APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 15, 2022
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 15, 2022 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, Alex Saxe, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, and Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

1. Highway 8 Update – Joe Triplett, County Engineer/Director of Public Work

County Engineer Triplett - Noted that County Commissioner Montzka was also present with an update about funding.

County Commissioner Montzka - Stated that this project is about a $70 million project and they have already secured, $35 million. He gave an overview of some other avenues of funding that they are pursuing and explained the hope that this project be done without local County dollars involved.

County Engineer Triplett – Explained that they have been in front of the Transportation Committee at the State a number of times and have also met with them. He noted that he felt that everyone understands the importance and the need for TH 8. He stated that because this is a U.S. Highway, they are also pursuing some federal funds as well.

Mayor Iverson – Confirmed that Congressman Stauber was on board with the project and plans.

County Engineer Triplett – Noted that last fall he had even gone to D.C. to have some face to face time which went great.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that neither of the senators have been to the City so she would be more than happy to personally invite them.

County Commissioner Montzka – Gave an update on County Road 19 that is slated for 2027 and explained that they are working on federal and State funding because this project will help relieve TH 8. He stated that County Road 17 is also a project that will help alleviate some of the issues on TH 8.

County Engineer Triplett – Explained that the County is really working on their arterials and the traffic numbers are what they are which means nobody can bury their head in the sand anymore about them.

Mayor Iverson – Invited County Commissioner Montzka to stay at tonight's meeting in order to find out about the upcoming large development in the City.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that she was contacted by a resident that lives near Hazel/Hamlet area of Highway 8. She explained that the resident was not able to attend the meeting and had asked her to bring forward some questions: Has a definitive decision been made regarding the access points in the neighborhood?

County Engineer Triplett – Stated that the road will come out at Perry's Property, right about where Hamlet is located.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that the resident was also concerned about where the backage road would go because there are a few undeveloped properties between Hale and Hazel.

County Engineer Triplett - Explained that it will go along the north side of those properties and noted that somehow Hazel and Hamlet would connect behind there. He noted that they are ready to resubmit their layout to MnDOT by the end of the week. He stated that he will send a copy of what they are submitting to the cities also so they have a chance to take a look at the plans. He stated that if the Council gets questions from residents he encouraged them to direct those individuals his way and they will do their best to answer them. He gave an overview of the ongoing corridor study with County Road 22 and 35W.

Mayor Iverson – Commended County Engineer Triplett for the work he has done to secure funding for the Highway 8 project so far.

County Engineer Triplett - Noted that City staff has been very helpful.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 1, 2022

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 MARCH 1, 2022 AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

3. To consider **Resolution 22-03-22** a resolution to vacate a portion of public right-a-way property located within the Diamond Ridge Plat

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Gave an overview of the need to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way within Diamond Ridge.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-22 A RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE DIAMOND RIDGE PLAT

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 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.

4. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of March 2, 2022 through March 15, 2022
5. To consider **Resolution 22-03-23** a resolution to consider applying for the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to receive funding for improvement at Railroad Park
6. To consider **Resolution 22-03-24** a resolution declaring certain vehicles as surplus property for disposal and authorizing the Police Department to dispose of the vehicles through online auction.
7. To consider recommendation of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission of Bruce Vukelich for the vacant Commission seat.
8. To consider the selection of Swenson's Lawncare and snow plowing for the 2022-2024 lawn mowing contract
9. To consider authorization for the advertisement of two seasonal Public Works employees

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, AND #9 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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

10. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for March 10, 2022

11. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for March 10, 2022

12. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for March 9, 2022

13. Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for March 9, 2022

Councilmember Ohnstad – Asked about #13 and the difficulties with snow plowing for the last snow storm.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the City had received some public comment about that plowing. He explained that the Public Works crew went out at the end of the snow event about 4:30 a.m., but noted that one employee was on vacation and they had 2 equipment failures and breakdowns of trucks during the event which elongated it.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Confirmed that the City's priority is for passable roads rather than absolutely clean roads curb to curb.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Noted that with the melting, she has noticed a lot of flooding happening and asked what Public Works plan is to alleviate that issue.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the Public Works crew has been out proactively taking care of some of the storm water drains that are still frozen. He encouraged residents to give the City a call if they see some of these flooding situations to make sure that staff is aware of the problems.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

14. Kraus-Anderson Construction Management Services presentation for the City of Wyoming Public Safety Building Project

Jason Rentmeester, Kraus-Anderson – Gave an overview of his background and experience as well as details of his role as the Senior Project Manager throughout the process.

