

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 6, 2025
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 6, 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, and Steve Reeves, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 15, 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 APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 2025**

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 15, 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:

3. To consider **Resolution 25-05-33**, a resolution ordering the project and authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the 2025 Street Improvement Project

City Engineer Erichson – Outlined details of the 2025 Street Improvement Project, overall funding/assessment, and the overall project timeline.

Mayor Iverson – Asked for a brief explanation of the difference between the road project that was just done and this one, because there was quite a difference in the overall costs.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that the project currently under construction was for a full-depth pavement replacement, and the project he just described would just be removing the top layer of asphalt, which was why the assessment would be less, but noted that the longevity of the improvements would also be less.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

There were no public comments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-05-33, A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 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.

4. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from April 16, 2025, to May 6, 2025
5. To consider **Resolution 25-05-34**, a resolution appointing Wyoming paid on-call EMS only firefighters to probationary status
6. To consider **Resolution 25-05-35**, a resolution accepting a donation from Meadows on Fairview-Ebenezer for Bus Services
7. To consider **Resolution 25-05-36**, a resolution approving a Waste Hauler Permit for North Country Hauling and Junk Removal for 2025.
8. To consider **Resolution 25-05-37** a resolution approving payment for Western Star 47X repairs by Boyer Ford in the amount of \$17,480.37

9. To consider Resolution **25-05-38** a resolution approving payment for F-350 upfitting by ABM Equipment in the amount of \$73,528.00
10. To consider **Resolution 25-05-39**, a resolution approving payment to Guardian Fleet Services for the building and upfitting of Squad 2501 and Squad 2504 in the amount of \$25,533.12.
11. To consider a Solicitation Permit for Jonathan Hamblin of Renewal by Anderson
12. To consider hiring Gavin Middendorf for the position of Public Works Seasonal Employee.
- ~~13. To consider the resignation of Jake Bearl from the Wyoming Fire Department (pulled for separate discussion)~~
- ~~14. To consider the retirement of Sergeant Lance Beardsley from the Wyoming Police Department (pulled for separate discussion)~~
15. To consider authorizing the internal promotional process for the position of Sergeant within the Wyoming Police Department.

Mayor Iverson – Asked to pull items #13 and #14 for further discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #15 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#13 - To consider the resignation of Jake Bearl from the Wyoming Fire Department

Mayor Iverson – Explained that she had pulled this item because she wanted to thank Jake Bearl for being with the Wyoming Fire Department

#14 - To consider the retirement of Sergeant Lance Beardsley from the Wyoming Police Department

Mayor Iverson – Thanked Sergeant Beardsley for his years of service to the City as part of the Wyoming Police Department and asked if the City was planning a celebration in his honor.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that they would be doing something closer to Sergeant Beardsley's retirement date.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that Sergeant Beardsley would be missed in the City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #13 TO CONSIDER THE RESIGNATION OF JAKE BEARL FROM THE WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO CONSIDER THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT LANCE BEARDSLEY FROM THE WYOMING POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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:

- 16. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer, for April 28, 2025
- 17. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for April 29, 2025
- 18. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for April 28, 2025
- 19. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves, for April 28, 2025
- 20. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for April 30, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS:

21. Wyoming Police Department Biennial Body Camera Audit

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that every 2 years, the City was required to have an external audit done for their body-worn camera system. He stated that they had partnered with Rampart Audit, LLC. He noted that overall, they had success with the body-worn camera program and were found to be substantially compliant with the related statutes. He gave a brief presentation about the City's body camera program and its use in the Department. He commended Kallie Rezny for her phenomenal work on maintenance for the body-worn cameras and overall evidence processing.

Mayor Iverson – Congratulated Public Safety Director Bauer and the Police Department and stated that she realized how hard they had worked to put this program into place.

22. Wyoming Fire Department Performance Measures – Quarter 1

Public Safety Director Bauer – Shared details from the First Quarter Performance Measures for the Fire Department.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that there were 12 structural fires in March and asked if that was a usual figure.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that anything that was on fire would be categorized as a structural fire and noted that it could also include a grass fire along the freeway.

