

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 6, 2023
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for June 6, 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, Claire Luger, and Brett Ohnstad (participated remotely via electronic means from Breezy Point with appropriate notice)

ABSENT: Councilmember Dennis Schilling

Also Present: Tom Loonan, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Alex Saxe, Assistant City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Joe Keding, Acting Public Works Superintendent

Mayor Iverson – Noted that all votes for tonight's meeting would take place via roll call.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

John Bergum, 26345 Fenwick Avenue – Expressed concern about the new garbage hauler. He explained that they had tried to get Ace, but could not because they would have to back up all the way down which they felt was just 'an accident waiting to happen'. He noted that when they had originally put in the dead end street he thought there had been discussion about putting in a round about on the end so trucks or buses could turn around which had not happened. He stated that the way it is now requires backing all the way down which he felt was very dangerous. He asked the City to consider doing something so trucks and large vehicles have an option to turn around and not have to back down the entire street.

City Engineer Erichson – Noted that they can take a look and see if there may be a simple solution to this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 16, 2023**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 16, 2023, AS SUBMITTED

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 5, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2023, AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

3. Consider approving the minutes of the “Budget Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for May 16, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 16, 2023 AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. To consider **Resolution 23-06-48** a resolution ordering the project and authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the 2023 Fallbrook Avenue and 264th Street Improvement

City Engineer Erichson – Gave an overview of the 2023 Fallbrook Avenue and 264th Street Improvement project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO YEAGER TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023 FALLBROOK AVENUE AND 264TH STREET IMPROVEMENT

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023 FALLBROOK AVENUE AND 264TH STREET IMPROVEMENT

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-06-48 A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2023 FALLBROOK AVENUE AND 264TH STREET IMPROVEMENT

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

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.

5. To consider authorizing the payment of recommended bills, payroll, and journal entries for the period of May 17, 2023 to June 6, 2023
6. To consider the application for a Temporary ON-SALE Liquor License from the Wyoming Fire Relief Association for September 16, 2023 located on East Viking Boulevard and Felton Avenue for Wyoming Stagecoach Celebration
7. To consider approving a Food Truck application from Scoops ice Cream and Candy
8. To consider approve Acting Public Works Superintendent, Joe Keding, for a City credit card per the credit card policy
9. To consider the resignation of Chris Kubai from the Wyoming Fire Department
10. To consider a Trail Easement Agreement between Premier Custom Homes and the City of Wyoming for public trail access to City park land
11. To consider **Resolution 23-06-49** a resolution accepting a donation from Widseth to the Railroad Park Project

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10 and #11 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

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

12. Report of the Public Safety Director, Neil Bauer for May 31, 2023
13. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for May 31, 2023
14. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for June 2, 2023
15. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for June 2, 2023
16. Report of Acting Public Works Superintendent Joe Keding for June 6, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

17. To consider approving the Eagle Scout Project construction of Little Free Libraries

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Gave an overview of past discussion of a possible Eagle Scout project that included a Little Free Library. He noted that the Park Advisory Commission recommends approval.

Robert Pundt – Reviewed his proposal for construction of Little Free Libraries in Goodview Park and Lions Park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Mayor Iverson – Asked about funding for this project.

Mr. Pundt – Explained that the books will be donated by friends/family and noted that he works at Menard's so he will be able to get a discount on materials. He stated that his father is an electrician and may also assist him in obtaining some of the necessary supplies.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OF LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

18. To consider **Resolution 23-06-50** a resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit for Sight-In Days Structures: C-23-002
Location: 4648 240th Street
Applicant/Owner: Forest Lake Sportsman's Club, Rob Westberg
Property ID Number: 21.10632.00

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Gave an overview of the request from Forest Lake Sportsman's Club for their Sight-in structure to be construction in the same location as the current cabin. He noted that the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the request for a Conditional Use Permit subject to the three conditions, as noted in the staff report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-06-50 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SIGHT-IN DAYS STRUCTURES: C-23-002; LOCATION: 4648 240TH STREET; APPLICANT/OWNER:FOREST LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, ROB WESTBERG;PROPERTY ID NUMBER: 21.10632.00

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

19. To consider **Resolution 23-06-51** a resolution awarding Blackstone Contractors, LLC the site package contract for construction of the Veteran's Memorial at Railroad Park in the amount of \$63,109.75