Dan Kelver, Kraus-Anderson – Gave an overview of his background and experience and explained that he would be the Project Manager. He noted that he had grown up on Forest Lake and used to play hockey at Swenson Park.

Steve Sontaag, Kraus-Anderson – Noted that he also grew up just east of Forest Lake and gave details about his background and experience.

Mark Kotten, Kraus-Anderson – Gave a brief overview of his background leading the public market sector. He noted that one other member of their pre-construction team, Dustin Phillips, had a family conflict and was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He gave an overview of Kraus-Anderson and their departments and services that will be helping throughout the process.

Jason Rentmeester, Kraus-Anderson – Explained that their goal is to be the City's advocate and look out for their best interests throughout the project. He noted that their hope is that they are seen as part of the City staff. He stated that Public Safety buildings are right in their wheelhouse and noted that they have also completed a number of successful projects with Wold, including working with this specific Wold team.

The Kraus-Anderson team shared information about the QR code that will be put on the website so the community can come take a look at what is happening; the pre-construction activities that they will work through; how they will manage the project; be an advocate for the City and coordinate with Wold; build a realistic schedule; and keep the project area clean and safe. The team answered Council questions regarding the bike path; contractors/subcontractor selection process; utilities and possible disruptions in service to the surrounding businesses; the availability of the Kraus-Anderson team; change orders; and the bidding process.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that she is very happy to see that some of the team members are from Forest Lake, so they are already familiar with and love Wyoming and the surrounding area. She stated that she is looking forward to working with this team to complete this project.

15. To consider **Resolution 22-03-25** a resolution approving Final Plat D-22-002 Diamond Ridge 2nd Addition located at 261st Street and Emerald Avenue by Beckman Custom Homes, LLC – Charles Beckman Property ID Numbers: 21.00040.01 – 21.00040.06

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave an overview of the history of the Diamond Ridge development project. He explained that the plans are now for a 3 lot subdivision that ends in a cul-de-sac. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval with the conditions as included in the staff report.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the road that the City just fixed would be torn up as part of the utility work for this project.

City Engineer Erichson – Noted that there is a segment of sanitary sewer that does need to go back and connect to the existing structure. He explained that the developer will be responsible for removing and replacing the asphalt which will be curb to curb, so it will look like a brand new roadway and not a patch.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked how far back the road construction would go and if it would affect either of the two neighbors in the area.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that he believes it will extend past the driveway, so there will need to be some coordination and communication with the property owners.

Holly Lantz – Stated that her property is adjacent to the Diamond Ridge project and shared her concerns about the noise, construction vehicle parking, removal of trees and whether they will be on their property or cause any damage.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that there will be noise associated with the construction of the project but they will not be able to access Ms. Lantz' property without permission. He stated that there will be no construction activities on her property, but will be adjacent. He noted that there will be parking of contracting vehicles in the area but they will work to find locations for them that are the least disruptive. He noted that the contractors are allowed to work between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during the week and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and encouraged Ms. Lantz to contact the City if there were any issues.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PLAT D-22-002 DIAMOND RIDGE 2ND ADDITION LOCATED AT 261ST STREET AND EMERALD AVENUE BY BECKMAN CUSTOM HOMES, LLC – CHARLES BECKMAN, PROPERTY ID NUMBERS: 21.00040.01 – 21.00040.06

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

16. To consider **Resolution 22-03-26** a resolution approving a Final Plat D-22-001 Sunrise Riverbank located at East Viking Boulevard, Greenwood Golf Course Site by Northern

Tier Development, LLC; Richard Morris Property ID Numbers: 21.00009.30, 21,00012.00, 21.10298.30, 21.10298.40, 21.10302.00, 21.10320.10, 21.10320.20, and 21.10320.30

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that Lot 1, Block 1 will become a wetland bank, Lot 2, Block 1, currently has a house on it that will be demolished for future development, and Outlot A which will also be for future development. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval of the Final Plat of the 3 lots with the conditions as listed in the staff report.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Clarified with Zoning Administrator Weck that this Final Plat just divides the parcel into 3 lots and when they are ready to develop Lot 2, Block 1 and Outlot A it will come back before the Council for approvals.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked how this project would effect the City-owned property in the area.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that the only possible effect would be if the County asks the developer to realign Kettle River Boulevard because it may make sense to go through that parcel. He stated that there will have to a discussion about whether this would be a legal use because of the tax forfeiture land.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINAL PLAT D-22-001 SUNRISE RIVERBANK LOCATED AT EAST VIKING BOULEVARD, GREENWOOD GOLF COURSE SITE BY NORTHERN TIER DEVELOPMENT LLC; RICHARD MORRIS, PROPERTY ID NUMBERS: 21.00009.30, 21,00012.00, 21.10298.30, 21.10298.40, 21.10302.00, 21.10320.10, 21.10320.20, and 21.10320.30

