

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for September 17, 2024 to order at 5:32 P.M.

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, and Claire Luger

Absent was Councilmember Brett Ohnstad

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck – Building/Zoning Official, and Grant MacFarlane – Assistant City Administrator

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Potential Wyoming Library Extended Access Pilot Project – Carla Lydon, Executive Director – East Central Regional Library (ECRL)

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Carla Lydon was present at the meeting and that she would be presenting the proposed extended access pilot project to the Council.

Carla Lydon – Stated that the ECRL would like to begin a pilot program for extended access to the Wyoming Area Library. Informed the Council that extending access hours would provide numerous benefits to community members and that the City of Jordan, MN has had a similar program for three years to great success. Added that the library would require a keycard and code prior to entry.

Mayor Iverson – Asked why Wyoming was being selected for the program.

Carla Lydon – Stated that Wyoming's library has much of the required infrastructure already in-place, is already used for after hour meetings by the City, and is within close proximity to City Hall which is frequently utilized after hours for various City meetings.

2. Discussion on Rezoning Initiative to Align with Comprehensive Plan

Mark Lobermeier, Planning Commission Chair – Informed the Council that the purpose of this project was to align the zoning map with the comprehensive plan which the Council adopted in 2022. Stated that having two maps is often confusing for developers and that this would make it much easier for the Planning Commission to make the right decision on projects coming into the

community moving forward.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Stated that this would be a sweeping change but that individual parcels could still be rezoned in the future through the normal application process.

Mayor Iverson – Inquired about how residents would be made aware of the changes and what steps Staff would take to explain them.

Mark Lobermeier – Explained that it would be an open process with public meetings to allow residents to ask questions in general and about their specific property.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Expressed some concerns regarding agricultural areas that could potentially be changed and other parcels throughout the city.

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that this would allow the City to best follow and enforce the comprehensive plan, which is essential to the growth and development of the City.

Council Member Luger – Expressed some concerns regarding agriculture lots and how that could be impacted with the changes from zoning to land use.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked questions and expressed further concerns about where industrial zones may be located based on the new map.

The City Council gave feedback and the majority agreed to move forward with the process.

3. Discussion on Wyoming Fire Department Performance Measures

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that the department would like to focus on performance measures moving forward to better understand how things are currently going, what changes may be needed, and how those changes may best be implemented. Highlighted various performance measures and goals relating to response time and numbers, community outreach and public education, and recruitment and retention.

Councilmember Nanko-Yeager – Asked if firefighters needed to wait for everyone before leaving for an emergency or if they could deploy in waves to reduce response time.

Fire Chief Jesse Milligan – Informed the Council that policy requires specific safety guidelines are followed, including crew numbers for deployment.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that the department would be tracking this data as it worked towards improvements and the development of new and improved strategies.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:50 PM.