20. To consider **Resolution 23-06-52** a resolution awarding Vinco the electrical contract for the Veteran's Memorial at Railroad Park in the amount of \$25,690.00

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Gave an overview of the quotes received for the site construction and the electrical contract for work on the Veteran's Memorial at Railroad Park. He noted that the Park Advisory Commission recommended approval.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if these expenses would be coming totally out of donations.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Explained that the entire Railroad Park project is donation based.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Expressed concerns about how the rest of the park will look after the Memorial is built and questioned whether there may be difficulty accessing the park.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that the Council had approved the Master Plan for the park a few years ago, but noted that it would be done in stages. He noted that the City has received a grant from the State for \$100,000 so they are hopeful that they will be able to start the next phase this year.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Noted that he had lost the connection with Council Member Ohnstad.

City Attorney Loonan – Noted that the Council had a quorum without Council Member Ohnstad, so they could go ahead and vote with those who are present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO YEAGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-06-51 A RESOLUTION AWARDED BLACKSTONE CONTRACTORS, LLC THE SITE PACKAGE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AT RAILROAD PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,109.75

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling and Ohnstad

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-06-52 A RESOLUTION AWARDED VINCO THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACT FOR THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AT RAILROAD PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,690.00

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling and Ohnstad

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she would like to acknowledge donations for the Veteran's Memorial at Railroad Park.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Read aloud a list of those individuals and entities who had made donations towards the Veteran's Memorial. He noted that, to date, 107 people have purchased bricks and noted that once they break ground another local business has pledged an additional donation.

21. To consider Resolution 23-06-53 a resolution of support for the Minnesota Management and Budget Capital Project Application for the City of Wyoming Public Safety Building

City Administrator Linwood – Gave an overview of the possible funding source through the Minnesota Management and Budget capital Project and the need for a resolution of support.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-06-53 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET CAPITAL PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling and Ohnstad

- 22.** To consider the resignation of Assistant City Administrator Alex Saxe and to authorize for Assistant City Administrator position

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that Assistant City Administrator Saxe's last day with the City will be June 26, 2023. He gave a brief overview of the job description and duties for the Assistant City Administrator position and expressed his appreciation for the work that Assistant City Administrator Saxe has done with the City and noted that he would be missed.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe – Noted that he has able to reconnect on-line with Council Member Ohnstad.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR ALEX SAXE AND TO AUTHORIZE FOR ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad

Voting Nay: Iverson

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Ohnstad – Attended the Park Advisory Commission meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – No report.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Sewer Commission meeting

Mayor Iverson – Noted that she was not able to attend the Bike Rodeo or the Touch-A-Truck event, but believes they went very well. She stated that she attended the Sewer Commission and the Park Advisory Commission meeting, as a resident.

Mayor Iverson recessed the meeting at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

- 23.** To consider the Wyoming City Council entering a closed session under MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiation strategies for a contract with the bargaining unit of Law Enforcement Labor Services and Local 49ers

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD TO ENTER THE CLOSED SESSION AT 7:57

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OHNSTAD TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTE 13.D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGAINING UNIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR AND LOCAL 49ERS AT 7:57PM

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION UNDER MN STATE STATUTE 13D.03 TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE BARGAINING UNIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES AND LOCAL 49ERS AT 8:02PM

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Luger, Nanko Yeager, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

Summation of the closed session

The closed meeting was relative to the matters for bargaining purposes and contract negotiations between the City of Wyoming and bargaining unit of Law Enforcement Labor Services and Local 49ers. The meeting was closed under MN State Statute 13D.03. The closed meeting was attended by Mayor Lisa Iverson and City Council Members Linda Nanko Yeager, Claire Luger and Brett Ohnstad. Also, in attendance was City Administrator- Robb Linwood, Assistant City Administrator- Alex Saxe, and City Attorney, Tom Loonan. The council reviewed the current contract from the bargaining units. The city council provided advice and direction to legal and city staff but made no formal votes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ONHSTAD TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND IUOE LOCAL 49ERS

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ONHSTAD TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES (LELS) LOCAL 507

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WYOMING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES (LELS) LOCAL 365

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE WYOMING PERSONNEL POLICY UNDER SECTION 9.04 HOLIDAYS TO ADD JUNETEENTH AS A PAID HOLIDAY

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schilling

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 6, 2023 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 8:04PM

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 20, 2023
7:00PM