

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 16, 2025
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for December 16, 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, and Brett Ohnstad

ABSENT: Councilmember Claire Luger

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, and Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

Matthew Folsom, 6880 221st Lane NE – Stated that they were there to represent the Forest Lake Hockey Association and would like the City Council to consider allowing their organization to rent the Swenson ice rink for practices. Also asked the Council to consider allowing two charitable organizations to operate per establishment.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the City had not received this request before, and staff could look into the charitable gambling suggestion if the Council directed it. He explained that as long as he has been with the City, the policy on the ice rink has been that it was a community ice rink, and the policy has been that it would not be rented out.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the City rented out any of its fields.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the ballfields are somewhat limited, but they do rent out some of the soccer fields. He noted that the City only has one community ice rink and that it is heavily used by the community.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked Mr. Folsom if the hockey association may be open to odd hours such as a time when the City did not think the rink would be utilized by the community.

Mr. Folsom – Explained that most of the use would be by the youngest players, which means that they cannot be on the ice after 8:00 p.m. He stated that they were looking to be able to have a start time between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that the Council would discuss the requests shared by Mr. Folsom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for December 2, 2025

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY

COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 2, 2025, AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Luger

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.

2. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period from December 3, 2025, to December 16, 2025
3. To consider **Resolution 25-12-133**, a resolution approving the issuance of various Tobacco, Massage Therapist, and Waste Hauler licenses in the City of Wyoming for the year 2026
4. To consider **Resolution 25-12-134**, a resolution approving the initiation costs for the City of Wyoming joining Metro I Net in the amount of \$10,000.00
5. To consider **Resolution 25-12-135**, a resolution accepting a donation to the City from Casey’s of firewood at the 9th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Park in an estimated value amount of \$100.00
6. To consider **Resolution 25-12-138**, a resolution approving the purchase of a new control panel for Lift Station #1 from Total Control in the amount of \$42,747.00
7. To consider a letter of support for Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District grant application for Water Quality and Storage Project Modeling and Conceptual Design
8. To consider the hiring of Keegan Hofeld as a Seasonal Ice Rink and Warming House Attendant at a starting wage of \$16.00/hr
9. To consider the hiring of McKenzie Ortwerth as a Seasonal Ice Rink and Warming House Attendant at a starting wage of \$16.00/hr.

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

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Luger

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

10. Report of the Public Safety Director Neil Bauer for December 11, 2025
11. Report of City Building Official Fred Weck IV for December 10, 2025
12. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for December 11, 2025
13. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson for December 11, 2025
14. Report of Public Works Superintendent Steve Reeves for December 10, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

15. Wyoming Library extended access project update

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the Wyoming Library was close to having beta testers for their extended access project. He stated that this was expected to begin on January 5, 2026 and that a trial period will occur for the initial three months.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

16. To consider **Resolution 25-12-136**, a resolution establishing surface water rates for 2026-2030 based on the rate study completed by Erickson Northstar, LLC

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the RFP process and selection of Erickson Northstar, LLC to conduct a rate study for surface water rates.

Al Erickson, Erickson Northstar, LLC – Gave an overview of the results and recommendations from the surface water rate study they conducted on behalf of the City.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Inquired about plans to buy a jetter truck and about the lifespan of the existing jetter. Also asked if the rate change was intended to help pay for the equipment.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the proposed rate change was not solely to purchase the jetter truck and capital equipment. Stated that the City must remain in compliance with their MS4 permit and that the rates built in the projected annual expenses for this.

Mayor Iverson – Referenced the information in the report that showed a comparison of cities and noted that she felt this spoke volumes as to how the City approaches affordability. She asked what would happen if the City did not raise the rates and did not have the money it needed down the road.

Mr. Erickson – Answered that by not raising rates or making the capital equipment improvements recommended by staff, the City would not comply with certain laws. He stated that Wyoming appears to be extremely competitive and be cost effective for how they are doing it as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-12-136, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SURFACE WATER RATES FOR 2026-2030 BASED ON THE RATE STUDY COMPLETED BY ERICKSON NORTHSTAR, LLC.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Luger

17. To consider **Resolution 25-12-137**, a resolution receiving the feasibility report, setting the public hearing, and authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the 2026 Street Improvement Project

City Engineer Erickson – Gave an overview of the neighborhood meeting attendance and shared a presentation that highlighted the results of the feasibility study.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Shared some feedback and suggestions for the trail areas that she has used.

City Engineer Erickson – Stated that they could look more closely at options to address the trail issues and the challenges there could be in accessing the trail area. He noted that this portion of the project would not be assessable.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Suggested that the City look for possible grants to assist with the costs for trail improvements.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-12-137, A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Luger

18. To consider Approving the Reclassification of the existing Police Property and Technology/Technicians Crime Analyst position to the Public Safety Manager, effective January 1, 2026

Public Works Director Bauer – Outlined the request to reclassify the Police Property and Technology/Technicians Crime Analyst position to the Public Safety Manager. Explained the way that the role had expanded and how the reclassification would align the role with the work that they are currently performing.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she applauded being able to advance employees within their departments and asked if there were plans to send the Public Safety Manager to leadership training, if this reclassification was approved.

Public Works Director Bauer – Explained that they were already enrolled in some leadership training directed at law enforcement that will take place in January. He stated that he also had an educational plan in mind for the City's new sergeants and this position, if the Council approves.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if Public Safety Director Bauer would be looking for a new Crime Analyst.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that he would not because this role would continue to handle those duties.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she did not have an issue with the proposed reclassification but did with the significant raise for the position.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked where this pay landed in comparison with regular officers.

Public Safety Director Bauer – Stated that it will end up being between officers and sergeants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE EXISTING POLICE PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY/TECHNICIANS CRIME ANALYST POSITION TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Voting Aye: Schilling, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: Luger

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Council Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Council Work Session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Council Work Session. She noted that there was a lot of rain expected and asked if there was anything residents should be doing near the recent street project, since there is already a lot of snow present.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that if residents see drains and ditches clogged with debris, he would ask that they remove it and noted that snow was less of a concern than debris. He asked that residents alert City Hall if they saw road low points near catch basins that were frozen and not taking water.

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane – Thanked everyone involved in making the Tree Lighting Ceremony a success. He stated that the City had not received any submissions for the Mayor for a Day contest, so it would not take place this year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 16, 2025, “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:12 PM

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Luger

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:

JANUARY 6, 2026

7:00 PM