

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 15, 2025
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 18, 2025 to order at 5:30 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, Claire Luger, and Dennis Schilling

Absent: Councilmember Brett Ohnstad

Also Present: Robb Linwood - City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane - Assistant City Administrator, Neil Bauer – Public Safety Director, Eric Larson – Eckberg & Lammers

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined that a Quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. To continue the municipal cannabis discussion

City Administrator Linwood stated that the first agenda item related to the second and third items and asked that the Council begin with discussion on agenda item #2.

2. To discuss retail cannabis consulting agreement

City Administrator Linwood stated that the draft retail cannabis consulting agreement had been provided to the City Council. Administrator Linwood added that the agreement was with Great White Companies and was a public/private model which overviewed the revenue share, terms, and legal aspects of the proposal.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager asked if the City had obtained a retail cannabis license.

Administrator Linwood stated that the City's application was pending, and that the agreement would not move forward if a license was not approved by the State.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager inquired about what would happen to the City if the shop operated at a loss.

Administrator Linwood shared that the City is strictly receiving a share of the revenue. Added that a quarter with a loss in revenue would result in the City not receiving revenue, but that the City would never have to pay in.

3. To discuss retail cannabis buffers

Administrator Linwood provided an overview on the current buffers related to retail cannabis, which currently restrict cannabis ability to be in proximity of certain establishments.

Councilmember Schilling stated that cannabis was now legal, would be highly regulated, and that he believed its restrictions should mirror those for tobacco and liquor.

Councilmember Luger shared that they agreed with Councilmember Schilling.

Mayor Iverson stated that products from a municipal store would be highly regulated and safer than if the product came from the streets.

The Council consensus was to implement a cannabis buffer that mirrors existing tobacco and liquor store buffers.

Attorney Larson informed the Council that he and City Attorney Tom Loonan had reviewed the cannabis retail agreement and that both would support its approval by the City Council.

A MOTION WAS TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 15, 2025 WORK SESSION OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 5:51PM