

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 21, 2024
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 21, 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, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Steve Reeves, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

1. Swearing in of Officer Nicole Fraser as a Wyoming Police Officer

Public Safety Director Bauer – Shared background, education and experience of incoming Officer Nicole Fraser and outlined the values that were important to the Police Department.

Mayor Iverson – Performed the swearing in of Officer Nicole Fraser.

There was a round of applause for Officer Nicole Fraser.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 7, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 7, 2024, AS SUBMITTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 15, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION

MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 15, 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.

4. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of May 8, 2024 to May 21, 2024
5. To consider **Resolution 24-05-45** a resolution approving the payment to Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Axon Squad Cameras in the amount of \$86,000
6. To consider approving Assistant Public Works Superintendent Rick Lopez for a City credit card per the City’s credit card policy
7. To consider **Resolution 24-05-46** a resolution accepting a donation from First State Bank of Wyoming for the 2024 Bike Rodeo Event
8. To consider **Resolution 24-05-47** a resolution accepting a donation from Polaris, Inc. for the 2024 Bike Rodeo event
9. To consider posting the ICPOET Police Cadet temporary, full-time position to fulfill the requirements of the ICPOET Grant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 and #9 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA.

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:

10. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for May 16, 2024
11. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for May 16, 2024
12. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for May 16, 2024
13. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for May 17, 2024
14. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for May 16, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS:

15. 2024 Street Construction Project Communication

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that there would be a Public Hearing held on June 4, 2024 for the 2024 Street Construction Project. He explained that they were also asking the Council to

hold a neighborhood informational meeting on May 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

16. Age-Friendly Garden Update

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Explained that construction for the Age-Friendly Garden had been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

17. To consider **Resolution 24-05-43** a resolution approving a rezone: Z-24-001 Rural Residential II (R-2) to Commercial (C) District. Location: Hamlet Avenue at Highway 8, northeast corner. Applicant: Stephen Witzel. Property ID Number: 21.10674.02

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave a brief review of the application and history for rezoning property located at Hamlet Avenue and Highway 8 from R-2 to Commercial. Planning Commission and staff recommend approval.

City Administrator Linwood and Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck answered Council questions related to this application.

Council Member Schilling – Questioned when the last comprehensive Plan was adopted and that it was unanimously approved by the current council

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Expressed concern that the proposed use did not meet the criteria for approval because it put a commercial property in what is essentially a residential area.

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Reminded the Council that the whole area is guided in the Comprehensive Plan as future commercial properties and would eventually be rezoned.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-05-43 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REZONE: Z-24-001 RURAL RESIDENTIAL II (R-2) TO COMMERCIAL (C) DISTRICT. LOCATION: HAMLET AVENUE AT HIGHWAY 8, NORTHEAST CORNER. APPLICANT: STEPHEN WITZEL. PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21.10674.02

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

18. To consider **Resolution 24-05-48** a resolution approving an Interim Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Home Occupation to Operate an Auto Repair Business in the Detached Accessory Building at 26333 Goodvine Avenue. Applicant: Benjamin Kaphing. Property ID Number: 21.11113.34

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Outlined details of the request from Benjamin Kaphing for an Interim Conditional Use Permit (ICUP) in order to have an auto repair business in a detached accessory building on his property at 26333 Goodvine Avenue. Planning Commission and staff recommend approval.

The Council asked questions of staff and the applicant related to the garage space, waste barrels, tow trucks, signage, and potential noise that may affect the neighbors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-05-48 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERIM CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A HOME OCCUPATION TO OPERATE AN AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS IN THE DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING AT 26333 GOODVINE AVENUE. APPLICANT: BENJAMIN KAPHING. PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21.11113.34.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 19.** To consider **Resolution 24-05-49** a resolution approving the purchase of Motorola Portable and Mobile Radios from Ancom Communications, Inc. for the amount of \$152,838.54

Public Safety Director Bauer – Outlined the request for purchase of Motorola portable and mobile radios for the Public Safety Department, the phased replacement plan, and reviewed the proposed payment of using available ARPA funds. He answered Council questions related to details of the radios, longevity, and compatibility.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-05-49 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA PORTABLE AND MOBILE RADIOS FROM ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$152,838.54

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 20.** Discuss the Highway 8 Reconstruction Project

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that Chisago County Engineer Triplett has asked the City for feedback on the design of the Highway 8 Reconstruction project with relation to Heath Avenue and pedestrian movement. He reviewed details in the potential design elements, impacts of the project, and reviewed items that staff had taken into consideration during their review.

The Council asked questions of staff and shared feedback regarding design elements, the current layout versus the proposed layouts, safety in traversing the area, graffiti/vandalism, maintenance, and the role of the Public Works Department.

There was consensus of the Council that they would support an underpass for pedestrian use.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Road Tour.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Road Tour.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Road Tour and the Joint Sewer Commission meeting.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Road Tour, the Joint Sewer Commission meeting, the Planning

Commission, and the EDA meeting. She stated that she had also made several trips to the State capital related to possible inclusion of the City's Public Safety building within the bonding bill. She expressed her appreciation to Planning Commissioners Mark Holl and Dan Iverson, Building Official Weck, City Administrator Linwood, Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane, Public Works staff, Fairview staff, and Cami, for their contributions to the Age-Friendly and handicapped accessible community garden space and also to Jersey Mike's for their food donation.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the legislation did not pass a bonding bill so the City did not receive funding for the Public Safety building, but noted that he believed that they were able to gain some traction. He noted that there will be future meetings to discuss possible funding options and next steps.

Mayor Iverson – Recessed the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

- 21.** 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 Union of International Operator Engineers Local 49

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTUE 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 8:03PM

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTUE 13D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGAINING UNITS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES (LELS) GROUP AND LOCAL 49 AT 8:36PM

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 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 Dennis Schilling, Linda Nanko Yeager, Claire Luger and Brett Ohnstad. Also, in attendance was Assistant City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves, Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer, City Administrator, Robb Linwood, 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 APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE IUOE LOCAL 49ERS AND THE CITY OF WYOMING

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Luger, Schilling, Ohnstad and Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO ADJOURN THE MAY 21, 2024 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:40PM

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:

JUNE 4, 2024

7:00PM