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

17. To consider **Resolution 22-03-27** a resolution declaring a negative declaration of need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sunrise Riverbank Development

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that the EAW has been completed which has been published. The City has received a number of comments from various agencies which had been included in the Council packet but they have found that there is a not a need for an EIS with this development.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-27 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF NEED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR SUNRISE RIVERBANK DEVELOPMENT

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

18. To review Sketch Plan D-22-004 Sunrise Riverbank – Commercial Lots located at East Viking Boulevard, Greenwood Golf Course Site by Northern Tier Development, LLC Richard Morris Property ID Number: 21.00012.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that the commercial portion of this project is proposing two 85 unit apartment buildings and a hotel/motel. He noted that no Council action was needed on this item and informational. He stated that this allows the Council to provide any comments or ask questions at this point in the process. He stated that there will be park dedication for these lots.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked why a commercial lot would contain two residential buildings.

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that this parcel will be rezoned to Mixed Use and apartment buildings are considered a commercial building and not residential.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked how many floors the apartment buildings would have and if the first floor would be for commercial use.

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Noted that he believed they would probably be three-story buildings but they would not have a commercial use on the first floor.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she has heard a lot of complaints about the number of apartments in Forest Lake and that they bring in 'undesirable' individuals from the Twin Cities and asked if that could happen with this type of development.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that he was not familiar with the problems Council Member Nanko Yeager mentioned, so he could not comment on her question. He stated that there was a housing study recently completed in the County which shows a significant need for multi-family unit housing in the City.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if adding this type of large development to the City would have an impact on City staffing, such as police officers or City Hall in order to serve this development.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that this is at a sketch level so it is very hard to look at numbers and service levels.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked what would happen if there is not a hotel that wants to locate a facility within the City.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that it will be designated as Mixed Use, so that would be up to the developer.

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that any uses will be part of the Conditional Use Permit so they will not just be able to move in without Council approval.

Council Member Ohnstad – Asked if the developer anticipated the need to get subsidies in order for this project to move forward and referenced the project that did not move forward on the old Bingham property.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the Bingham project was a tax credit project and the developer for this project has not indicated that it would be a similar project.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she thinks this project will be a great asset to the community and provide some much needed work force housing.

Richard Morris, Northern Tier Development – Noted that they had just completed a development in Hudson, WI that is quite similar to this proposed project. He stated that their hope is to bring good, solid people to the City. He stated that they go through a significant process with their tenants before they can move in. He stated that they also provide strong management to their rental projects and keep an eye on things and gave the example of their practice to obtain DNA samples from every pet so they can go to the owner if there are problems. He stated that the builder is Creative Homes who have done a previous development in the community. He explained that they have just been given an Award of Excellent and at the recent Home Builders Show. He noted that their plan would be to start with one of the 85 unit buildings. He stated that the they have already spoken with several prospects for the hospitality portion of the plan and explained that Maxfield has told them they may be a bit early, but they do have some prospects already who are interested. He stated that the plans are for main level parking and three stories above for the apartment buildings. He noted that if the County decides that they want Kettle River Boulevard to go through, they will have to make a few changes to the layout of their site. He explained that they are planning to complete this project with conventional financing.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that he was not able to share his screen to show the similar development from Hudson, WI, but noted that the Council can go look at The Massey apartments to get an idea of what this project may look like.

City Engineer Erichson – Commended that the applicant for asking a lot of questions early in the process. He stated that there are some challenges with this site, but nothing that cannot be overcome with things such as traffic and access to the site.

19. To review a Sketch Plan D-22-003 Sunrise Riverbank – Residential Lots located at East Viking Boulevard, Greenwood Golf Course Site by Northern Tier Development, LLC; Richard Morris Property ID Numbers 21.10302.20, 21.10302.00, and 21.10302.30

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Explained that this will consist of 45 detached single-family homes, 34 duplex units and 54 row home units. He stated that Mr. Morris mentioned Creative Homes and noted that they had constructed the bulk of the homes in the Liberty Ponds subdivision. He noted that this item also does not require Council action and was just a chance for the Council to ask questions and give feedback on the proposal.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the row houses would be as large as Thurnbeck.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that he was able to access the network and showed examples of the Hudson project that would be similar to the one proposed in the City, called Southpoint as well as The Massey apartments.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if there would be an HOA attached to this project to take care of the common areas.

