

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for July 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: 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:

County Commissioner Montzka – Presented a flyer that had been put together by the County with information on elections in the State and County. He noted that there has been a lot of concerns raised about the safety of the elections and this information lays out the laws that need to be followed in the County and assured the residents that any allegations of improper voting would be investigated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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 JULY 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.

2. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of July 3, 2024 to July 16, 2024
3. To consider **Resolution 24-07-68** a resolution appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election of 2024
4. To consider **Resolution 24-07-69** a resolution approving payment for fence work conducted at Old Town Hall Park by Cyclone Fence in the amount of \$10,439
5. To consider the application for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License from the Wyoming Fire Relief Association for September 14, 2024 for the Wyoming Stagecoach Day Celebration.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #2, #3, #4, and #5 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:

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for July 10, 2024
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for July 11, 2024
8. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for July 11, 2024
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for July 12, 2024
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for July 9, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Annual Report

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Highlighted some of the information that could be found within the 2023 Annual Report.

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

City Administrator Linwood – Gave a brief overview of the results from the Minnesota Department of Health of the radiochemical monitoring for radium in Well #3.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that WSB had received this report and would continue to monitor the trends at Well #3 and keep the Council updated.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

13. To consider **Resolution 24-07-70** a resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale of \$2,885,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2024A

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that this item was related to the City's 2024 Street Improvement Projects.

Christine Hogan, Baker Tilly – Reviewed details related to the proposed authorization for a competitive negotiated sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A with the proceeds used for financing of the 2024 Street Improvement Projects. She outlined the key events, scheduling, rating, and terms.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for an explanation of the City's rating of Aa3.

Ms. Hogan – Stated that a triple A rating was the highest rating and then goes into double A ratings. She noted that anything in the 'double A' category was a very strong rating and explained that higher ratings get better interest rates on the day of pricing.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that the bids would not come in until the end of the month and asked if it was normal to take out the bonds not knowing what the bids will be coming in at.

Ms. Hogan – Explained that part of the terms of the bonds is that on the day of sale they can make adjustments to the bond size, if necessary, and noted that the bidders were aware of this term.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-07-70 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$2,885,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024A

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

14. To consider Resolution 24-07-71 a resolution adopting a posted speed limit of 30 mph on Pioneer Road

City Engineer Erichson – Reviewed the history of the reconstruction of Pioneer Road in 2018 and the changes that had been made in the legislature in order to offer more flexibility for communities to set their speed limits. He stated that staff was recommending moving forward with a modification to the speed limit and lowering it to 30 mph from Wyoming Trail to Iris. He noted that they have communicated this information and intent to Chisago City and believes that they will also be discussing this issue at their upcoming council meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Expressed her appreciation for the information included in the packet that supported the justification for making this change.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that she had received an e-mail this afternoon from Ms. Siefert who lives in Pioneer Road who referenced a recent accident and had made a request for a reduction in the speed limit. She stated that Ms. Siefert had also asked if there could be a bit more of a police presence on Pioneer Road.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that part of this implementation plan would include increased enforcement. He noted that on the front end, they would just be advising people about the change and not necessarily write citations. He stated that the intent would be as a visible presence in the area and just bringing the speed limit change to the attention of drivers. He noted that they are also planning to conduct another speed study after the new speed limit has been in place for a while.

City Engineer Erichson – Asked Public Works Superintendent Reeves how soon this could be implemented if Council approved.

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Stated that he thought that they would be able to get it

done within the next week.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-07-71 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH ON PIONEER ROAD

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Council Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting and the Council Work Session. She noted that there was recently a busload of County Commissioners and staff that toured the City. She congratulated Lakes Gas on their 65th anniversary and also local business owner, Candy Gertz on her retirement. She extended the City's condolences to Chisago City Mayor Gustafson's family on his passing and noted that he would be greatly missed within the County as well as his city.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE JULY 16, 2024 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:21 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:
AUGUST 6, 2024
7:00PM