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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for August 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, 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, Fred Weck - Zoning Administrator/Building Official, and Steve Reeves - Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

1. Swearing in of Officer Jack Breitbach to the position of Sergeant with the Wyoming Police Department

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that Public Safety Director Bauer was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but that he had submitted a statement to be read during the meeting. He read aloud a statement that Public Safety Director Bauer had prepared, which expressed his full confidence in the ability of Officer Breitbach to lead the department as Sergeant, beginning August 11, 2025. He reviewed some of Officer Breitbach's background, experience, and history within the Department.

Mayor Iverson - Administered the Oath of Office to Officer Jack Breitbach to serve as Sergeant with the Wyoming Police Department.

There was a round of applause for Sergeant Breitbach.

Ken and Linda Miller, East Viking Boulevard – Asked who had made the decision that their property needed to be zoned as Industrial.

City Administrator Linwood – Clarified that nothing had been finalized related to rezoning some of the parcels in the City. He explained that the Planning Commission had been working through the possibility of rezoning parcels to match the City's Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Planning Commission would continue having conversations about this possibility, but reiterated that there have been no public hearing or final recommendations from them. He encouraged residents to share their thoughts and opinions on this topic with the Planning Commission and the City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for July 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 JULY 15, 2025, AS SUBMITTED.

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

3. **Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for July 15, 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 JULY 15, 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.

4. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from July 16, 2025, to August 6, 2025
5. To consider **Resolution 25-08-69**, a resolution approving the Issuance of 2025 Massage Therapist License Application for Silver Pine Bodyworks
6. To consider **Resolution 25-08-70**, a resolution updating the City of Wyoming’s Capitalization Threshold as set in the Capital Asset Policy
7. To consider **Resolution 25-08-71**, a resolution accepting a donation from Beverly Johns to Wyoming Public Safety
8. To consider **Resolution 25-08-72**, 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
9. To consider **Resolution 25-08-73**, a resolution accepting improvements and approving the release of escrow to the Heims Lake Villas North Development
10. To consider a Solicitor’s Application from Mad City Bath & Windows
11. To consider the application for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License from the Wyoming Fire Relief Association for September 13, 2025, for the Wyoming Stagecoach Day celebration
12. To consider approving a payment to the League of Minnesota Cities for Workers Compensation in the amount of $11,553.00
13. Letter of Support for the 2025 MHFP Grant – US Highway 8 Reconstruction Project

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY MAYOR IVERSON, TO APPROVE #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 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:

14. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer, for July 29, 2025

15. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV, for July 30, 2025

16. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan, for July 31, 2025

17. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for July 29, 2025

18. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves, for July 29, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

19. City of Wyoming Annual Report

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Shared a high-level overview of the City's Annual Report, including accomplishments, community events, and activities within the City.

Mayor Iverson – Commended Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane for the work he did on the annual report and expressed appreciation that he highlighted employees and volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

20. To consider **<u>Resolution 25-08-74</u>**, a resolution approving a 5-year contract with Axon for body-worn camera equipment

City Administrator Linwood – Shared details of the proposed updated contract with Axon for the body-worn camera equipment for the Public Safety Department.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if the City had already budgeted for this expense and asked for an overview of the benefits of this program.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the City had budgeted for this expense in the 2026 budget and shared examples of the body-worn cameras providing honesty and transparency, and noted that they were a critical component and tool for law enforcement. .

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Noted that there had been a price increase for this equipment of over $11,000 and asked how much was due to unlimited storage and how much was due to the Technology Assurance Plan (TAP) program.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that he believed it was a combination of a few items, including inflation, and noted that the City was seeing an increase in costs for all of the City's vendors. He stated that with the amount of data being stored, the TAP program was the way to move forward with this. .

Councilmember Ohnstad – Asked if the Police Department would get new cameras at the start of the new contract.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he believed the new cameras were part of the new contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-08-74, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 5-YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON FOR BODY-WORN CAMERA EQUIPMENT.

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

21. To consider a Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing Policy for the City of Wyoming as required by Minnesota State Statute

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Explained the process the City followed for pre-employee drug testing. He noted that the State had recently legalized the sale and use of cannabis products, including recreational marijuana, and had prohibited cities from being able to test job applicants for the presence of cannabis during their pre-employment screening process. He gave a brief overview of the updated toolkit provided by the League of Minnesota Cities for drug and alcohol testing that can be adapted for the pre-employment screening process, and which positions fell into the 'safety-sensitive' category that would require cannabis screening.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND CANNABIS TESTING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING AS REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA STATE STATUTE.

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

Mayor Iverson – Noted that agenda item #22 on the agenda required a Closed Session and suggested that they do Council Reports before doing that.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

City Engineer Erichson – Noted that the 2024 road projects were substantially complete but that there were some remaining punch list items. He stated that he spoke with the contractor for the 2025 Street Improvement project and noted that they would be hosting a pre-construction meeting within the next few weeks. He stated that the contractor intends to begin work in late August.

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Park Advisory Commission meeting and Night to Unite.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended Night to Unite and noted that the Friends of the Library had scooped at least 400 ice cream cones.

Council Member Luger – Attended Night to Unite and expressed her appreciation to City staff and the Public Safety Department for their work to create a great community event.

Mayor Iverson – Attended Night to Unite and thanked the vendors who had participated and appreciated that they had tried a new spin on the event. She thanked Rosenbauer, who recently granted a wish to a hospice patient.

Mayor Iverson recessed the meeting at 7:31 P.M. and reconvened at 7:34 P.M.

22. To continue discussions regarding City facilities and infrastructure

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD TO MOVE INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION RELATED TO PROPERTY AT 26263 FOREST BLVD UNDER MN STATUTE 13D.05(subd. 3)(c)

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION RELATED TO PROPERTY AT 26263 FOREST BLVD UNDER MN STATUTE 13D.05(subd. 3)(c)

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

City Attorney Loonan gave a summation of the closed session
The closed meeting was related to the matters of property located at 26263 Forest Blvd, Wyoming, MN. The meeting was closed under MN State Statute 13D.05(sub. 3)(c). The closed meeting was attended by Mayor Lisa Iverson and City Council Members Linda Nanko Yeager, Claire Luger, and Brett Ohnstad. Also in attendance was Assistant City Administrator - Grant MacFarlane, Public Works Superintendent - Steve Reeves, City Administrator - Robb Linwood, City Attorney – Tom Loonan. The city council provided advice and direction to legal and city staff but made no formal votes or motions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 6, 2025 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:01PM

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:
AUGUST 19, 2025
7:00 PM