

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 16, 2025
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for December 16, 2025 to order at 5:06 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Linda Nanko Yeager, Dennis Schilling, and Brett Ohnstad

Absent: Councilmember Claire Luger

Also Present: Robb Linwood - City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane - Assistant City Administrator, Fred Weck – Building Official / Zoning Administrator, Mark Erichson – WSB, and Tom Loonan – Eckberg Lammers

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Liberty Ponds HOA request to discuss potential funding mechanism for their community septic system

City Administrator Linwood – Provided a brief overview on the previous discussions held between the City and the Liberty Ponds HOA. Stated that there were many members of the HOA present at this meeting and that this was an opportunity for them to speak.

Adam Lynch, 24134 Helium Ct – Explained the situation concerning their failing septic system, the steps their HOA has taken to improve their situation, and the potential funding sources which require City assistance.

Mike West, 24103 Holland Ct – Shared the history of the septic system and failures of multiple entities which brought about their situation. Highlighted the HOA's conversations with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and other government entities and officials. Stated that the HOA was asking for the City to apply and administer a Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Loan through the MPCA, to apply and administer other grants to assist further with funding, and to look into running sewer to their development as a part of the Highway 23 project. Added that the current estimate for the new septic system is roughly \$3 million.

Andrew Perry, 7814 242nd St – Stated that it was not uncommon for cities to sponsor CWP loans. Wanted to understand the perspective of the City Council members.

Paige Ojha, 24420 Holm Oak Ave – Shared that they moved in during phase one of the development and the financial impact that this situation puts on their household.

James Sundsrud 24647 Health Ave - – Stated the financial impact and stress the situation has caused.

Tim Burden, – Informed the Council that he moved into his house in August of 2025 and new nothing about the situation until recently. Stated any assistance from the City would be impactful.

Mike West, 24103 Holland Ct – Stated that he had only been in his home for two years and that much of the information provided to him from the management company was incorrect. Said that the community needs help to get through the situation.

Andrew Perry, 7814 242nd St – Expressed that the HOA was willing to work towards a solution but that they needed a sponsorship from the City to leverage funds.

Chris Colvin, 24129 Helium Ct – Thanked the Council for holding this meeting. Was not informed of the septic issues during purchasing process and is seeking support from the Council.

Nick Kentros, 7584 244TH St – Asked the Council to help the HOA.

Taylor Nielson, 24380 Holm Oak Ave – Explained that they did not anticipate this situation when they bought their home and are now struggling to sell it.

Shi Xiong, 7642 242ND St – Communicated the financial burden that this has placed on the members of the HOA.

Keith Peterson, 7627 242nd St – Shared that they were not informed of the situation during purchasing process and now needed the City's help. Added that the HOA would take care of everything they could and that they just needed some City assistance.

Matt Stabenow, 24442 Holm Oak Ave – Moved in during the initial phase of the development and was unaware of any issues.

Shannon Carver, 7668 242ND St – Asked the City to support them in their situation.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that they had heard from many individuals tonight regarding the issue in Liberty Ponds. Shared that the City was familiar with the CWP Loan and that knowing the estimate for the new septic system would assist the City in looking further into it. Added that the City would be seeking additional information from the HOA on additional funding that they mentioned.

Councilmember Schilling – Expressed that he was open to all option and wanted more meetings at a staff level.

Mayor Iverson – Conveyed the importance of having open and transparent dialog between the City and the members of the HOA.

Councilmember Nanko-Yeager – Interested in specific numbers, including the HOA monthly fee, cost for the septic system, and what would be assessed to each homeowner.

Mike West, 24103 Holland Ct – Asked what information the Council would be looking for.

Mark Erichson, WSB – Shared that there were no plans for sanitary sewer piping in the Highway 31 project, according to Chisago's engineer. Added that it would be a much larger cost to do this than if a new septic system was installed.

Councilmember Nanko-Yeager – Would like to learn more about the City's liability and how it could impact the City as a whole. Needs to look out for the entire community and how they may be impacted.

Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers – The CWP program would place the City as the obligator of the debt. The City would need to take additional measures to ensure that the City is not the responsible entity. Added that this was high-level.

Mike West, 24103 Holland Ct – Asserted that the HOA was open to discussions with the City on liability and grant reporting concerns.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Shared that the Council needed to take care of the whole City but could not burden others outside the HOA that have their own bills. Added that he was happy to be meeting and to seek a solution together.

Mayor Iverson – Inquired about the ability to stack the CWP loan with other loans for additional funding.

Administrator Linwood – Stated that the City would need to do further diligence on if this was possible.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE DECEMBER 16, 2025 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:42 PM.