

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 18, 2021
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 18, 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, Dennis Schilling, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

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, Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent, and Aaron Dahl, Bergan KDV

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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.

OPEN FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 4, 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 MAY 4, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 **Resolution 21-05-40** a resolution approving payment for a Pay Voucher #1 to

Kuechle Underground for the East Viking Boulevard Utility Improvements (WSB Project 012660-000) (City Project 19-02) in the amount of \$20,958.90

3. Approve the recommended appointment of Jessica Bergan to the Park Advisory Commission
4. Consider letters to Senator Tina Smith and Senator Amy Klobuchar for a request of community funding of \$500,000 on behalf of Chisago County and the U.S. Highway 8 reconstruction project
5. Consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of May 5, 2021 to May 18, 2021.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for May 18, 2021
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for May 18, 2021
8. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for May 18, 2021
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for May 18, 2021
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for May 18, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. To consider a letter stating the Wyoming City Council's opposition to encouragement of increased density in single family neighborhoods and to the Planned Use Development (PUD) provisions in the Senate Housing Omnibus Bill

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the Council had discussed this issue before and explained that this bill would eliminate some of the local zoning control, especially within PUDs. He noted that this is a similar version of a letter that other cities around the State will be sending.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE A LETTER STATING THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO ENCOURAGEMENT OF INCREASED DENSITY IN SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO THE PLANNED USE DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS IN THE SENATE HOUSING OMNIBUS BILL

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

12. Wyoming Touch a Truck Event 2021

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Gave an overview of the upcoming Touch a Truck

Event scheduled for June 5, 2021 at the Wyoming Police Department.

13. Lion's Park Community Clean Up

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Gave an overview of the Lion's Park Community Clean-Up event that will be held on May 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in partnership with the Lions Club, Park Advisory Commission, and Northwoods Farmers. She encouraged any interested City Council members to come and help out at the event.

Council Member Ohnstad – Noted that he had met a family of 6 on a recent walk who had driven here from Columbus. They shared with him that they preferred Wyoming's parks to theirs because they were quiet, clean, and just overall nice. He noted that they had even gotten married at the park about a year ago.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

14. To consider and approve the 2020 City of Wyoming Audit

Aaron Dahl, Bergan KDV – Gave an overview of the 2020 Audit findings and noted that the City received an unmodified opinion, which is the best they can give. He explained that there was one material weakness noted that is internal control related to Fund 901, which is nothing of concern, but is something that needed to be noted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE 2020 CITY OF WYOMING AUDIT, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

15. To consider Resolution 21-05-41 a resolution approving an agreement for Joint Administration of Financial Assurance for Hunter Hill between the City of Wyoming and Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District

City Administrator Linwood – Explained the agreement for joint administration of financial assurance for the Hunter Hill development on Pioneer Avenue. He stated that this is the same kind of agreement that the City entered into for the Preserve at Comfort Lake.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-05-41, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR HUNTER HILL BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND COMFORT LAKE FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

16. To consider Resolution 21-05-42 a resolution approving the purchase of ST200 Screed Box attachment in the amount of \$15,205 from Lano Equipment and the Acceptance of the Grant from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry in the amount of \$7,602.50

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Explained that Public Works has been looking for 2 years for a safer and more economical way to patch the worst streets other than through manual labor. He explained how a screed box attachment works. He noted that the City had applied for a 50/50 grant through the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry and were awarded the grant, so the dollar figure he is giving reflects 50% of the total cost. He explained that this was a budgeted expense however, because \$10,000 had already been included in the CIP.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-05-42 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ST200 SCREED BOX ATTACHMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,205 FROM LANO EQUIPMENT AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,602.50.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

17. City of Wyoming Updated COVID-19 Business Preparedness Plan

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the City held its last in person meeting on March 17, 2020 and over the last year City programs and services have been modified to adhere to the State and public health guidance, including remote meetings. Recently there have been changes such as lifting certain restrictions with more to come at the end of the month. He explained the options for in-person meetings and with regard to the end of the State of Emergency on June 13, 2021. Staff is recommending that in person meetings resume beginning June 1, 2021.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais - Gave an overview of the updates that have been made to the COVID-19 preparedness plan and stated that it is likely that this plan will continue to near the end of the year as they continue to evaluate the situation.

Council Member Schilling – Explained that he was not a fan of item #3 because the term “vaccine” needs to stop being used. He stated that, in his opinion, it is a shot that is basically an immune booster and is not a vaccine. He stated that he feels this item, as presented, will violate the HIPAA rules.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked that when the in-person meetings resume that she be able to receive a paper packet because it is easier for her than using the iPad. She explained her difficulty in seeing documents, especially charts and tables on the electronic devices, even if she uses the zoom feature.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated the Council could discuss that policy.

The Council discussed paper packets versus digital versions of the packet.

There was a consensus of the Council to continue with digital packets.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated staff will look into the paper and digital packets.

Council Member Schilling – Reiterated his concern with item #3.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Planning Commission meeting and the Council work session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Budget work session and the Sewer Commission meeting.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Park Advisory Commission meeting.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the EDA meeting, the EDA special meeting, the Sewer Commission meeting, and the Council work session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Park Advisory Commission meeting, the EDA meeting, the Planning Commission, the Sewer Commission, the EDA special meeting, and the Council work session. She stated that she attended the Bike Rodeo where she even completed the obstacle course.

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Noted that the Bike Rodeo was held last week which had a great turnout. He stated that they have begun planning for National Night Out with a goal to outdo any other past year. He noted that the National Insurance Trust evaluates cities across the nations and ranks them relative to safeness. He explained that Wyoming was within the top 15 spots for being one of the safest communities in the State.

City Engineer Erichson – Gave an update on the ongoing street reconstruction and improvement projects.

Mayor Iverson – Reminded the residents that on June 5, 2021 on Gaylon Drive there will be an open house for a 'Thank for our Public Safety' event from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 18, 2021 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:10 PM

Roll Call Vote:

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:
JUNE 1, 2021
7:00PM