APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 17, 2025
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for June 17, 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, Brett Ohnstad, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: Councilmember Dennis Schilling

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official, 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 "Work Session Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for June 3, 2025**

   A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "WORK SESSION MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JUNE 3, 2025, AS SUBMITTED.

   Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
   Voting Nay: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Schilling

2. **Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for June 3, 2025**

   A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JUNE 3, 2025, AS SUBMITTED.

   Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
   Voting Nay: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Schilling

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 June 4, 2025, to June 17, 2025
4. To consider a Mobile Food Unit license for Scoops Ice Cream and Candy
5. To consider advertising for a full-time Police Officer position with the Wyoming Police Department
6. To consider **Resolution 25-06-50,** a resolution declaring certain Public Works Department items as surplus property and authorizing the Public Works Department to dispose of such items through the online auction or disposal process
7. To consider **Resolution 25-06-51,** a resolution authorizing the purchase of turnout gear for the Wyoming Fire Department in the amount of $24,900.00
8. To consider **Resolution 25-06-52,** a resolution accepting a donation from the First State Bank of Wyoming for the Wyoming Bike Rodeo event
9. To consider **Resolution 25-06-53,** a resolution authorizing payment of Pay Voucher #4 to A-1 Excavating for the 2024 Street Improvement Project in the amount of $184,556.57
10. To consider **Resolution 25-06-54,** a resolution authorizing payment to St. Croix Recreation for the Fireside Park Project in the amount of $56,097.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

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

11. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer, for June 11, 2025

12. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for June 12, 2025

13. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for June 11, 2025

14. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for June 12, 2025

15. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves, for June 6, 2025

16. 1st Quarter Report 2025 of Abdo Financial for the City of Wyoming

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

17. To consider **Resolution 25-06-55,** a resolution approving a Variance for a Front Property Line Setback at 269XX Forest Boulevard, for David Boyum, Property ID: 21.00164.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave an overview of the variance request for a front property line setback at a property along Forest Boulevard owned by David Boyum and explained that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval, subject to the findings of fact listed within the staff report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-06-55 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR A FRONT PROPERTY LINE SETBACK AT 269XX FOREST BOULEVARD, FOR DAVID BOYUM, PROPERTY ID: 21.00164.00

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

18. To consider **Resolution 25-06-56,** a resolution expressing support for the proposed use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for an affordable housing project by Reuter Walton Development, LLC

City Administrator Linwood – Introduced Mikaela Huot from Bakertilly and explained that she would be giving the Council a presentation on proposed projects from Reuter and Duffy.

Mikaela Huot, Bakertilly - Gave an overview of TIF and how it can work as a financial tool, the tax credit process, how it relates to the type of housing being proposed, and the estimated TIF amounts as a gap closer for the two proposed projects. She shared details of the proposed 72-unit multi-family rental project from Reuter Walton and the 60-unit senior housing project from Duffy. They then provided details on how TIF funding would be used to close the funding gaps for the projects.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that she felt these two projects were substantially the same as they were last year and did not receive housing tax credits and asked what had changed and why they were confident that they would receive the credits this time.

Jared Ackmann, Reuter Walton Development – Explained that they were able to refine their application based on MHFA feedback and outlined various changes that would get them additional points.

Jeff Von Feldt, Duffy Development – Stated that he could echo some of the points made by Mr. Ackmann but noted that they would be seeking different funds than Reuter Walton Development because senior housing requires something different. He stated that they hope their application this year is stronger and more competitive than last year's.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-06-56, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT BY REUTER WALTON DEVELOPMENT, LLC.

Voting Aye: Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

19. To consider **Resolution 25-06-57,** a resolution regarding the support of a housing trust fund application in connection with Reuter Walton Development LLC

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the Chisago County EDA/HRA was also an advocate for this project and would be granting Reuter Walton Development a low-interest loan of $200,000 through the Housing Trust Fund and was asking for a resolution of support from the Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE <u>RESOLUTION 25-06-57,</u> A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF A HOUSING TRUST FUND APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH REUTER WALTON DEVELOPMENT, LLC.

