

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 20, 2015
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 20, 2015 to order at 7:00 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Eric Peterson, Linda Nanko/Yeager, Claire Luger, Lisa Iverson and Joe Zerwas

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Mark Vierling, Eckberg Lammers, Craig Mattson, City Administrator, Robb Linwood-Assistant City Administrator, Paul Hoppe – Public Safety Director, Jason Windingstad, Public Works Superintendent, JJ Hastings, Fire Chief and Mark Erichson WSB– City Engineer

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

“An opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council on items not on the current agenda. Items requiring Council action maybe deferred to staff or Boards and Commissions for research and future Council Agendas if appropriate. You will be limited to two (2) minutes and we ask that you conduct yourself in a professional, courteous manner, and refrain from the use of profanity. Failure to abide by this policy may result in the loss of your privilege to speak”.

County Commissioner Ben Montzka – *Looks forward to working with city council members, congratulated new council members and old on be (re)elected. Update on Chisago County commissioners: Commissioner Green was re-elected as County Chair, Commissioner Mike Robinson, vice chair. Would like the city and council members to communicate with him on issues that are involved with the county.*

Mayor Peterson – *asked if there is a schedule available when the trail will be plowed, explained he receives emails from residents asking this question.*

Council Member Iverson – *Would like to see the trail resurfaced, believes the Wyoming Portion is in worse shape than the portion of Washington County was that was just resurfaced. Will it be repaved?*

Ben Montzka– *We are trying to keep the trail plowed to the blacktop. We would like to see the snowmobiles with studs not allowed on trail. To resurface the trail it will cost approximately \$900,000 from Forest Lake to North Branch. Would like to see snowmobiles obey speed limit. The county has about \$75,000 in grant funds for the trail, we need additional funds but as soon*

as we do he stated he would make a motion to have it resurfaced, possibly with a micro overlay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for January 6, 2014.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 6, 2015 AS PRESENTED.

Voting Aye: Luger, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, J. Zerwas and Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: 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.

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

- 2 Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for January 14, 2015

***Council Member Iverson** – Wanted to know why they saw a 9% reduction labor costs for the Fire Department in the past year, how was this accomplished?*

***Public Safety Director Hoppe** – This was done through the Duty Crew system and doing a better job allocating our resources.*

- 3 Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for January 14, 2015.
- 4 Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for January 15, 2015
- 5 Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, January 15, 2015
- 6 Report of Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for January 14, 2015

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 7 Aurora Solar Project Facility Locations – **Acknowledged by City Council**
- 8 2015 Paid on-call Firefighter Roster – **Acknowledged by City Council**
- 9 Use of City Emails for employees – **City attorney Mark Vierling** – *This is relative to the data practices act. The principal that you have to keep in mind that you are public officials, there are very few exceptions where you do have privacy. The city does receive requests*

for data and does have a responsible authority. If the council chooses to use their own email you are exposing yourself to have your data requested and we don't want you to have to bring your own hard drives or go through your private accounts. Hence, why you should be using the city designated emails.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10** To consider **Resolution 15-01-07** A resolution to authorize the amendment of the City of Wyoming Assessment Policy for public streets to reflect the unit values for residential, commercial and multi-family buildings

***Discussion** – Council Member Nanko/Yeager questioned what the assessments would be if they would be 1.0 unit for all types of businesses (residential, commercial, multifamily) if they were 80/20. Engineer Erichson responded that it would be \$1875 with the proposed units for a residential property and it would be \$1974 with the 80/20 for all properties across the board. Council Member Nanko/Yeager stated she has had second thoughts about the units because she does not want the businesses to be over assessed. Mayor Peterson explained that the businesses generate income that is why they pay more, they generate more traffic and believes that current table is fair. Council member Iverson said that she had concerns about the unit values on the multi-family properties since they are already paying commercial tax rates, would like to see them at unit factor of 1.5. Mayor Peterson did not believe it was fair to have a residential home be paying the same as a large apartment complex. Council Member Nanko/Yeager suggested businesses be factored at 1.25 and not 1.5. She believes that most of the future projects will be only commercial or residential, not the mix as seen in this project. Council Member Joe Zerwas stated that a lot of thought was put into the factors and it should be left as presented. Council member Luger suggested that the rates that were presented were fair.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-01-07 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF WYOMING ASSESSMENT POLICY FOR PUBLIC STREETS TO REFLECT THE UNIT VALUES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS

