

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 17, 2024
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for December 17, 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:

Mayor Iverson – Suggested an amendment to the Agenda to include an item related to consideration of a digital sign as discussed in the Work Session meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE AMENDING THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEM 29, CONSIDERATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A DIGITAL SIGN.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for December 3, 2024**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, ECONDDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 3, 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 from December 4, 2024 to December 17, 2024
3. To consider **Resolution 24-12-128** a resolution approving the Wyoming fire Relief Associations request to the City of Wyoming raising the Relief Association's pension level to \$5,250 per year of active service
4. To consider **Resolution 24-12-129** a resolution approving a cleaning contract with Stratus Building Solutions for the years 2025-2026.
5. To consider **Resolution 24-12-130** a resolution approving final payment to Northdale Construction Co, Inc. for 2024 Trunk Watermain and Forcemain improvements in the amount of \$71,500.00
6. To consider **Resolution 24-12-131** a resolution declaring certain items as surplus property for disposal and authorizing the Wyoming Public Safety Department to dispose of the items through the online auction process
7. To consider **Resolution 24-12-132** a resolution approving Pay Voucher #2 to A-1 Excavating LLC for the 2024 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$248,632.49
8. To consider **Resolution 24-12-133** a resolution approving Final Pay Voucher to Dresel Contracting for the 2023 East Viking Boulevard Improvement Project in the amount of \$139,634.09
9. To consider **Resolution 24-12-134** a resolution accepting donations and transferring them to Chisago County Anonymous Santa and Family Pathways
10. To consider **Resolution 24-12-135** a resolution accepting a donation from Duke Rentals for the Wyoming Tree Lighting
11. To consider **Resolution 24-12-136** a resolution approving payment to Total Control Systems, Inc. for the Well 2 MCC Upgrade in the amount of \$52,769.00
12. To consider the hiring of Keegan Hofeld as an Ice Rink and Warming House Attendant at a starting wage of \$15/hr
13. To consider the hiring of McKenzie Ortwerth as an Ice Rink and Warming House Attendance at a start wage of \$15/hr
14. To consider a letter of support for the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District for a water quality improvement project.
15. To consider an agreement between the City of Wyoming and the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District for the Little Comfort Lake Subwatershed Enhancement Project
16. To consider accepting a \$2,500 grant from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation (MCPF)
17. To consider **Resolution 24-12-142** a resolution approving a Waste Hauler License for 2025 to Republic Services

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE ITEMS #2 THROUGH #17 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:

18. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for December 11, 2024

19. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for December 11, 2024

20. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for December 13, 2024

21. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for December 11, 2024

22. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for December 11, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

23. To consider **Resolution 24-12-137** a resolution approving a contract extension with Momentum Advocacy, LLP as a lobbyist for the City of Wyoming

City Administrator Linwood – Gave a brief overview of how the City had utilized the services of Momentum Advocacy, LLP as a lobbyist and the recommendation from staff to extend the current contract with them.

Brian McDaniel, Momentum Advocacy – **Explained** the name change of their company due to a retirement and noted that with this change comes an increase in staffing so there will be more people available to work on the City's behalf. He reviewed the reasons that they felt very confident that Wyoming's Public Safety project would be included in the upcoming bonding bill through the State.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that the Chisago County press account from the tours that took place essentially reported that Senator Pappas cautioned Wyoming not to get their hopes up. She noted that also reflected in the article was that Lindstrom has been part of more than one tour and had not received any money. She asked why Mr. McDaniel was more optimistic with the recent election.

Mr. McDaniel – Stated that he felt that Senator Pappas would encourage caution for any project because there are no guarantees. He explained the reasons he felt the election actually increased the City's chances of being included in the bonding bill.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she felt the decision to hire Momentum Advocacy was why the City had gotten as far as they have in this process.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-137 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH MOMENTUM ADVOCACY, LLP AS A LOBBYIST FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 24. To consider Resolution 24-12-138** a resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit C-24-002 – Dairy Queen, located at 5111 East Viking Boulevard, for applicant – Fourteen Foods, LLC, and Owner – D7 Wyoming, LLC, Property ID Number: 21.00020.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave an overview of the requests for a CUP and Site Plan Review for the Dairy Queen building at 5111 East Viking Boulevard. He briefly reviewed some of the concerns that were shared by the Planning Commission related to the shared entrance and the large retaining wall and stated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of both requests.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that the plans in September of 2022 were to demolish the Dairy Queen and build a new building and asked what had happened since that time and why they were now just planning to remodel the existing building.

Jason Michael, Representing Dairy Queen – Explained that their current plans were due to finances as well as their plans to bring in a coffee partner in the future.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that she was disappointed that the previously planned double drive-thru lane would not happen with this project and also that the other business, such as a coffee shop, was not coming in right away.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked about the anticipated timeline for the partner business to join them.

