

**APPROVED MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 8, 2022
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming EDA were present:

EDA Members: Mayor Iverson, Dennis Schilling, Andrew Buccanero and Alex Bulmer

Also Present: Robb Linwood - City Administrator

ABSENT: Prigge and Soule

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

"An opportunity for members of the public to address the EDA on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring EDA action maybe deferred to staff for research and future EDA Agendas if appropriate."

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City EDA for July 11, 2022

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EDA MEMBER BULMER SECONDED BY EDA MEMBER BUCCANERO TO APPROVE THE "REGULAR MEETING" MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR JULY 11, 2022

Voting Aye: Iverson, Bulmer, Schilling, and Buccanero

Voting Nay:

Abstain:

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: 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.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

2. To continue discussions regarding a downtown plan/study for the City of Wyoming

During the EDA's 2022 work plan it was discussed that there was not a small area plan or Downtown Study plan currently and could be a goal for the EDA and City to work towards. Small-town community downtown areas are in a renaissance. Downtowns serve as both vital economic engines for a local economy and also gathering places to celebrate together. Although the Downtown area could be considered larger area encompassing a larger area of the downtown core of Wyoming.

The EDA discussed areas of the plan that included:

- Topics for consideration could be as follows:
- What portion of the downtown would the study include
- Redevelopment strategies
- Streetscape enhancements
- Bike and pedestrian networks/Leverage Sunrise Trail
- Parking needs
- Building on Heritage – Trains, Stagecoach, etc.
- Community gathering spaces - Goodview
- Wayfinding
- Placemaking
- Trails
- Stormwater
- Stakeholders (Businesses, Residents, Wyoming council and boards)
- What type of community engagement is desired – stakeholder meetings, open house, virtual engagement?
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- Are there groups/businesses/property owners that you want incorporated into the process? If so, who are
- they and do you know how you want them to be involved (individual meetings, group meetings, public meetings?)
- How does the EDA want to be involved – are there specific meetings that they want to have?
- If the EDA is the main body – how does that relate to the City Council – or even are there are advisory
- groups that will need to be involved?
- What deliverables are you seeking?
- What is the project timeline?
- What is the budget? A budget range helps folks adjust their process to be realistic and/or evaluate whether the proposed scope of work is reasonable.
- Add brewery or distillery as a wanted component of downtown

Hwy 61 corridor was discussed as one of the more important areas to consider. They discussed some of the areas by the bank and the potential of office space/retail and a combination of apartments. We discussed the availability of land. The EDA discussed the area that should be included in the study that went from city hall down to the old Menne property on 61. East into multifamily areas and on the west side of the freeway. The city talked about what are some retail or commercial opportunities in the area. Specifically more food options here, but the weekly daytime would be more difficult to sustain. The EDA discussed the opportunities in the corridor near the bank. The EDA discussed the idea of a splash pad at Goodview Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. All Boards Meeting, August 30th, 2022 at 6:00PM

Administrator Linwood explained that the Planning Commission has completed a final draft of the Comprehensive plan and it will be going back to WSB for final edits, pictures and diagrams. Staff believes it would be a good opportunity to have an all boards meeting and review the document in its draft form and provide feedback to both the Planning Commission and City Council. Staff has proposed Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 at 6:00PM for the meeting

UPDATES:

4. Wyoming EDA Feature Business of the Month

City Administrator Linwood discussed As part of the EDA's activities in 2022 staff has developed a business of the month that will be sent out in our social media campaigns that include Facebook, our weekly city email and constant contact. Staff has been completing business retention visits this year and one of our most recent was Widseth Engineering. I have attached a screenshot of the section on our weekly email, constant contact and Facebook. Staff will be sharing these out the first week of every month.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BULMER, SECONDED BY SCHILLING ADJOURNED THE AUGUST 8, 2022 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING AT 6:45P.M.

Voting Aye: Iverson, Bulmer, Buccanero and Schilling