

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 3, 2024
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for December 3, 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:

Brenda Pfeiffer, Pfeiffer Chiropractic – Asked about the variables that go into determining whose taxes go up or down and explained that she would like to have an understanding why such an erratic and significant spike occurred on her property this year.

Mayor Iverson – Asked Dr. Pfeiffer if she could stay for the first portion of the Council meeting because she felt that her questions may be answered as part of their discussion on the budget.

City Administrator Linwood – Asked if Dr. Pfeiffer was mainly referring to the valuation of her property.

Dr. Pfeiffer – Clarified that she felt the valuation of her property would be considered reasonable and instead referring to the 21% increase at the City level and another 19% increase at the County level. She explained that she was trying to get an answer on why there was such a big spike this year and what goes into those decisions because she has had conversations with others in the City who indicated that their taxes had gone down. She noted that the valuation of her property went up 8%, but her taxes have gone up 21%.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that he could not speak for the County but noted that many of the residential valuations in the City decreased. He stated that to get answers to her questions she may need to speak to the County Assessor to see how they went about doing the valuation of Dr. Pfeiffer's business. He explained that the reason could be part of the County's valuation as a commercial entity and the tax rate connected to it.

Mayor Iverson – Thanked Dr. Pfeiffer for coming to the meeting and reiterated that if she could stay for more of the meeting she may hear some other answers as the Council goes through the budget information and can discuss further with Mr. Linwood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for November 19, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2024 AS SUBMITTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for November 19, 2024

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 19, 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:

3. To Consider **Resolution 24-12-119** a Resolution Certifying the 2024 Tax Levy Collectible in 2025

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

City Administrator Linwood – Introduced Julie McManus of Abdo Financial Solutions and noted that Finance Director Jesse Sturtz was also participating virtually.

Julie McManus, Abdo Financial Solutions – Gave a presentation covering key items within the proposed 2025 budget for the Truth in Taxation hearing.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for more information on who values the City’s properties and also an explanation of tax capacity. She noted that the County is who values properties and the City then works off of that information.

Ms. McManus – Stated that the County does do the valuations for City properties. She explained that tax capacity was taking the value that they use to tax each of the properties and the total tax capacity would be the value of all taxable properties within the City. She explained that they take that total tax capacity and divide it by the levy in order to get the tax rate.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if commercial properties were put into that as well.

Ms. McManus – Stated that the tax capacity included both commercial and residential properties.

Mayor Iverson – Reiterated that the County was who handled the valuations for properties and noted that her understanding was that it had to be done within a certain range or the State would come in and put it at the highest level.

Ms. McManus – Stated that was correct.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that since November, the General Fund was reduced by \$32,625 and asked where that had come from.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that General Fund decreases were just a compilation of various factors, such as the compensation study, debt service lowering for the 2024 street project, compost site, and removal of computers for the Police Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-119 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE 2024 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2025

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. To consider **Resolution 24-12-120** a Resolution Approving the Proposed 2025 Expenditures Budget by Department

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-120 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED 2025 EXPENDITURES BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: 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.

5. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from November 20, 2024 to December 3, 2024
6. To consider **Resolution 24-12-121** a resolution accepting Railroad Park donation from Connexus Energy
7. To consider **Resolution 24-12-122** a resolution certifying the unpaid City service invoices of certain residents and businesses contained on the attached list to property taxes for collection in 2025.
8. To consider **Resolution 24-12-123** a resolution authorizing payment to Motorola Solutions for portable radios in the amount of \$200,878.88.
9. To consider **Resolution 24-12-124** a resolution authorizing payment to Hennepin Technical College for services related to the ICPOET position in the amount of \$10,955.00.

10. To consider **Resolution 24-12-125** a resolution declaring certain property as surplus property for disposal and authorizing the Wyoming Police Department to dispose of the property through online auction.
11. To consider **Resolution 24-12-126** a resolution approving the issuance of various On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Combination Liquor Licenses in the City of Wyoming for the year 2025.
12. To consider **Resolution 24-12-127** a resolution approving the issuance of various Tobacco and Waste Hauler licenses in the City of Wyoming for the year 2025.
13. To consider **Resolution 24-12-128** a resolution accepting 2024 Stuff the Squad donations from various City of Wyoming residents.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 #10, #11, #12, and #13 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:

14. Report of the Public Safety Director Neil Bauer for November 25, 2024
15. Report of City Building Official Fred Weck IV for November 21, 2024
16. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for November 25, 2024
17. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for November 25, 2024
18. Report of Public Works Superintendent Steve Reeves for November 25, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

19. To consider a City Council Work Session meeting on December 17, 2024

City Administrator Linwood – Reviewed the request from City staff to hold a Work Session meeting on December 17, 2024 in order to continue discussion regarding the digital sign.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO SCHEDULE A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 2024.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – No report.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Encouraged residents to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony

on December 7, 2024.

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for an update on the Stuff the Squad event.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that they had the Stuff the Squad fundraiser on November 27, 2024 at Bruce's Foods. He stated that they ended up collecting just over 500 pounds of food and over \$1,000 in donations. He noted that they are looking into ways for future years for people to be able to give donations electronically because many people do not carry much cash anymore. He noted that Santa will be traveling through the City riding on a fire truck on the morning of December 7, 2024 following the same route as he traveled last year. He stated that Santa will be accepting both toy and food donations as he travels through the City.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for an update on the upcoming Tree Lighting Event.

Assistant City Administrator McFarlane – Noted that Public Works was finishing up their work on lights this week. He stated that some of the entities that will be at the event are: White Pine Coffee who will be serving free hot chocolate; Wyoming Lions Club; Wyoming Cloggers; and the Dance Factory. He noted that they will be selecting a random resident of the City to assist with lighting the tree.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for an update on the road construction projects and signage.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the project has been substantially completed for this construction season but explained that there are a number of punch list items that have been reported to the contractor that still need to be done such as removal of some signage and the port-a-potty.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:34 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:
DECEMBER 17, 2024
7:00PM