

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 20, 2021
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for April 20, 2021 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, Brett Ohnstad, Dennis Schilling, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a statement explaining that the Council is meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that tonight's meeting would be held according to State Statute 13D.021, will be live streamed on the City's YouTube page, and will be recorded as part of the public record on the City's website

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 6, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 6, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Consider approving the minutes of the "Work Session Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 7, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "WORK SESSION MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 7, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, and 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.

3. To accept the resignation of Officer Matt Paavola
4. To consider **Resolution 20-04-33** a resolution approving Final Pay Voucher #4 for the 300,000 Gallon Water Tower Rehabilitation (City Project No. 20-02) in the Amount of \$26,145.40
5. Consider authorizing payments of recommended bills, payroll, and Journal Entries for the period of April 7, 2021 through April 20, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE #3, #4, and #5 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for April 20, 2021

Mayor Iverson – Asked for more information on the siren.

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Explained that there have been some issues with the siren at 259th and Flint. He stated that it was up for replacement in 2022, but because it is unreliable, he is not comfortable trying to limp it through the summer. He explained that they have determined that they will exercise their emergency purchasing powers and have it replaced as soon as possible.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the issue with the siren would explain why it is barely audible.

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Explained that the vendor cannot identify exactly what the issue is, so rather than disassembling and sending each component off separately, they will simply move the purchase forward by a year.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for clarification on whether the sirens should be heard while you are inside your home.

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Stated that the civil defense siren is intended to warn people when they are outside of their home.

7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for April 16, 2021

8. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for April 20, 2021
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for April 16, 2021
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for April 20, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. East Viking Boulevard Utility Construction Project update

City Administrator Linwood – Suggested that this project update be given at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

12. Proclamation Supporting Application into the AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Gave an overview of the AARP Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative and answered Council questions.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Expressed concern about AARP, data privacy, solicitation of the residents, and potential future monetary requirements.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION STATING THE CITY OF WYOMING SUPPORTS THE INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN THE AARP AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES NETWORK INCLUDING FORMAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. To consider **Resolution 21-04-34** a resolution approving the final plat of Hunter Hill

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave an overview of the project, reported on the Planning Commission discussion and recommendation and answered Council questions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-04-34 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF "HUNTER HILL".

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

14. To consider **Resolution 21-04-35** a resolution approving a rezoning from the rural residential I District (R-1) to the Office and Health Care District (OHC) at Property ID Numbers 21.1112.00 and 21.11123.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave an overview of the rezoning request to move from R-1 to OHC. He explained that within the OHC, housing for the elderly is a permitted use, and this will be a 55+ community. Planning Commission recommended approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-04-35 A RESOLUTION APPROVING REZONING FROM THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL I DISTRICT (R-1) TO THE OFFICE AND HEALTH CARE DISTRICT (OHC) AT PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 21.11122.00 AND 21.11123.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 15.** To consider **Resolution 21-04-36** a resolution approving Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development in the Shoreland District at Property ID Numbers 21.11122.00 and 21.11123.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck - Gave a brief overview of the request for a Conditional Use Permit for this parcel. Planning Commission recommended approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-04-36 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHORELAND DISTRICT AT PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 21.11122.00 AND 21.11123.00

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 16.** To consider **Resolution 21-04-37** a resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Heims Lake Villas North at Property ID Numbers 21.11122.00 and 21.11123.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – explained that there were no real changes in the layout. Planning Commission recommended approval subject to the conditions listed in the resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-04-37 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF “HEIMS LAKE VILLAS NORTH” AT PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 21.11122.00 AND 21.11123.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 17.** To consider hiring Jack Breitbach as a Full-Time Police Officer with the City of Wyoming effective July 2021

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Noted that following the retirement of Office Matt Paavola, there is a vacancy in the Police Department. He gave some background information on Jack Breitbach, his education, training, and experience.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF JACK BREITBACH AT A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF WYOMING, EFFECTIVE JULY 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

18. Proclamation Celebrating Arbor Day in Wyoming

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY IN WYOMING, MN

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

19. To Discuss the Current Status of Senate Omnibus Bill SF 969 and SF 915 (Zoning Preemption)

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the concern about these bills from a City/Staff level is that they would pre-empt much of the City's zoning and land use authority. He read aloud portions of the bill language and asked for feedback from the Council.

Council Member Schilling – Stated that he is not in favor of either bill and gave an overview of his reasons and expressed surprise that these bills have made it this far.

Council Member Luger – Echoed Council Member Schilling's statement and noted that she is not comfortable letting go of local control.

Zoning Administrator/Permit Coordinator Weck – Listed some of the reasons that he is also not in favor of these bills.

Council Member Ohnstad – Stated that he would like to maintain control over what is done within the City and not have oversight from an outside entity.

Council Member Nanko Yeager - Stated she is not interested in giving up the City's control to the State.

Mayor Iverson – She stated that she is very saddened by the fact that the City's own State representative has, over the last few years, authored bills that attempt to take control away from local government. She noted that the Chisago County mayors are all planning to work as hard as they can to make their voices heard regarding this issue. She feels that this has come from lobbyists who have spent millions of dollars attempting to take control away from local government. She stated that she is truly saddened that the City's representative is not representing the City and its residents.

The Council shared their opinions on what the next steps should be in order to communicate their displeasure with these bills.

There was the consensus of the Council to sign a collective letter from the City.

Mayor Iverson – Asked City Administrator Linwood to take the lead in working alongside other cities in an effort to work to defeat these bills.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Council Work Session and the Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Council Work Session and the Sewer Commission meeting.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Council Work Session meeting.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting, the Planning Commission meeting, the Council Work Session, the Sewer Commission meeting, and the Equalization Hearing. Earlier today, the City hosted the League of Minnesota Cities and mayors from other Chisago County cities. She expressed her appreciation to Officer Paavola for his 13 years of great service to the City. She stated that she knows it cannot be easy for the family of an officer, so she expressed her thanks for them for supporting him and the City throughout his years of service. She asked City Engineer Erichson to give an update on the upcoming construction project and urged residents to check social media for the latest updates on closures or detours.

City Engineer Erichson – Gave an overview of the East Viking Boulevard utility construction project in the City and the proposed detour routes.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the first stage of the construction will begin Monday, April 26, 2021. He reiterated the suggestion made by Mayor Iverson for residents to check social media for the latest updates.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that all of the area businesses will remain open.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE APRIL 20, 2021 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL BY GENERAL CONSENT AT 8:15 PM

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:
MAY 4, 2021
7:00PM