

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 18, 2025
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 18, 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: Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official, Steve Reeves, Public Works Superintendent, and Jacob Saufley, Eckberg Lammers

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

County Commissioner Montzka - Noted that the Highway 8 project layout was close to being resubmitted and noted that County Engineer Triplett would be coming to a future Council meeting to share some of the details. He explained that the County had hired WSB to do a study of the I-35 County/State Highway 22 corridor which should begin sometime in the next 45 days.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 4, 2025**

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 MARCH 4, 2025, AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, 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 March 4, 2025**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 4, 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.

3. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from March 5, 2025, to March 18, 2025
4. To consider **Resolution 25-03-26** a resolution approving payment for Pay Voucher #2 to J.L. Theis, Inc. for the second phase of Railroad Park in the amount of \$38,372.40
5. To consider the retirement of Paul Schneider from the Wyoming Fire Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE #3, #4, and #5 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:

6. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for March 11, 2025
7. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for March 13, 2025
8. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for March 11, 2025
9. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves for March 12, 2025
10. Report of Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer, for March 13, 2025

Mayor Iverson – Congratulated Public Safety Director Bauer for the story done by KSTP and noted that she felt it was a very good story.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that KSTP had reached out and he felt it was a great way to highlight the EMS-only responder position that the City had adapted. He stated that the City had received numerous applications, 5 of which came in after the story aired on television. He noted that some of the applicants live outside of the area, but had been informed that they needed to live within 8 minutes due to response times.

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. **Communications from Chisago County Assessor Announcing Board of Equalization date for the City of Wyoming on April 15, 2025, 6:00 PM at the Wyoming Library**

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the Board of Equalization meeting date was going to be April 15, 2025, 6:00 PM at the Wyoming Library.

12. **2025 Chisago County Housing Study – Maxfield Research**

City Administrator Linwood – Highlighted a few of the key findings and market conditions for the City from the housing study that was just completed. He stated that he felt that this document would be very useful for the City and was also something that could be shown to potential developers. He noted that the Chisago County HRA/EDA would host a breakfast on March 21, 2025 in North Branch from 8:00- 10:00 AM in order to share details. He explained that a link for the breakfast was included in the packet and encouraged interested parties to R.S.V.P.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if Maxfield would give an update on things like how interest rates may be affected because of the current Federal administration compared to the previous administration.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the study included interest rate trends and stated that affordability could remain to be a challenge and future adjustments may affect the pace of the homes. He stated that they may touch on that during the update, but wasn't sure what the overall focus would end up being at the upcoming breakfast meeting. He clarified that he was not sure how much Maxfield may have factored in a new Federal administration within this study.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

13. To consider **Resolution 25-03-27** a resolution approving the purchase of Park Equipment for the Fireside Park Project from St. Croix Recreation in the amount of \$71,107.00

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Reviewed details from the Park Advisory Commission to recommend the purchase of park equipment for Fireside Park.

Mayor Iverson – Commended the Park Advisory Commission for including an ADA swing and would be amazing to have in one of the City's parks. She asked if any of the \$71,107 included anything that Public Works could be involved with and potentially save the City some money.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Explained that there was a removal company that will remove the equipment for free and that Public Works Department would be doing the groundwork to prepare the site.

Council Member Ohnstad – Noted that he had served on the City's Park Advisory Commission prior to being on the City Council, so he was excited to see this come to fruition because they have been working on it for a long time.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked how much was currently in the Gambling Fund.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that there was currently \$154,000 in the Gambling Fund.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked about the 'used' equipment and asked for confirmation that it had been used in a trade show and that nobody had been climbing on it.

A Representative from St. Croix Recreation – Explained that the equipment was relatively pristine and people had not been climbing on it.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Expressed her appreciation to the Park Advisory Commission and staff for this idea and being able to get more for the money by buying slightly used equipment.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-03-27 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PARK EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRESIDE PARK PROJECT FROM ST.

CROIX RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,107.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Iverson – Suggested that the City hold a Ribbon Cutting Event for this equipment.

14. 2025 Proclamation Celebrating Arbor Day

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Reminded the Council that the City had become a member of the Tree City USA program in 2020 and in order to maintain that status was required to hold an Arbor Day celebration as well as issue a proclamation. He noted that Arbor Day will be on April 25, 2025, and the City will be holding a tree planting event on April 26, 2025.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE 2025 PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the City Council Work Session and noted that he had recently done some lobbying for the City's Public Safety building with various State officials.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting and the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the City Council Work Session and the Joint Sewer Commission meeting. She asked about the Medallion Hunt and if the hunt had lasted 5 days.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that this was the 4th year of the City hosting the Medallion Hunt and noted that, this year, the medallion's hiding spot was found in Swenson Park after 5 days of clues on its location. He stated that he thought this year's event was very successful and that the participants had a lot of fun.

City Administrator Linwood – Shared that the winner of the Medallion Hunt was Emily Raddatz

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 18, 2025 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:21 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:
APRIL 1, 2025
7:00PM