

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 20, 2024
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for August 20, 2024 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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for August 7, 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 AUGUST 7, 2024 AS SUBMITTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS:

2. To Consider Resolution 24-08-75 a resolution receiving bids and awarding a contract for the 2024 Street Improvement Project

City Engineer Erichson - Gave an overview of the bid process and recommendation for awarding a contract for the 2024 Street Improvement Project. He noted that the City had received 7 bids with A-1 Excavating, LLC as the low bidder and explained that staff was recommending approval of the bid, and also Alternates 1 and 2, and that the assessments would end up being less than what was identified as part of the feasibility study.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she was amazed that it was so expensive to pave the Verges Park trail and asked if they would also be paving the parking lot.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that the hammerhead/turnaround area will also be included.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if this bid was only for part of the project because the feasibility and the bonding study had figures closer to \$2.8 million.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that this is only the construction costs and does not include any of the geotechnical, inspection, or survey work. He agreed that this was significantly less than what the feasibility study had shown because of the bid price, but also because they are not installing the storm sewer that they had anticipated would be needed, which reduced to overall cost of the project. He noted that when the design costs and inspection were included the total cost would be closer to \$2 million, but reiterated that the overall costs were significantly less than what had previously been identified.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if this meant that the City would not be taking out \$2.8 million in bonds.

City Engineer Erichson – Confirmed that this was correct.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the City still had time to update the bond information prior to the bond sale and noted that staff would be working with BakerTilly to get the numbers finalized prior to the sale.

City Engineer Erichson – Reminded the Council that the City had built in flexibility for contractors to start the project this year, but finish in 2025, but A-1 Excavating, LLC has indicated that they intend to start and finish the project in 2024.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if the City had worked with A-1 Excavating before.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that they had done the City's 2015 Street Improvement Project and WSB had worked with them in other communities.

Mayor Iverson – Asked City Attorney Loonan if she could vote on this item, since the 2024 Street Improvement Project included her road.

City Attorney Loonan – Stated that she did not need to recuse herself from the vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-08-75 A RESOLUTION RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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.

3. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from August 8, 2024 to August 20, 2024
4. To consider approving **Resolution 24-08-76** a resolution approving payment for the chassis of a 2024 F-550 from Boyer Ford Trucks on a State bid contract and equipment and outfitting form Towmaster in the amount of \$108,435.86
5. To consider **Resolution 24-08-77** a resolution accepting a donation from Holiday Gas Station

- Kettle River in the amount of \$200.00 to Wyoming Public Safety for the Night to Unite Event.
6. To consider **Resolution 24-08-78** a resolution accepting a donation from Bruce's Foods in the amount of \$50.00 to Wyoming Public Safety for the Night to Unite Event.
 7. To consider **Resolution 24-08-79** a resolution accepting a donation from Wyoming McDonald's in the amount of \$75.00 to Wyoming Public Safety for the Night to Unite Event
 8. To consider **Resolution 24-08-80** a resolution accepting a donation from Forest Lake Cub Foods in the amount of \$50.00 to Wyoming Public Safety for the Night to Unite Event

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 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:

9. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for August 15, 2024
10. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for August 15, 2024
11. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for August 14, 2024
12. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for August 14, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Moody's Rating Update from the City of Wyoming, MN – AA2 Rating

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the City's Moody Rating had been updated to AA2 and expressed his appreciation to the Council for their diligence, decisions, and strategic management of the City which he felt made achieving this rating possible.

Council Member Luger – Thanked city staff for their hard work and direction to achieve the upgrade for the city.

Mayor Iverson – Thanked staff for their hard work positioning the city for this upgrade.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

14. To consider **Resolution 24-08-81** a resolution approving the purchase of Motorola portable and mobile radios from Ancom Communications, Inc. for the amount of \$222,568.98

Public Safety Director Bauer – Reviewed the request to purchase portable and mobile radios to replace the existing aging radios. He noted that the City had been setting aside money in the CIP since 2019 for this purpose and explained that the remaining cost would come from the ARPA funds. He explained that the warranty on the radios was 5 years but he expected that they will be able to get longer than that out of the radios. He suggested that the City continue setting money aside for their replacement because, at some point in the future, there will eventually need to be another purchase.

Council Member Luger – Asked when the radios would arrive.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that they will be invoiced before the end of the year in order to comply with the use of the ARPA funds, but the radios may not be to the City for another 8 months.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY MAYOR IVERSON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-08-81 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA PORTABLE AND MOBILE RADIOS FROM ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$222,568.98

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

15. To consider the hiring of Logan Strang to the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program (ICPOET) Cadet Position

Public Safety Director Bauer – Outlined the application process for this position and noted that these were some of the best applicants he had seen in a long time. He shared some information about Mr. Strang's background, education, and experience. He stated that if this was approved, they would bring him on next week and the position would run through April 1, 2025, when they would look at transitioning him to an officer position in the Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF LOGAN STRANG TO THE INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM (ICPOET) CADET POSITION

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Sewer Commission meeting, the City Council Work Session, and the Stomp Out Suicide event last weekend.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the City Council Work Session

Mayor Iverson – Attended EDA meeting, Planning Commission meeting, Sewer Commission meeting, and the City Council Work Session budget meeting. She stated that she had also attended the Special Olympic fundraiser at Dunkin' Donuts in Lino Lakes which was a lot of fun. She also attended the Boka Haven Senior Living/Assisted Living ribbon-cutting event in North Branch and Elsie Johnson's 102nd birthday celebration at The Meadows. She noted that there were over 1,000 people who attended the Stomp Out Suicide 5K event even though it rained, and commended Public Works Superintendent Reeves and the Public Works Department because she heard nothing but great things from Campus Health about them. She explained that she was told that the City's Public Works Department was amazing to work with on the event and they had felt this was the best they have had since the event began 12 years ago.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 20, 2024 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:25 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:
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
7:00PM