

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 21, 2025
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 21, 2025 to order at 5:30 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, Grant MacFarlane – Assistant City Administrator, and Neil Bauer – Public Safety Director, and Fred Weck – Building Official / Zoning Administrator

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adult Use Cannabis Updates

Administrator Linwood – Provided an update to the City Council on the status of adult use cannabis law in Minnesota. Discussed information from the Office of Cannabis Management, licensing timelines, a municipality's ability to regulate and tax cannabis, and potential implications that the new law may have on the City. Introduced Bill Parker with MN Roots.

Bill Parker (MN Roots) – Introduced himself and MN Roots. Stated that they provide consultation to Cities and managerial services for municipal dispensaries. Discussed benefits of having a municipal dispensary including building a customer base early and anticipated reductions in crime.

Mayor Iverson – Asked about the specifics on insuring a city-owned dispensary.

Attorney Loonan – Stated that a City would need to find private insurance or be self-insured.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Inquired about if MN Roots had done any research on demographics and how they compare to Wyoming.

Colin Kelley (MN Roots) – Introduced self to Council. Informed Council that there is a wide distribution of cannabis users and that it is often used by numerous age groups.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked about the profit share that the City may see in a proposed partnership and what the City could potentially see in total revenue.

Colin Kelley – He stated that net revenues and profits would be part of a broader discussion and noted that sales could reach approximately \$2 million, with profits depending on the agreement between Minnesota Roots and the City.

Council gave consensus for Staff to continue gathering more information on the subject and to report back to the Council at a future meeting.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JANUARY 21, 2025 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:38 PM.