

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 4, 2021
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 4, 2021 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, Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a statement explaining that the Council is meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that tonight's meeting would be held according to State Statute 13D.021, will be live streamed on the City's YouTube page, and will be recorded as part of the public record on the City's website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 20, 2021**

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 APRIL 20, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

2. **Consider approving the minutes of the "Work Session Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 28, 2021**

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 APRIL 28, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

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.

3. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of April 21, 2021 to May 4, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE #3 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OR OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

4. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for May 4, 2021
5. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for May 4, 2021
6. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for May 4, 2021
7. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for May 4, 2021
8. Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for May 4, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS:

9. To consider a letter of support for the Chisago County Hwy 8 Project for a Federal Raise Grant

City Administrator Linwood – Explained the request from County Engineer Triplett for a letter of support for the Chisago County Hwy 8 project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CHISAGO COUNTY HWY 8 PROJECT FOR A FEDERAL RAISE GRANT.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

10. To consider **Resolution 21-05-38** a resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the 2021 Street Improvement Project

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-05-38 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2021 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

11. To consider Hiring of Steven Kustrich for the Maintenance Worker 1 Position with Public Works at a rate of \$26.81

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld– Gave an overview of the interview process for the Maintenance 1 Worker and the recommendation for hiring Steven Kustrich.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF STEVEN KUSTRICH FOR THE MAINTENANCE WORKER 1 POSITION AT A RATE OF \$26.81

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

12. To consider the extension of working hours for Kuechle Underground for the East Viking Blvd Utility Construction Project

City Engineer Erichson– Explained the request from Kuechle Underground for an extension to the working hours to be able to work from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday and noted that staff is recommending approval. He gave an overview of the estimated schedule for project completion and the benefit of the extended work hours.

Council Member Ohnstad– Expressed concern about this setting a precedent for other projects in residential areas.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the City has received requests to extend hours in the past and has turned them down. He stated that he was not concerned about setting a precedent because it is a Council decision on a project-by-project basis.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF WORKING HOURS FOR KUECHLE UNDERGROUND FOR THE EAST VIKING BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

13. To consider a Council Work Session on May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

City Administrator Linwood – Gave a brief overview of topics to be discussed at the Work

Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO SCHEDULE A COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON MAY 19, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

14. To consider a Proclamation for National Public Works Week for May 16-23, 2021

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Explained that this proclamation was to acknowledge the contribution of Public Works workers to the community.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO YEAGER, TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK FOR MAY 16-23, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

15. To consider Resolution 21-05-39 a resolution accepting the donation from the First State Bank of Wyoming to the Railroad Park History Walk in the amount of \$100,000

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that this is an extremely generous donation for Railroad Park and staff wanted there to be a bit more recognition that approving it via the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Iverson – Expressed her extreme appreciation for the First State Bank of Wyoming and their donation.

The Council expressed their appreciation to the bank for both their time spent in the City and their donation to Railroad Park.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-05-39 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM THE FIRST STATE BANK OF WYOMING TO THE RAILROAD PARK HISTORY WALK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

Mayor Iverson – Extended her appreciation to the Park Advisory Commission for their work on Railroad Park planning.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Council Work Session and the Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – No report.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Council Work Session, the Planning Commission meeting, and has been working with the Chisago County mayors and others within the State working against some language that has been included in a proposed bill.

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Stated that the Bike Rodeo is coming up on May 15, 2021 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM at the elementary school.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that there will be a Public Safety Barbeque that is being put on by an area neighborhood on June 5, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 26205 Gaylon Drive.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Stated that there will also be a Touch a Truck Event on June 5, 2021 and noted that more details will be coming soon.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MAY 4, 2021 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL BY GENERAL CONSENT AT 7:36 PM

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:
MAY 18, 2021
7:00PM