

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 18, 2025
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for November 18, 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 (via electronic means), 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 November 4, 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 NOVEMBER 4, 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:

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.

2. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from November 5, 2025, to November 18, 2025
3. To consider **Resolution 25-11-115**, a resolution certifying the unpaid utility bills and City services invoices of certain residents and businesses contained on the attached list to property taxes for collection in 2026
4. To consider **Resolution 25-11-116**, a resolution to approve payment for Freightliner repairs from Blaine Brother's in the amount of \$11,707.42
5. To consider accepting a \$2,000 grant from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation (MCPF)

6. To consider approving a Joint Powers Agreement between Metro I Net and the City of Wyoming
7. To consider **Resolution 25-11-117**, a resolution accepting a donation from Connexus Energy for the 2025 Wyoming Tree Lighting
8. To consider **Resolution 25-11-118**, a resolution accepting a donation from Forest Lake Area High School for the 2025 Wyoming Tree Lighting
9. To consider **Resolution 25-11-119**, a resolution accepting a donation from Duke Rentals for the 2025 Wyoming Tree Lighting
10. To consider **Resolution 25-11-120**, a resolution accepting a donation from WSB, Inc. for the 2025 Wyoming Tree Lighting
11. To consider approving **Resolution 25-11-121**, a resolution approving the insurance of variance On-Sale, Off-Sales, and Combination Liquor Licenses in the City of Wyoming for the year 2026
12. To consider **Resolution 25-11-122**, a resolution approving the issuance of various Tobacco, Massage Therapist, and Waste Hauler licenses

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE #2, #3, 4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, AND #12 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

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:

13. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer, for November 12, 2025
14. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for November 11, 2025
15. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for November 14, 2025
16. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Steve Reeves, for November 10, 2025
17. Report of Abdo Financial – 3rd Quarter Report 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

18. City of Wyoming 9th Annual Tree Lighting Event

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Gave a brief update on the 9th Annual Tree Lighting Event that will take place on December 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m..

19. Name the Snowplow Contest 2025 Winner

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Explained that the City received 26 submissions for the City's first Name the Snowplow contest. He stated that people voted and selected "Plow Bunyan," submitted by Melissa Justice, as the winner.

Mayor Iverson – Suggested that Plow Bunyan be at the upcoming Tree Lighting Event.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

20. To consider Resolution 25-11-104, a resolution denying a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Rezoning at 7745 Wyoming Trail, Property ID Number: 21-00358.00

City Administrator Linwood – Reminded the Council that this item had been tabled at the November 4, 2025, City Council meeting and gave a brief review of the rezoning request.

City Attorney Loonan – Emphasized that this was a quasi-legislative decision for the Council.

Councilmember Luger –Noted that shifting this property from R-1 back to Agricultural did not seem like a huge deal to her. She stated that many people come to the City for the rural feel and believes that the City should take steps to protect the agricultural uses and did not see what negative impact approving this would have. She explained that she would not be in favor of denying this request.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Shared examples of past approvals similar to this request. She noted that this parcel is guided for R-3 but added that there would not be City water and sewer in this area for years, which she felt rendered the guidance to be essentially meaningless.

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that the other past approvals referenced by Councilmember Nanko Yeager matched the Comprehensive Plan guidance, and this did not. He noted that he has never had a problem with the proposed rezoning.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Asked if there would be a limit on the number of employees outside of family members if this parcel were rezoned to Agricultural.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that it was currently being used as a non-conforming Agricultural use and did not see anything in the code regarding the number of people beyond family that would be able to work there.

City Attorney Loonan – Cautioned the Council about considering the use of the property post approval and reminded them that the issue in front of them was whether they wanted to approve the request to rezone it to Agricultural.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Asked if there was a CUP, if that would go with the current tenant, and not follow the land.

City Attorney Loonan – Clarified that a CUP runs with the land unless it is abandoned for a period of one year and noted that an IUP has some restrictions.

Councilmember Schilling – Noted that his understanding of this situation was that if the City approved the rezoning, the property owner would have to get an IUP.

City Attorney Loonan – Urged the Council to focus their discussion on the rezoning issue and not what may or may not happen on the land. He noted, for reference, a potential cannabis hobby farm would require an IUP, which would have restrictions more than a CUP, but stated that was not relevant to tonight's discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-11-104, A RESOLUTION DENYING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT AND REZONING AT 7745 WYOMING TRAIL, PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21-00358.00

No Motion for a second...

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT AND REZONING AT 7745 WYOMING TRAIL, PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21-

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: Iverson

Abstain: None

Absent: None

21. To consider the hiring of Matthew Paavola to the position of Wyoming Police Sergeant

Public Safety Director Bauer – Outlined the internal and external processes the Department had conducted and reviewed the recommendation to hire Matthew Paavola to the position of Police Sergeant. He reminded the Council that Mr. Paavola had served as a Wyoming Police Officer for 13 years until 2021 and was a well-respected member of the Department. He shared some of Mr. Paavola's background, experience, and reason he left law enforcement in 2021, but noted that he had completed his continuing education during that time to keep his license active. He stated that they were looking to bring Mr. Paavola on starting November 19, 2025.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE HIRING MATTHEW PAAVOLA TO THE POSITION OF WYOMING POLICE SERGEANT.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

22. To consider adopting a Minnesota Paid Leave (MPL) Policy as required by Minnesota State Statute and updating the Wyoming Personnel Policy

City Attorney Loonan – Briefly reviewed the Minnesota Paid Leave (MPL) program and the necessity of updating the City's Personnel Policy.

Mayor Iverson – Asked questions about the new MPL policy, requirements, and salary deduction being used to pay for this program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO ADOPT A MINNESOTA PAID LEAVE (MPL) POLICY AS REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA STATE STATUTE AND UPDATING THE WYOMING PERSONNEL POLICY

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

23. To consider **Resolution 25-11-123**, a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Wyoming and Wold Architects for the contract documents, bidding, and construction administration for City Facilities Project

City Administrator Linwood – Reviewed the process that had been followed for looking at long-term facility planning for the City and reviewed the components of this project.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that she was dismayed at the last meeting that this project had ballooned from just under \$9 million to just under \$12 million. She explained that she understood cost increases, but she was not totally comfortable with this and questioned whether the City needed to look into hiring a different consultant who would prioritize keeping costs down.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that she felt it was amazing that instead of the City constructing one

building for \$19 million, they were going to do 3 departments for a significantly less amount of money.

The Council discussed the facility needs in the City and the timing of moving forward while being financially responsible.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-11-123, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND WOLD ARCHITECTS FOR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR CITY FACILITIES PROJECT.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 24.** To consider **Resolution 25-11-124**, a resolution approving an amendment to the agreement between the City of Wyoming and Kraus Anderson for construction management services for the Wyoming Facilities Project

Mayor Iverson – She is hopeful that Kraus Anderson will do a good job on this project

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that he had worked with Kraus Anderson on multiple projects and has had nothing but good luck with them.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-11-124, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND KRAUS ANDERSON FOR THE WYOMING FACILITIES PROJECT.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager and Iverson

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Joint Sewer Commission meeting and the City Council Work Session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the EDA meeting and City Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Joint Sewer Commission, EDA, and the City Council Work Session meetings. She reminded residents to attend the Tree Lighting, Santa Toy Drive, and the Stuff the Squad event.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 18, 2025, “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:42 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:
DECEMBER 2, 2025
7:00 PM