

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 21, 2025
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 21, 2025, 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:

- 1. Swearing in of Officer Rebekah Peterson as a Wyoming Police Officer**
- 2. Swearing in of Officer Joseph Vang as a Wyoming Police Officer**

Public Safety Director Bauer – Expressed his excitement that the City would be bringing in two new officers to serve the community. He explained that this would be the first time in the last 2 years that the Police Department would be fully staffed. He gave a brief summary of the background and experience of incoming Officers Rebekah Peterson and Joseph Vang.

Mayor Iverson administered the swearing-in for Officer Rebekah Peterson and Officer Joseph Vang.

There was a round of applause for the incoming Officers.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that Officer Peterson's badge would be pinned on by friend/colleague, Deputy Marcie Wacker, and Officer Vang's would be pinned on by his wife, Anna Vang.

3. Mayor for a Day 2024 Winners

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a portion from each of the essays submitted by the Mayor for a Day 2024 winners: Gabriella Yang; Jocelyn Walsh; and Keira Dickover.

There was a round of applause for Ms. Yang, Ms. Walsh, and Ms. Dickover.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for January 7, 2025

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 JANUARY 7, 2025, 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.

5. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from January 8, 2025, to January 21, 2025
6. To consider the resignation of Anthony Hyrkas from the Wyoming Fire Department
7. To consider **Resolution 25-01-10** a resolution approving the purchase of nine Panasonic Toughbook computers for the Wyoming Police Department in the amount of \$25,641.00

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

8. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for January 16, 2025
9. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for January 15, 2025
10. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for January 17, 2025
11. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for January 16, 2025
12. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for January 15, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

13. Chisago County Historical Society Digital Memories Trail Request

City Administrator Linwood – Reviewed the campaign by the Chisago County Historical Society to share local history by installing digital signposts throughout the County, including Wyoming. He explained that the Chisago County Historical Society was looking for input from local cities for the signpost design location, and suggestions for content.

Neil Gatzow, 5481 East Viking Boulevard – Stated that he was here on behalf of the Chisago County Historical Society and gave a brief overview of the intent of the digital signposts. He explained that by using the QR code on the signpost, it would give people pictures and brief bits of local history. He encouraged people to contact him or the Chisago County Historical Society if they had any questions.

Council Member Ohnstad – Stated that he felt that this project would dovetail nicely with what the City was already trying to do at Railroad Park.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she felt this was a great idea and agreed that it would make sense to put the signs near the City's history walk.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE DIGITAL MEMORY TRAIL REQUEST FROM CHISAGO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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 – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the EDA meeting last week.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the City Council Work Session and the EDA meeting. She stated that she wanted to thank Gabriella Yang, Jocelyn Walsh, Keira Dickover, and all the other 6th graders who wrote essays for the Mayor for the Day contest. She congratulated the newly sworn-in Police Officers, Officer Peterson and Officer Vang, and noted that it felt good to have a fully staffed Police Department. She expressed her appreciation to Public Safety Director Bauer for the ideas and mentoring efforts he had brought to the Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 21, 2025 "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:
FEBRUARY 4, 2024
7:00PM