

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 9, 2022
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for February 9, 2022 to order at 6:00 P.M.

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, Brett Ohnstad and Dennis Schilling

Also Present: Robb Linwood-City Administrator and Alex Saxe-Assistant City Administrator

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Highlights of 2021 Goals and Initiatives and 2022 Wyoming city council goals

City Administrator Linwood began discussion for the night asking each council member to provide something they were proud of that happened in the community in 2021 and something that they were proud of that the council accomplished in 2021. The council made the following lists:

Community Accomplishments

- Public Safety Building moving forward
- Made it through another year of COVID
- All of the events that came back this year
- Christmas tree lighting

City Council Accomplishments

- Budget development
- Progress on Public Safety Building
- Multiple new developments in community
- Improving street projects
- Commitment to transparency – public engagement
- More support for the Veterans Memorial in Railroad Park
- Walkability – Master Park and Trail Plan
- Very hot real estate market
- The city is forward looking planning 10-15 years in the future

City Administrator Linwood then reviewed the council's 2021 goals and accomplishments. The

Council then went through an exercise to identify internal and external trends and factors that the city should take into consideration for 2022.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TRENDS/FACTORS

What are some positive trends or factors that are impacting the city in 2022?

- 2nd ring out from Minneapolis
- Building permits issued/Housing market
- Business sprawl
- Expansion of current businesses
- Location to Twin Cities
- Attracting younger families

What are trends or factors that present challenges in 2022?

- Attracting corporate businesses
- Public transportation- access to/from Twin Cities; spur/circulator routes; Senior routes
- Affordable housing/Legislation against cities
- Affordable housing and services need to be affordable for seniors
- Overall affordability for seniors
- Urban vibe seems more attractive/rural vibe not as much

The Council then inserted the positive and negative trends discussed into a SWOT analysis to identify items for 2022 and beyond.

SWOT Analysis	
Strengths	Weaknesses
• Number of Building Permits issued • Wyoming Housing Market • Attracting younger families • Council and Staff communications • Transparency • Social Media Presence	• Public Transportation- access to/from Twin Cities; spur/circulator routes; Senior routes • Affordable housing • Overall affordability for seniors • Available Land that can be developed
Opportunities	Threats
• Attracting corporate businesses • 2nd ring out from Minneapolis • Expansion of current businesses • Location to Twin Cities • Business sprawl • 35 corridor and Hwy 8 Corridor	• Affordable Housing Legislation against cities • Continued Impacts of COVID • Urban vibe seems more attractive/rural vibe not as much • Land locked and not enough land to develop for industrial business • Cyber Threats to city systems

City Administrator Linwood then presented ongoing goals from 2021 and the council then had considerable discussion about 2022 goals and completed with the following list:

Continued Development of parks

- Veterans Memorial at Railroad Park
- Development of Fireside Park with new equipment and possible boardwalk

- Utilize Sunrise Trail to draw people here
- Work to ensure Hawk meadows snowshoeing and cross country skiing has trails
- Address Eagle Scout Projects and make sure they are repaired or updated. Highlight these on the city website
- Advertise Farmers Market/New location at Water Tower Park?
- Continue and have more partnerships with youth groups
- Look for potential area for a Dog Park
- Park and Trail Master Plan
- Groom the access to Lion's Park Trail better
- Inform residents you can hike along with snowshoe and ski on groomed trails

Continue work on City Budget/Services/Amenities

- Minimize financial impacts to residents and businesses as much as possible
- Be thoughtful of our taxes to our business's, residents and make sure they can continue to live here

Continued effort on community building

- Inclusiveness/Equity Policy Making
- Celebrating our identity – Stagecoach Days – Celebrate Wyoming's History overall, farming, railroad, continued events
- Hold a weekly event with different vendors up to Stagecoach Days
- Continue to support small businesses

Walkability/Safety

- Ensure new developments have trails
- Year round accessibility and promote fitness
- Explore new crosswalks

Continue Street Replacement and Maintenance Programs

- Focus on Neighborhood Streets

Continue to attract new business/Retain Existing

- Dunkin Donuts
- Look for opportunities for new styles of businesses
- More food options
- Strip mall that encompass a large group of businesses
- Attract distribution centers or larger corporate businesses
- Distillery and/or Brewery
- Waterpark or similar attraction
- More medical businesses over by the hospital
- Develop lot across from the bank

Communications/Community Engagement

- Marketing campaign where to go with city complaints or concerns
- Bring more Councilmembers to League of MN Cities trainings
- Hold an all Board/Commissions meeting

Continued evaluation of blighted properties and programs for it

- Program to deal with nuisance properties

The Wyoming City Council Adjourned at 7:40pm