Voting Aye: Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

20. To consider **<u>Resolution 25-06-58,</u>** a resolution expressing support for the proposed use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for an affordable housing project by Duffy Development Company, Inc.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE <u>RESOLUTION 25-06-58,</u> A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT BY DUFFY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

Voting Aye: Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

21. To consider **<u>Resolution 25-06-59,</u>** a resolution approving a one-year contract with Flock Safety for the installation of four (4) Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras in the amount of $12,000.00

Public Safety Director Bauer – Gave a brief explanation of the ALPR cameras and their ability to be used to enhance investigative capabilities and deter crime. He explained that the cameras capture high-resolution license plate data on the vehicles and do not use facial recognition. He shared examples of how this type of data would be useful for Public Safety and clarified that they do not track or monitor traffic violations or things like expired tabs. He noted that this database would not connect with the driver's license database or the Departments internal records management system, unless there is an alert created for a criminal investigation. He outlined the proposed timeline and acknowledged that it was not ideal. He explained that he was asking the Council to approve the contract tonight to lock in the discounted pricing, which expires on June 30, 2025, and hold public engagement sessions the following week. He stated that the Council, at their July 1, 2025, meeting, can choose to continue forward with the contract or discontinue it based on the public input that was received. He noted that the estimated timeline for installation is about 4 months, so they were looking at installation this fall with a one-year trial period. He reviewed the proposed 4 locations for the cameras, including Highway 61 at 240th Street, Wyoming Trail heading westbound near Pioneer, East Viking Boulevard – east and westbound near I-35, and explained the proposed public engagement process. He highlighted some of the details included within the agreement that he felt would be of interest to the Council and reviewed the overall costs and proposed funding source.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if this type of system may have been used in the incident that occurred over the previous weekend.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that he had reached out to the Police Chiefs within the Chiefs Association, and that this tech was used by Stillwater.

Mayor Iverson – Asked about the feedback Public Safety Director Bauer had received from his presentation to the Multi-Cultural Advisement Committee.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that they wanted to know if it would impact their taxes, which it would not.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the cameras were reprogrammed, if they could be used for surveillance or facial recognition.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the Flock cameras do not have any current technology for facial recognition and therefore would be unable to do so.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if Chisago County was using Flock cameras.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Confirmed that Chisago County was using Flock cameras.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Explained that she had concerns, including some of the conditions under which Flock can disclose this data, the price increase, and the immediacy with which the contract needed to be signed. She stated that her biggest concern was about 'big brother' watching her and did not want cameras all over the City.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Noted that Forest Lake currently has 17 of these cameras and that he could find a list of the other cities on the BCA website.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked what other surrounding communities had the cameras.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that Anoka County has then, North Branch is considering them, Rush City just purchased 8 for their city, and the metro area has an extensive list of where they are already in place.

Council Member Luger – Asked who would conduct the third-party audit of the cameras.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Gave examples of various companies that could conduct the camera audit.

Council Member Luger – She said she trusts the Police Department's integrity and acknowledges the cameras can help solve crimes, but she's concerned about Flock's privacy policy and potential access to city data. She questioned the transparency of signing the contract before public input, even though the Council will have the ability to cancel the contract at the next meeting and felt it could undermine public trust. She appreciated Director Bauer's work but cannot support the proposal until the community better understands it and has a chance to provide feedback.

Mayor Iverson – She acknowledged the Council's commitment to transparency but expressed concern that, despite the City's outreach efforts, some residents still feel uninformed. She noted the prevalence of digital tracking in daily life and emphasized her focus on public safety. While she admitted the contract timeline felt "icky," she pointed out the City has the option to cancel within 30 days. She asked if a compromise was possible and inquired with the City Attorney about holding a special session.

City Attorney Loonan – Stated that the Council could hold a special meeting if it was deemed necessary.

(No motion was made – but the Mayor conducted a roll call vote)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-06-59 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR (4) AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,000.00

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: Luger, Nanko Yeager
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting and the Budget Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Touch-A-Truck event and the Budget Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Budget Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Budget Work Session, Touch-A-Truck, Planning Commission, and the Joint Sewer Commission meetings.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Noted that Fireside Park officially opened on June 13, 2025, and noted that they will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. and invited anyone interested in attending to join them.

Mayor Iverson – Reminded everyone that Night to Unite was coming up in August.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that Night to Unite was August 5, 2025.

Mayor Iverson – Extended the City's thoughts and prayers to the Hortman family on the loss of Representative Melissa Hortmann and her husband, Mark. She stated that the City also offered prayers for a speedy recovery for Senator Hoffman and his wife. She thanked all the law enforcement officers who were involved in helping to apprehend the suspect in their shootings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 17, 2025 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:11 P.M.

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Schilling

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:
JULY 1, 2025
7:00 PM