

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 5, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 5, 2026 to order at 5:30 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, Claire Luger, Dennis Schilling, and Brett Ohnstad.

Absent: None

Also Present: Grant MacFarlane - Assistant City Administrator and Tom Loonan – City Attorney

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined that a Quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding the Minnesota State Flag

Assistant Administrator MacFarlane – Stated that residents attended a previous council meeting asking that the state flag display be discussed and that the City Council had opted to move the discussion to the May 5th meeting to ensure a full Council was present.

City Attorney Loonan – Provided a history of the Minnesota State Flag design and an overview of the requirements for cities in the display of flags as well as potential future implications of any change to the City's flag display policies, including a proposed bill to cut Local Government Aid (LGA) by 10% to any city that flies the old State flag.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Inquired as to how the State could reduce a City's LGA amount if they are not legally required to fly the current State flag.

City Attorney Loonan – Stated that the proposed bill would establish the requirement and that State law would set the precedent moving forward.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked if there was any concern about the City's ability to be inclusionary in a potential bonding bill for the facilities project, should the Council elect to fly the old flag.

City Attorney Loonan – Stated that he was not certain how this issue may impact the process, but that lobbyists have shared that lawmakers are taking note of who is flying the old flag.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Inquired if the City could remove all State flags as a middle-ground solution for both parties.

Councilmember Schilling – Shared that his job as a Councilmember was to be concerned with City matters and that he did not believe that the risk of losing bonding opportunities was worth flying the old flag.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Asked if cities that changed their flags on display prior to any potential changes to the display law would be subject to grandfather clauses.

City Attorney Loonan – Stated that State law would pre-empt any change made by the City and that they would not be grandfathered in.

Councilmember Luger – Informed the Council that they believed that they should focus on issues local to Wyoming, such as the tax levy and emergency services. Added that the flag was selected based on a democratic process and that they needed to be careful from a legal perspective on this topic.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that the City had many residents and that many different opinions on this topic were had. Proposed flying a flag with the City's logo as opposed to a State flag.

The City Council had consensus to move forward with flying a flag with the City's logo as opposed to the State flag and to place the item on the agenda for the May 5, 2026 Business Meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 5, 2026 WORK SESSION OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 6:12PM