23. Arbor Day Event 2025

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that the City's annual Arbor Day tree planting was held on April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and noted that there were about 25 volunteers who participated that were all from local scout packs, including Troop #57731 that did the most recent Little Library project in the City.

24. Wyoming Touch-a-Truck 2025

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that the Touch-a-Truck event would be held on June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Goodview Park, and reviewed some of the vendors that they were expecting to participate.

25. Arrowhead Transit Phase 3

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Arrowhead Transit was planning a public input kick-off event on June 2, 2025, in Cambridge as part of their Ride Smart initiative. He noted that they

have updated their website, so information is more readily available.

Mayor Iverson – Suggested that the City have a link to the Ride Smart website on the City webpage.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

26. To consider and approve the 2024 City of Wyoming Audit presentation – BerganKDV

City Administrator Linwood – Introduced Aaron Dahl from BerganKDV, who would be sharing the City's 2024 audit results.

Aaron Dahl, BerganKDV – Gave a brief summation and overview of the results of the 2024 City of Wyoming Audit. He explained that they had issued an unmodified opinion for the City, which is the best opinion they can give as auditors and also found no legal compliance findings. He commended the City's staff for their work to make this possible.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked about the Water and Sewer Funds operating at a loss when depreciation was factored in, and why it was happening when the City was following the rate study recommendations.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that last year, they saw some anomalies within the Enterprise Fund and highlighted a few of them related to larger than usual projects, equipment and repairs and unanticipated watermain breaks. – Noted that in years past they have had operating losses with depreciation. He stated that the City will continue to watch these areas to ensure that this would not be a consistent theme going forward.

Council Member Ohnstad – Stated that the City had done an extension of the watermain that went under the freeway and asked if that had been included in this audit information.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that that was included in the rate study and noted that they were able to utilize some of the ARPA funds for that project, and the remainder came out of the Water Fund.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE 2024 CITY OF WYOMING AUDIT PRESENTATION, AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

27. To consider approving an Electronic Sign Policy for the City of Wyoming Electric Signs

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Reminded the Council that they had approved the purchase of an electronic sign for the City on December 17, 2024, using ARPA Funds as well as a contribution from the City's Economic Development Authority. He noted that the sign had been installed in late April near Railroad Park but had not been turned on yet. He explained that staff had been working on a policy to establish guidelines for the usage of the sign and briefly highlighted some of the details included in the draft policy.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked where the Wyoming Library would fall within this policy.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the Wyoming Library would be considered a community partner so they would have the ability to utilize the sign.

Mayor Iverson – Asked when they can expect the sign to be turned on.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that an electrician would be going to the site tomorrow but that he was not sure how soon it would be able to be turned on.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE AN ELECTRONIC SIGN POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING ELECTRIC SIGNS.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 28.** To consider a Proclamation Declaring National Police Week from May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK FROM MAY 11, 2025, TO MAY 17, 2025

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 29.** To consider a Proclamation Declaring National Public Works Week from May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK FROM MAY 18, 2025, TO MAY 24, 2025

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 30.** To consider a Proclamation of the City of Wyoming, MN Designating May 4 through 10, 2025 as “Small Business Week” in Wyoming, Minnesota

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she thought the City had so many small businesses located in Wyoming, which she felt was awesome for their size.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF WYOMING, MN DESIGNATING MAY 4 THROUGH 10, 2025 AS “SMALL BUSINESS WEEK” IN WYOMING, MINNESOTA

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Park Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Planning Commission Rezoning Open House.

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Congratulated Hallberg Center for the Arts on their 10th Anniversary Gala. She noted that she had attended the Planning Commission meeting, the Joint Sewer Commission meeting, the Rezoning Open House, and the informational meeting for the 2025 road project. She explained that she also wanted to wish Pat Rylander a happy 90th birthday and explained that she was a huge supporter of the City, Police, Fire, Public Works, Council, and staff.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 6, 2025 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:56 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:
MAY 20, 2025
7:00 PM