

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 18, 2023
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for April 18, 2023 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, Dennis Schilling, Brett Ohnstad, 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 Joe Keding, Acting Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

Chris Ortwerth, 25730 Gramford Avenue – Stated that he has been in the City for 3 years and noted that his taxes went up 11% the first year, 6% the second year, and another 6% the third year. He expressed his frustration with the streets not being plowed and noted that he understands that there is a 2 inch minimum but noted that snow being allowed to stay on the road and freeze helps cause the roads to break. He stated that he does not have City water or sewer and would like to know what his taxes are paying for because he does not see much in his neighborhood being done. He stated that last year by the time their potholes were filled, it was August. He stated that it is become a safety issue because as people drive down the street they are swerving and stressed that the roadways need to be fixed.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he had spoken with Mr. Ortwerth prior to the meeting and touched on total taxes versus the City portion of the taxes. He reviewed some of the City uses of tax funds including plowing and public safety.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Keding – Explained that they were out 42 times this past winter. He noted that there is a 2 inch minimum and explained that the City does not have a bare pavement policy on side streets but noted that the main roads are maintained to a different standard due to speed and volume of traffic. He agreed that this winter has been a challenge for various reasons and noted that they have been out working on potholes since March 20, 2023.

Mayor Iverson – Encouraged residents to contact staff if they have questions about processes or budget. She noted that a lot of information is available on the City website, but noted that staff and Council welcome questions from the residents also. She assured Mr. Ortwerth that the City is listening to his concerns and are open to conversations in order to help people understand City processes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 4, 2023**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 4, 2023, 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

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.

2. Consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of April 5, 2023 to April 18, 2023
3. To consider **Resolution 23-04-34** a resolution accepting a donation from Polaris Industries to the Wyoming Police Department in the amount of \$500.00
4. To consider **Resolution 23-04-35** a resolution accepting a donation from Xcel Energy for the Wyoming EDA Downtown Plan in the amount of \$1,000.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE #2, #3, and #4 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:

5. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for April 13, 2023
6. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for April 13, 2023
7. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for April 14, 2023
8. Report of Public Works Acting Superintendent Joe Keding for April 18, 2023

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

9. To consider a Council Work Session on April 24, 2023 for a Street and Project Tour

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Explained that every year since 2017, with the exception of 2020, due to COVID-19, the Council and staff has completed a road and project tour which allows them to take a look at current street conditions, review upcoming and current projects, and view overall conditions of the City’s infrastructure. He expressed appreciation to Fairview Meadows for donating a bus and a driver for the tour.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE A COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON APRIL 24, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. FOR A STREET AND PROJECT TOUR.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 10.** To consider a Council Work Session on May 2, 2023 for an update on the Wyoming Public Safety Building

City Administrator Linwood – Explained the request for a Council Work Session on May 2, 2023 to discuss the Wyoming Public Safety building.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE SCHEDULING A COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON MAY 2, 2023 FOR AN UPDATE FOR THE WYOMING PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – No report.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – No report.

Council Member Luger – No report.

Council Member Schilling – No report.

Mayor Iverson – Extended her appreciation to Polaris Industries for donating \$500.00 to the Wyoming Police Department for the Bike Rodeo event coming up in May and to Xcel Energy for their donation to the Wyoming EDA of \$1,000.00 for the downtown area study.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 18, 2023 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:18 PM

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:
MAY 2, 2023
7:00PM