Voting Aye: Luger, Peterson, and J. Zerwas

Voting Nay: Nanko/Yeager and Iverson

Abstain: None

- 11** To consider **Resolution 15-01-08** resolution receiving the Feasibility Report and setting the Public Hearing for the 2015 Street and Utility Improvements (City Project No. 15-01)

City Engineer Erichson – *Gave a presentation and overview of the project to City council*

City Administrator Mattson – *During a future work session should discuss and review our storm water/surface water fees.*

City Engineer Erichson – *The City will be becoming an MS4 City and we will have to do additional reporting and work to make sure we remain compliant with MNPCA.*

Discussion – City Council agreed it storm water fees should be reviewed and we need to communicate what the storm water/surface water fees are for. Discussed the bonds for the project and how many years the assessed portion will be spread out for parcel Owners. Administrator Mattson commented that he was not sure how long it would be perhaps five years, but we would need to discuss with our financial consultants for a more accurate answer. Council Member Nanko/Yeager questioned if she and Mayor Peterson could vote on the project since they would be receiving the improvement. Attorney Vierling said yes, they both could.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-01-08 RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2015 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS (CITY PROJECT NO. 15-01)

Voting Aye: Luger, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, J. Zerwas and Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

February 3, 2015 Work Session 5:15 To Discuss 2015 Street and Utility Improvements

12 To consider **Resolution 15-01-09** a resolution **approving the purchase of a two Ford SUV's which will be assigned to the Patrol Division for \$73,589.78** to replace the 2015 Crown Vic and 2006 Dodge Durango.

Public Safety Director Hoppe –Discussed vehicles being replaced. We have in the past purchased extended warranties at \$1800 but this year they are almost double around \$3,000 for each vehicle.

Discussion – Mayor Peterson asked if all of past vehicles have warranties. Public Safety Director Hoppe stated that all vehicles do. The rotation schedule in place allows the vehicles to not get to high mileage levels were you see more major repairs and allows for the department to receive more money back at auction when sold. The warranty may not allow for much savings but you would be shifting from a fixed cost to a variable expense. Council Member Nanko/Yeager asked if any of the vehicles had a major repair of a transmission, computer or engine yet. Public Safety Director Hoppe stated, “No”. Council Member Iverson asked if the department ever explores other manufacturers other than Ford. Public Safety Director Hoppe stated they had, but they prefer an SUV style, had a poor experience with Dodge and Chevrolets SUV's are Tahoe's and you are looking at an increase in cost for those vehicles. City Council agreed to add the warranties to the two vehicles.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-01-09 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A TWO FORD SUV'S WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE PATROL DIVISION FOR \$73,598.78 TO REPLACE THE 2015 CROWN VIC AND 2006 DODGE DURANGO

Voting Aye: Luger, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, J. Zerwas and Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

13 To consider appointing Edward Prigge to the City of Wyoming Economic Development Authority (EDA) for 2015.

Ed Prigge – Introduced himself to the City Council and explained why he wanted to be a part of the EDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS TO APPROVE APPOINTING EDWARD PRIGGE TO THE CITY OF WYOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA) FOR 2015.

*Voting Aye: Luger, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, J. Zerwas and Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None*

14 Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of January 7, 2015 through January 20th, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 7, 2015 THROUGH JANUARY 20TH, 2015

*Voting Aye: Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Elmore, S. Zerwas and J. Zerwas
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None*

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER- *Attended the Rush Line Meeting last week, we reviewed the work plan and budget and the strategic communication plans. Received an update on pre project development, open houses were held in St. Paul and Maplewood, had good turnouts and feedback. The feedback will be summarized at the next meeting in February. Thanked everyone for coming.*

COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS – *No Report*

COUNCILMEMBER LUGER – *No Report*

COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON – *Wyoming Area Business Association met today. Mike Soule, EDA President was at our meeting and will be at the next meeting in February. Attended greater Minnesota economic and workforce summit at the state Capital with Representative Bob Barret.*

MAYOR PETERSON – *Elected officers at EDA meeting. Interviewed Ed Sprigge. We received some updates on a possible Hotel on the Bingham Property. Nancy Hoffman updated us with some new incentives from the state to help bring in new businesses. Attended Planning Commission meeting, they are working on a solar ordinance and discussions will be continued at the next meeting. Discussed some of the snowmobile routes in the city limits as well. The planning commission is also working on some new updates for the city's animal ordinance.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER ADJOURN THE JANUARY 6, 2015 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AT 8:47 P.M.

Voting Aye: Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Luger, Iverson and J. Zerwas
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: 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:
FEBRUARY 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM**