

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
MAY 3, 2022  
5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 3, 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, Brett Ohnstad and Claire Luger.*

*Absent: Dennis Schilling*

*Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Alex Saxe- Assistant City Administrator, Neil Bauer- Public Safety Director and Paul Hornby- WSB*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

**PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review the City of Wyoming Sexual Predator Ordinance

**City Administrator Linwood-** Gave background information on how other cities with restrictive ordinances similar to Wyoming's have been running into litigation issues and having their ordinances challenged in court. The argument has been that it is turning into a civil rights issue leaving very little places for offenders to live. Given other cities have been challenged recently, staff wanted to review the ordinance with the council and have brought forth some minor changes to the current ordinance. Mr. Linwood stated the issue with Wyoming's ordinance was including restrictions around school bus stops. Those make it very restrictive and could open the city up to potential litigation. Staff recommend eliminating school bus stops as a restrictive measure in the ordinance.

**Councilmember Ohnstad-** Asked if the map missed the Liberty Ponds Park and to include that in the map. Mr. Linwood confirmed that it is an actual park and the staff will fix the map to include that park and that will update the prohibited boundaries for offenders.

**Mayor Iverson-** Asked if Little Verges Park was included on the map. It was determined that it was not, but since there were other parks that sandwiched that park, it would not change the boundaries. Staff will update the map to include that park as well.

**Councilmember Ohnstad-** Asked for clarification on natural boundaries like the interstate. He wanted to make sure the city could not be sued for considering that as a boundary since someone could not walk a straight 1,000 feet running into a natural boundary. Staff will discuss with legal counsel.

**Councilmember Nanko Yeager-** Asked some clarifying questions on the language change and intent of the ordinance. Staff explained that predatory offender is more common in ordinances and still keeps the same intent.

*Council came to a consensus to have staff update the ordinance with the changes discussed tonight and then bring forward to the next City Council Meeting.*

**MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MAY 3, 2022 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 5:45 PM.**