

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 1, 2024
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the 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, Brett Ohnstad, and Claire Luger

Absent:

Also Present: Robb Linwood - City Administrator, Fred Weck – Building/Zoning Official, Mark Erichson – City Engineer (WSB), and Grant MacFarlane – Assistant City Administrator

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Liberty Ponds Septic System

City Administrator Linwood – Provided an overview on the current situation regarding the Liberty Pond septic system and highlighted various public and private funding options that may be available for the community. Stated that some funding options would require that the City take ownership of the septic system once funding was secured.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the Liberty Ponds system was not eligible for the PSIG Grant Program as was originally indicated by the MCPA.

Zoning Official Weck – Provided the Council with an explanation of cluster septic systems, the CUP with the former township, the MCPA's approval of the cluster system at liberty ponds, and some of the design components of the system.

Adam Lynch (former Liberty Ponds HOA President) – Stated that Liberty Ponds have been in contact with Stantec about estimated system replacement strategies and cost.

Councilmember Schilling – Informed Staff that he would like them to explore funding options. Inquired about the estimated cost of the project. At this time was not in favor of the public funding option or city ownership

Adam Lynch – Stated that the projected cost is \$3.5 million.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated they were not comfortable with City ownership of the system. Inquired about if Staff time would be reimbursed for the work that they perform on this. Also asked if assessments related to the potential project could be challenged. Added that she preferred the private funding option and not a public option that required city ownership.

Councilmember Luger – Inquired about receiving any information for funding resources from the Watershed District. She was not in favor of a public funding option that would require city ownership.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Asked if connecting to Highway 8 pipe was a possibility, but was not in favor of the public funding option and city ownership.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the city had not planned for water or sewer on Hwy 8 due to extensive costs – high level costs were over 10 million and that did not count the installation of sewer down Health and around the development.

The Council gave consensus to have staff look further into private funding options.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE OCTOBER 1, 2024 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:32 PM.