Mr. Morris – Stated that in the townhome and rowhome area there is an HOA.

20. To consider **Ordinance 2022-07** an ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Peddlers and Solicitors

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Explained that in February the Council had directed staff to amend the ordinance to include the hours allowed for solicitation of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. He noted that in the process of making those changes, staff discovered there were several new State laws that were changed, so the City's ordinance was not meeting those requirements. He explained that staff had overhauled the ordinance by adding several new sections in order to comply with the new State laws. Staff is recommending approval.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if transient merchant portion of the ordinance supersedes the food truck ordinances.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Noted that staff had discussed this and checked to ensure that the language wasn't redundant or cancelling each other out. He stated that they are two separate things so it should not supersede it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 24, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

21. To consider **Resolution 22-03-28** a resolution adopting and approving a summary publication for Ordinance 2022-07, an ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Peddlers and Solicitors

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-28 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION FOR ORDINANCE 2022-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 24, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

22. To consider **Ordinance 2022-08** an ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Businesses; Article III, Cigarettes/Tobacco Products

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Noted that on August 1, 2020 the Minnesota Tobacco 21 law went into effect that increased the legal age for purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21, so the City's ordinance needed to be updated to reflect this new law.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, BUSINESSES; ARTICLE III, CIGARETTES/TOBACOO PRODUCTS

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Iverson – Commended Assistant City Administrator Saxe for his work on these items and noted that he has been a great addition to the City.

23. To consider **Resolution 22-03-29** a resolution adopting and approving a summary publication for Ordinance 2022-08, an ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Businesses; Article III, Cigarettes/Tobacco Products

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-29 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION FOR ORDINANCE 2022-08; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, BUSINESSES; ARTICLE III, CIGARETTES/TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

24. To consider **Resolution 22-03-30** a resolution reestablishing precincts and polling locations for the City of Wyoming, Minnesota

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the City currently has one precinct and is one of the largest in the State. He stated that staff had some conversations with the County auditor to look at the possibility of having an additional district in order to help with those polling places. He stated that at this time, staff is recommending that the City add an additional precinct, but continue to have one polling place at Maranatha Church. He stated that in the future, staff will work to identify an adequate polling place that would have adequate parking for an additional area as the City continues to grow.

Mayor Iverson – Asked who would pay for the equipment and everything that is involved in having another polling place.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the County supplies the equipment and handouts and the City's portion would be to cover things such as the fee for the space and payment for election judges.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that she can remember about 10 years ago when the City had to go from two precincts down to one and asked if there had been any problems with having just 1 precinct.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that there had been problems and gave the example of 2018 when there was a 3-sided ballot and the lines were very long due to the voting machines. He stated he is a bit concerned for the 2022 election and explained that the State recommends an average polling place population of about 2,000-2,500 people, which the City is well above. He noted that he would like the City to begin this change and have the ability within the next ten years to have another polling place.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked how this may affect the County redistricting.

County Commissioner Montzka – Explained that the County has held a work session that looked at two possible scenarios but splitting Wyoming was not being considered. He stated that this decision is up to the City but the County would also need to take a look at it to see if it impacts their requirements, but reiterated that the County Board has not broached this subject

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-03-30 A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Council Work Session.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Council Work Session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Park Advisory Commission and the Council Work Session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Council Work Session.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Park Advisory Commission, the EDA, and the Council Work Session.

25. To consider the Wyoming City Council entering a closed session under MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiation strategies for a contract with the bargaining unit of Law Enforcement Labor Services

Mayor Iverson – Recessed the meeting at 8:59 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTE 13.D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGANINING UNIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVCIES AT 9:06PM

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, and Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTE 13D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGAINING UNIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES AT 9:52PM

Voting Aye: Luger, Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, and Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None

City Administrator Linwood gave a summation of the closed session
The closed meeting was relative to the matters for bargaining purposes and contract negotiations between the City of Wyoming and bargaining unit of Law Enforcement Labor Services. The meeting was closed under MN State Statute 13D.03. The closed meeting was attended by Mayor Lisa Iverson and City Council Members Dennis Schilling, Linda Nanko Yeager, Claire Luger and Brett Ohnstad. Also, in attendance was City Administrator- Robb Linwood, Assistant City Administrator- Alex Saxe, Public Safety Director- Neil Bauer and Labor Attorney Soren Mattick. The council reviewed the current contract from the bargaining unit. The city council provided advice and direction to legal and city staff but made no formal votes.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 15, 2022 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 9:54PM

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:

APRIL 5, 2022
7:00PM