Mr. Michael – Stated that he did not have an exact timeline, but assured the Council that they want to utilize the property as quickly as possible.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-138 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT C-24-002 – DAIRY QUEEN, LOCATED AT 5111 EAST VIKING BOULEVARD, FOR APPLICANT – FOURTEEN FOODS, LLC, AND OWNER – D7 WYOMING, LLC, PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21.00020.00

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 25. To consider Resolution 24-12-139** a resolution approving a Site Plan Review: SP-24-001- Dairy Queen, located at 5111 East Viking Boulevard, for applicant – Fourteen Foods, LLC, and Owner – D7 Wyoming, LLC, Property ID Number: 21.00020.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-139 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW: SP-24-001- DAIRY QUEEN, LOCATED AT 5111 EAST VIKING BOULEVARD, FOR APPLICANT – FOURTEEN FOODS, LLC, AND OWNER – D7 WYOMING, LLC, PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21.00020.00

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 26. To consider Resolution 24-12-140** a resolution designating the entirety of Fallbrook Avenue as No Parking

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Outlined the background information related to parking along Fallbrook Avenue related to safety concerns, winter maintenance, and traffic flow. He explained that he was proposing that the entirety of Fallbrook Avenue be designated as a No Parking area and explained that M Health Fairview Lakes Hospital was supportive of this request.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked why this was not deemed to be a No Parking area when they did the road project.

Public Works Superintendent Reeves - Explained that he was not at the City when the road project was completed.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that originally it did not come up during the project, but later, with some of the plowing operations, the visibility issues were raised and the discussions began about making this change.

Council Member Ohnstad – Stated that he was concerned that there may be people that work at the hospital may go stand on the corner in order to smoke, which would also be a safety concern. He asked if those individuals would be able to utilize the other parking area to the east in order to go outside and smoke.

Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck – Explained that the whole Fairview campus was smoke-free so if the parking areas were owned by them, they were supposed to be smoke-free.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that he had spoken about this issue with the hospital administrator because they are a smoke-free campus. He stated that he believed that the people who were utilizing this parking was during the winter in order for those individuals to be able to sit in their cars and stay warm while they smoked. He noted that the hospital administrator had indicated that there were other areas around the building where these individuals could go off property in order to smoke. He stated that he also did not know if Fairview was enforcing things if there was an employee sitting in their car within the parking lot and smoking. He reiterated that the hospital did not have an issue with the City's proposal for the entirety of Fallbrook Avenue to be a No Parking area.

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Agreed that this was about safety and visibility for the general public, the snow plow operators, and people coming and going from Fairview. He noted that it was not just a winter safety issue and explained that making it a No Parking area, from a consistency standpoint, would make sure it was clear to everyone.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-140 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED THE ENTIRETY OF FALBROOK AVENUE AS NO PARKING.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Iverson

Voting Nay: Ohnstad

Abstain: None

Absent: None

27. To consider approval and adoption of **Ordinance 2024-01** an ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Businesses: Article IV. Conducting sales of merchandise or food projects or engaging in similar transient commerce from a moveable place of business

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane– Reviewed the details within the Food Truck Ordinance 2024-01 and gave a brief overview of the proposed changes in order to more closely align with the new State Statutes.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the food trucks would be allowed to be within the City for more than 21 days, as long as they were not parked in the same location for more than 21 days.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Noted that they could as long as the food truck operators followed the application and let the City know where they will be and also had approval from the business owner where they were parked but explained that there were also some other limitations such as not being able to be within 200 feet of a coffee shop or an existing restaurant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, BUSINESSES: ARTICLE IV. CONDUCTING SALES OF MERCHANDISE OR FOOD PROJECTS OR ENGAGING IN SIMILAR TRANSIENT COMMERCE FROM A MOVEABLE PLACE OF BUSINESS

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

28. To consider Resolution 24-12-141 a resolution approving the summary publication of Ordinance 2024-01 an ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Businesses: Article IV. Conducting sales of merchandise or food projects or engaging in similar transient commerce from a moveable place of business

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-12-141 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, BUSINESSES: ARTICLE IV. CONDUCTING SALES OF MERCHANDISE OR FOOD PROJECTS OR ENGAGING IN SIMILAR TRANSIENT COMMERCE FROM A MOVEABLE PLACE OF BUSINESS

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

29. To Consider Approval of a Digital Sign

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that this item had been discussed by the Council at their Work Session earlier this evening. He explained that staff had been researching the possibility of using the remaining ARPA funds to install a digital sign near Railroad Park and gave an overview of the bids and proposals that the City had received. He noted that he had reached out to the representative for Indigo Signs with some of the questions that the Council had and outlined the answers he had gotten related to software, training, warranties, communication with the signage, and the proprietary design that was submitted. He discussed the proposed financing, including a contribution from the EDA of up to \$10,000. He noted that if the Council had any dramatic design changes that they would like to see, that may change the proposed cost for the signage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE DIGITAL SIGN PROPOSED BY INDIGO SIGNS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,942.77, ALONG WITH AN ALLOTMENT FOR NECESSARY ELECTRICAL WORK AT \$2,500, AS DISCUSSED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and thanked everyone who attended, including Mother Nature, who gave them such a beautiful night. He stated that he had also attended the Council Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Council Work Session meeting.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and thanked everyone who worked on the event. She stated that she also attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting and the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony which was packed and noted that it was a great night and had a great atmosphere. He stated that he wanted to give a shout-out to the Public Works Department for the work they did on all the lights and thanked the area businesses that also contributed to the event. He stated that he had also attended the Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and noted that a long post about it which had about 30 comments from people saying how great it was and how beautiful it was at nighttime. She thanked everyone for their hard work on this event, especially the Public Works Department, who had to deal with high winds and cold temperatures when they were getting it set up.

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Stated that he agreed that the crew did a great job and he was proud of their hard work.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she had also attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting. She noted that she wanted to give a huge shout out to the video from the Fire Department which she believed had gone viral.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 17, 2024 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:04 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:
JANUARY 7, 2025
7:00PM