

**FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 19, 2021
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 19, 2021 to order at 7:00 PM

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a statement explaining that the Council is meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that tonight's meeting would be held according to State Statute 13D.021, will be live streamed on the City's YouTube page, and will be recorded as part of the public record on the City's website.

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, Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for January 5, 2021**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 5, 2021, AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. **Consider approving the minutes of the "Special Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for January 7, 2021**

Councilmember Ohnstad – Noted that the roll call still lists Joe Zerwas.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "SPECIAL MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 7, 2021, AS AMENDED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for January 13, 2021

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 13, 2021, AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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.

- 4.** To consider **Resolution 21-01-08** a resolution accepting the donation from the Fire Relief Association for a donation for a Memorial at Lions Park in Memory of Alan Geisenkotter
- 5.** To consider **Resolution 21-01-09** a resolution approving BerganKDV to conduct annual audit services for the year ended December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$33,850.
- 6.** Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll, and Journal Entries for the period of January 6, 2021 through January 19, 2021.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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:

- 7.** Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for January 14, 2021
- 8.** Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for January 13, 2021
- 9.** Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for January 14, 2021
- 10.** Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for January 15, 2021
- 11.** Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for January 19, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Lion's Park Memorial

Assistant City Administrator Dumais – Gave an overview of the discussions and recommendations from the PAC for a memorial in honor of Little Alan Geisenkotter in Lion's Park. She noted that the Fire Relief Association has donated the funds for the memorial and it will be in place by the spring of 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

13. To consider an employment agreement between the City of Wyoming and Police Sergeant Brian Rod

City Administrator Linwood – Gave an overview of the discussions surrounding the employment agreement and changes to the contract.

Council Member Ohnstad – Stated that his understanding is that the 3% salary increase was analyzed and is market value.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that this was correct.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she has concerns about the 3% pay raise being too generous considering the fact that the taxpayers are suffering financially due to the pandemic's recession.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that if the City does not pay wages that are comparable to other cities, she feels that the City will run the risk of losing very good employees and good officers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND POLICE SERGEANT BRIAN ROD

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

14. To consider an employment agreement between the City of Wyoming and Police Sergeant Lance Beardsley

City Administrator Linwood – Gave an overview of the discussions surrounding the employment agreement and changes to the contract and indicated it is essentially the same as the previous agenda item.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND POLICE SERGEANT LANCE BEARDSLEY

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

15. To consider **Resolution 21-01-10** a resolution approving the purchase of 2021 F550 Truck with dump box and snow plow for the combined cost of \$73,048.30 from Midway Ford, Towmaster Truck Equipment, and Hitch-It

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Gave an overview of the reasoning behind the request for a replacement truck. He noted that the existing vehicle is 15 years old and has 7,264 hours on the engine and 101,847 miles on the odometer. He explained that the amount included in the CIP was \$80,000 and shared details of the quotes the City had received for the various components.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if this price also included the logo on the truck and asked for examples of what this truck would be used for.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Stated that it did not include the logo which would be purchased from a local vendor and noted that he believed the cost would be less than \$150. He shared details about how the truck would be used year-round.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the only difference between the old truck and the new was that the old used diesel fuel and the new uses gasoline.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Confirmed that was the difference.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-01-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 2021 F550 TRUCK WITH DRUMP BOX AND SNOW PLOW FOR THE COMBINED COST \$73,048.30 FROM MIDWAY FORD, TOWMASTER TRUCKQUIPMENT, AND HITCH-IT.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

16. To consider a Council Work Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that every year, the Council holds a strategic planning and goal setting meeting and reviewed the recommendation to schedule this meeting for February 10, 2021.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL WORK SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Special Council meeting, the work session, and the Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Special Council meeting, the work session, and

the Sewer Commission meeting.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Special Council meeting and the work session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Special Council meeting, the work session, and gave a brief overview of the Sewer Commission meeting.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the EDA meeting, the Planning Commission meeting, a special meeting with WSB regarding some development.

City Engineer Erichson – Gave a brief overview of the three private development projects that are expected to begin in the spring. He stated that there are also upcoming City projects related to the upsizing of the sanitary sewer, a feasibility study for the 2021 improvement project, and noted that the bridge plans are currently at MnDot for review for bonding.

Public Safety Director Hoppe – Noted that they are back to full staff and are currently doing a speed survey on East Viking.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING BY GENERAL CONSENT AT 7:33 PM

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:
FEBRUARY 2, 2021
7:00PM