Kennedy Estates development about 5 years ago. Staff is recommending approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM MOXNESS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE A CASHIER'S CHECK IN PLACE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF WYOMING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$670,000.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. To consider **Resolution 21-03-22** a resolution receiving bids and awarding a contract for the 2021 East Viking Utility Project (City Project 21-01)

City Engineer Erichson – Noted that the City had received 7 bids with the low bidder being Kuechle which came in just under the engineers estimate. Staff is recommending approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-03-22 A RESOLUTION RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 EAST VIKING UTILITY PROJECT (CITY PROJECT 21-01)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

14. To consider **Resolution 21-03-23** to approve the updated proposal from Interstate Companies for the overlay of Faxton Avenue for \$11,315.00

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Explained that in 2020, Public Works began a program to overlay the worst streets that were not scheduled for construction within the next 5 years. Faxton Avenue was estimated for the overlay and noted the winter activity has taken a toll on this road and has already had to have a temporary repair. He noted that the City had received 3 estimates last year and Interstate, the low bidder, has agreed to honor their previous estimate. He noted that this will be paid out of the annual street maintenance CIP. Staff recommends approval.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked how long the patching will last.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Stated that they believe it will last at least 5 years.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-03-23 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED PROPOSAL FROM INTERSTATE COMPANIES FOR THE OVER-LAYMENT OF FAXTON AVENUE FOR \$11,315.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 15.** To consider **Resolution 21-03-24** to purchase a replacement of the current generator at Lift Station #4 with a new generator for Kodiak Power Systems for the purchase price of \$23,900.00

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Read aloud the staff report regarding the generator replacement at Lift Station #4. He noted that the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust will cover the loss and restore it to its pre-loss condition. He explained the repair costs versus a new generator and noted the amount the insurance claim would cover.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that at the recent Sewer Commission meeting there was talk of disposal of a few generators by offering them to member cities and asked if that would be a possibility for the City to consider.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Stated that his understanding is that those are diesel generators which would need containment if used at a lift station in case of a spill, which is costly.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked how long this type of equipment is expected to last.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Explained that they should last 20 years and noted that this one failed prematurely because it was from 2007 which is also why the League of Minnesota Cities will honor the claim.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-03-24 A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT GENERATOR AT LIFT STATION #4 WITH A NEW GENERATOR FROM KODIAK POWER SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$23,900.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 16.** To consider a Wyoming City Council work session meeting for April 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM

City Administrator Linwood – Explained staff would like to schedule a work session on April 14, 2021 to evaluate some of the findings from the facility needs assessment. He noted that he has heard there may be conflicts with that date and asked the Council to compare calendars and see if they could find a date for the work session.

The Council discussed alternative dates to hold the work sessions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE A WYOMING CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR APRIL 7, 2021 AT 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Sewer Commission meeting.

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the EDA meeting, the Planning Commission meeting, and the Joint Sewer Committee meeting.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING BY GENERAL CONSENT AT 7:45 PM

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 6, 2021
7:00PM