

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 30, 2025
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Special Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for June 30, 2025 to order at 5:30 P.M.

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 Luge, Dennis Schilling and Brett Ohnstad.

Absent: None

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane- Assistant City Administrator, and Neil Bauer- Public Safety Director

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FLOCK ALPR Camera Discussion – To consider **Resolution 25-06-59** a resolution approving a one-year contract with Flock Safety for the installation of four (4) Automated License Plate Recognition (ALRP) cameras in the amount of \$12,000.00

Public Safety Director Bauer – Chief Bauer gave an overview of the results of the open house on June 25, 2025 that had 6 attendees that were a 50/50 split on their approval of the cameras. Explained that there were 73 Wyoming residents that responded to the survey and then provided statistics on the respondents' familiarity with the system, insights into their concerns, and the comments in support of them. Shared that he had provided the Council with the Minnesota State Statue regarding ALPR cameras and the draft Department policy for ALPR Cameras. Stated that these cameras have been deemed as not a violation of 4th Amendment rights in Minnesota. He explained that Public Safety Aid money would pay for the 1st year of the cameras. Added that continued use of the cameras after the 1-year trial could potentially be funded by Public Safety Aid dollars again.

Mayor Iverson – Identified that less than 1% of our residents responded to the survey and that only 6 came to the open house.

Council Member Ohnstad – Stated that he had heard individuals say that Wyoming did not have any crime and asked Chief Bauer to elaborate on this.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Explained that the perception of low crime is a testament to the tremendous job that the Department's officers provide to the community. He gave examples of three different crimes that occurred in Wyoming which ALPR cameras would have provided significant aid to investigators during.

Council Member Dennis Schilling – Did not have a lot of questions, feels that the cameras are very valuable for their use. The only concern is to make sure the data is secure. Believes that the cameras provide unique uses and that the cost of the cameras is very nominal based on what they will accomplish. Compared the cost of the cameras to the cost of hiring additional officers. He would like to move forward with a 1-year trial and for the item to be brought back to Council for review in 2026.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Believes that the community is not in favor of the cameras based on responses on social media, the online survey, and calls that they have received. Perceives the cameras as government overreach and they remind her of other third world countries. She dislikes the sales tactics that Flock Cameras are using and has concerns on their definition of releasing data when “reasonably necessary.” Sees police body cameras as being for the purpose of officer safety and likes that she can avoid body cameras, as opposed to flock cameras which she cannot avoid.

Council Member Luger – Her original concerns from the last meeting were regarding policy, community outreach, and public input. At the time of the last meeting, she wanted residents to have the ability to understand the cameras and policies. Many of her concerns have been addressed through the provided policy which is stricter than current state statutes. Additionally, periodic evaluation, auditing, and the received community input have also addressed some of her concerns. Would want to review how the cameras have been used and their effectiveness in one year, should the item move forward. Added that they appreciate the independent auditing of the cameras and that they still have concerns regarding Flock but trust the Public Safety Department and City Leadership. She would support moving forward.

Council Member Schilling – Compared use of the ALPR cameras to driver’s license lookups. Stated that an officer can’t look up a driver’s license unless it is related to a crime or investigation, and that the ALPR policy dictates the same.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Shared that the system will be evolving and that case law will impact how these cameras are continuously utilized. Stated that DVS access does have significant restrictions on data and its use and that these cameras will also be subject to policy guiding the data it collects and the overall data practice law.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OHNSTAD, 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 (ALRP) CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Iverson: Aye

Ohnstad: Aye

Luger: Aye

Schilling: Aye

Nanko Yeager: Nay

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OHNSTAD, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 30, 2025 WYOMING CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:11 PM.

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

Nay

Absent