

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 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 and Mark Erichson- 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 discussion continuing from the last work session on February 15, 2022 on the Wyoming public water system, specifically related to manganese levels in drinking water. At that meeting, council directed staff to draft a letter to send to residents. He also stated Wyoming was randomly chosen by the state for UCMR-5 testing, which he will cover later in the meeting. Staff handed out the draft letter for council review. Council spent five minutes reading and reviewing the letter and then provided feedback to staff.

Council Member Nanko Yeager- As part of the UCMR-5 random testing she wanted to know if there are other potential MCL contaminants that the city would have to disclose to the public. If that is the case they should all be included in this one letter. Mr. Erichson stated that PFAS is a lot more common down in the East Metro and that he would not expect there would be more contaminants. But the city could wait for the testing to be done before sending out the letter if more containments are found they could disclose that in one letter.

Council Member Schilling- Provided feedback and directed staff to make a few edits to the letter.

Council Member Ohnstad- Asked where our levels are in comparison to other cities in Minnesota. Mr. Linwood stated that there is not collected data for every city in Minnesota, but in asking other cities, Wyoming is on the lower end. Some cities have allowed for MDH testing and others have not. Member Ohnstad wanted to stress that natural occurring elements are out of our control, but we

are doing our best to make sure proper monitoring and actions are happening. He suggested if people are concerned we can direct them to the MDH website and have recommended actions.

City Administrator Linwood- Explained that the letter would be sent to residents on city water, but there is mention in the letter for those on private wells that they could consider testing their water for contaminants.

Council Member Luger- Wants the city to be transparent and make sure residents know who to contact if they have any questions.

Mayor Iverson- Suggested a few edits to the letter as well to make it more clear for residents.

City Administrator Linwood- Stated we also disclose information on MCL contaminants in our annual consumer report as well. Manganese does not have a forceable standard at the moment and it is a common element in Minnesota.

Council directed staff to make the suggested edits to the letter and bring back for review at a future work session.

City Administrator Linwood- Gave a PowerPoint presentation on the city water supply. He informed council that MDH randomly selected the City of Wyoming for UCMR-5 testing to check city water supply for a wide range of contaminants. The UCMR-5 testing is checking primarily for PFAS, which is more common in the east metro. Communities that serve over 3,300 customers were randomly selected to participate in testing and cannot opt out of testing. The timeline for testing is 2023-2025, so it is still pretty far out. MDH will test all wells and will test twice during a 12-month period and will share the results with the city.

City Administrator Linwood- Informed council that a sketch plan for the Sunrise Riverbank development was reviewed last week at the Planning Commission meeting and will be presented tonight during the Council meeting. This development has 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. It had also been identified in the city's comprehensive plan that there is a need to run water under the freeway to serve that area of the city.

City Engineer Erichson- Explained that there would most likely be cost sharing between the city and the developer to pay for the water extension. The city could look to use some ARPA funds to pay for the extension. MnDOT would require a Developer Agreement and then it would go out to bid.

Mayor Iverson- Stated that if water gets extended to that part of the city it could create an opportunity for further growth in that area of town.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MARCH 15, 2022 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:25 PM.