

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for February 15, 2022 to order at 5:30 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, Alex Saxe- Assistant City Administrator, Public Works Superintendent- Chuck Almhjeld, Mark Erichson- WSB and Craig Johnson- WSB

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To review current conditions of existing water infrastructure, water quality and potential future water infrastructure extensions.

City Administrator Linwood- Explained that this is an informational update on the Wyoming public water system, specifically related to the radium and manganese levels in drinking water. He introduced Greg Johnson, who is the water/waste water manager at WSB. Mr. Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the city water supply

Greg Johnson, WSB- Gave an overview on the current levels of radium and future projections in the three city wells. He explained that over the next 20 years the projections have the radium levels continuing to rise. He explained to the Council that the levels in well #3 are rising at a faster rate than the other two wells. He then walked through some short-term and long-term solutions.

City Engineer Erichson- Asked Mr. Johnson to explain the current agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) on the radium amounts.

Greg Johnson, WSB- Explained that MDH allows blending of water and working with them to make sure the city is not exceeding the recommended levels of radium.

Council Member Nanko Yeager- Asked if the city could use ARPA funds to build a new well. And if a new well was built, how likely would it be to have radium in the water supply.

Greg Johnson, WSB- Explained that since the city is limited on aquifers, it would be likely that a

new well would contain radium. Then he walked through funding options that included the Public Facilities Authority Revolving Loan. He stated funds from the Federal Infrastructure Bill could also be used on water projects.

City Administrator Linwood- Stated that the Federal ARPA Funds would also be eligible for this type of infrastructure project.

Greg Johnson, WSB- Gave an overview on Manganese and the current levels of Manganese in the three city wells. He explained that MDH is proposing to do water sampling for Manganese. Then he walked through short-term and long-term solutions to manage Manganese levels.

Council Member Nanko Yeager- Wanted to know why the State wants to test. Mr. Johnson explained they want to get more data from across the State and educate the public.

Council Member Luger- Asked for clarification on the consumer confidence report. Mr. Johnson stated if the State did the testing they would send a letter to the city and the city would be responsible for communicating that to residents. He informed the Council there would be no negative impacts of not having the State come in and test. Council Member Luger asked if this affects private wells. City Administrator Linwood said private wells would have to be tested privately. Council Member Luger wants to remain transparent to the public and make sure the city is doing what it can to inform the public and regularly monitor the water.

Council Member Ohnstad- Asked if there were hot spots across the State for higher Manganese concentration. Mr. Johnson said MDH does not release that data and he was not aware of specific hot spots.

Mayor Iverson- Asked how the tests are actually done. Mr. Johnson said each well has a sample tap where samples are taken and then they are sent off to a lab to be certified. She asked how many cities have agreed to have MDH test and how many have said no. City Administrator Linwood said it has really been mixed. She wants the city to be transparent and she wants this testing to be done whether it is the city or the State that does it.

Greg Johnson, WSB- Stated he does not know if MDH would publish data about each aquifer once they complete testing.

Council came to a consensus to have the city test the city water. They directed staff to test annually for Manganese and to send out information to residents regarding the results.

City Administrator Linwood- Informed Council that a concept was received for some mixed use residential and apartment buildings on the west side of the freeway near the Village Inn. The city would need to run a water pipe under the freeway in order for the development to move forward. More information will be coming in the upcoming months.

**MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE FEBRUARY 15, 2022 WORK SESSION
MEETING AT 6:38 PM.**