

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 16, 2023
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 16, 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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 2, 2023**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 2, 2023 AS SUBMITTED

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. **Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 2, 2023**

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 MAY 2, 2023 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.

3. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of May 3, 2023 to May 16, 2023
4. To consider **Resolution 23-05-45** a resolution accepting a donation from Bruce and Nancy Spangler
5. To consider **Resolution 23-05-47** a resolution accepting a donation from Girl Scout Troop #55694.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE #3, #4, and #5 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:

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for May 11, 2023
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for May 12, 2023
8. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for May 12, 2023
9. Report of Acting Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding for May 16, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS:

10. City of Wyoming 2022 Annual Report

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Noted that an Annual Report had not been done since 2020, but one had been created for 2022. He explained that it highlighted the goals and objectives for each department as well as City events and Public Safety data.

Mayor Iverson – Asked that a copy of this be printed out and made available to the public.

11. Wyoming Touch-a-Truck Event 2023

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Gave an overview of the plans for the Touch-a-Truck event on June 3, 2023 at the Police Department from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. He noted that in addition to the usual vehicles, there will also be an ice cream truck at the event.

12. Highway 8 Update

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that Public Works Director/County Engineer Joe Triplett had provided an updated for Highway 8 that was included in the packet and gave a brief overview of the updated information with construction beginning at the end of 2025.

13. East Viking Boulevard Construction Project Update

City Engineer Erichson – Noted that the Council had awarded the contract for this project at

their May 2, 2023 meeting and explained that the contractor would begin with tree removal later this week. He stated that he has been meeting with property owners to discuss tree removal as well as efforts to save trees, where possible.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

14. To consider and approve the 2022 City of Wyoming Audit-Presentation – Bergan KDV

Aaron Dahl, Audit Manager, KDV – Gave an overview of the 2022 Audit for the City and noted that they had issued an unmodified opinion, which is the best that can be given. He stated that they also reported no audit findings or legal compliance findings and gave a brief overview of the financial analysis information for the City.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Referenced a ‘misstatement’ that was deemed immaterial and asked if that had been corrected, as noted on page 5 of the report.

Mr. Dahl - Explained that there was a new accounting principle implemented related to leases and lease liabilities. He stated that the City does not have much in the way of leases so it would be immaterial which means that tracking it from year to year did not make a lot of sense, but they needed to note that they passed on that adjustment.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that the Enterprise funds always seem to operate at a deficit when depreciation is added into the equation and asked if that would ever change.

Mr. Dahl – Explained that it would be based on the rates and usage every year. He stated that this is not a major concern from his standpoint and noted that he wasn’t sure that it would ever completely go away. He noted that as long as the net position keeps growing it should be good because that is the more important piece to look at from year to year.

Mayor Iverson – Commended City staff for the work they put into making this one of the best audit results the City has had.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

15. To consider Resolution 23-05-46 a resolution approving a grant application to the Chisago County ARPA Broadband Grant Program

City Administrator Linwood – Gave an overview of the availability for a grant to expand broadband coverage throughout the County and noted that staff is recommending approval of applying for this grant.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked what would happen if the County does not give the City this grant and if that meant the City would complete the project with their own funds.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that would be brought back to the Council for approval because it would significantly impact the cost.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-05-46 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CHISAGO COUNTY ARPA BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 16.** To discuss the bid process to be completed by Wold Architects and Kraus Anderson for the Wyoming Public Safety Building

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the Council had received an update from Wold and Kraus Anderson at the May 2, 2023 Council work session. He noted that Baker Tilly put together a summary of possible bond options for consideration. He reminded the Council that they had authorized the hiring of a lobbyist to try to acquire funding.

Council Member Schilling – Noted that in the previous meeting he had been pushing for something in which he had incorrect information. He stated that this point, he is planning to hold the course and hope for the best from the legislators and lobbyists.

Council Member Luger – Stated that the current facilities are inadequate and does not think there is any question about ‘why’ the City should do this project. She stated that she believes the Council has been very supportive of this process since the beginning and explained that she was frustrated that they are only at this point in the process because it is something that has been kicked down the road for years. She stated that she believes the City’s Fire and Police Departments deserve a lot better than what they have and this is needed but does not want to take any action that would jeopardize State or Federal funding and explained that her preference would be to hang tight and wait for the legislative process to play out.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she wants to make sure that everybody knows that the Council is not saying ‘no’ to this project because they will eventually get to what they need.

There was consensus of the Council not to take any action and go out for bids.

- 17.** To consider a proclamation for National Police Week for May 14-20, 2023

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Gave an overview of National Police Week.

Mayor Iverson – Asked if the City could come up with signs or banners to announce National Police Week.

Council Member Ohnstad – Expressed his appreciation for the work that the Police Department undertakes on behalf of the City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK FOR MAY 14-20, 2023, AND DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK INTO SIGNS OR BANNERS TO COMMEMORATE THE PROCLAMATION.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Council and budget work sessions.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Council retreat, EDA, and the budget work session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Budget work session, Sewer Commission meeting, and Council work session meeting.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the Council retreat, the EDA, and the work session meeting.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the EDA, budget work session, Joint Sewer Commission, and the Council retreat. She stated that Public Safety Director Bauer had just given an interview to Kare11 and she wanted to note that she felt he did a very good job talking about a very serious subject. She expressed her appreciation to Bruce and Nancy Spangler and Girl Scout Troop #55694 for their donations to the City.

Mayor Iverson recessed the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

- 18.** To consider entering into a closed session pursuant to State Statutes 13D.05(2)(3), and (4) for a personnel matter

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTUE 13.D.05(2)(3), AND (4) FOR A PERSONNEL MATTER AT 7:55PM

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 OHNSTAD TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTUE 13.D.05(2)(3), AND (4) FOR A PERSONNEL MATTER AT 7:59PM

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO EXTEND PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT ALMHJELD'S LEAVE UNTIL JULY 1ST, 2023

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING TO ADJOURN THE MAY 16, 2023 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:00PM

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:
JUNE 6, 2023
7:00PM