

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 17, 2015
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for February 17, 2015 to order at 7:05 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, 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”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for February 3, 2015.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

- 2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for February 3, 2015.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 3, 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: 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project

Open the Public Hearing at 7:08

Donald Waller 28480 Forest Blvd – Will new ditches be put in on the roads that are being redone? Also questioned if the project would include resetting and replacing culverts.

Engineer Erichson – No it will not include new ditches and we will replace some culverts in areas that we have deemed necessary.

Andy Stoyke – 26617 Fenwick Ave – Questioned if he would only pay 1 assessment?

City Engineer Erichson – You will only receive 1 assessment if your road access is on the improved street.

Ed Piefer – 26260 Freeport Ave – Issue came up a few years ago and it was voted down. Wanted to talk about construction timeline and had questions regarding assessment amounts.

Engineer Erichson – Believes construction will start in mid to late May – in regards to the project we would have to have some performance standard they will have a certain amount of time to complete that roadway. We won't have all 6 miles of the project ripped up at one time. We will have an assessment hearing this fall and we will have solid numbers for the public. Once the assessment hearing takes place you will have 30 days to pre pay for it or you will pay it off over a to be determined amount of years. Council will have the ability of awarding a contract when bids come in.

City Attorney Vierling – The first part of the process is the improvement hearing tonight and those are estimated numbers. Once we have the bids for the project is when we will determine those numbers and the bond rate

Kathy Nelson 26495 Glen Oak Drive – Wondering if the money we are paying is tax deductible.

Mark Vierling – In your tax statement you will see a special assessment portion, that portion is typically not deductible; the balance of the project will not come on your taxes at once.

Close the public hearing 7:38pm

Council Member Zerwas – How long will the assessments be for?

Administrator Mattson – We will not know until we have the bond sale, the amount will determine the interest rate and the length of time they want to pay it back. They most likely will want to pay it back over 5 to 7 year potential sale of the bonds.

3. To consider adopting **Resolution No. 15-02-14** a resolution ordering the Improvements for the 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project (City Project No. 15-01)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-02-14 A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2015 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 15-01)

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: 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 the **LG220 Application of the St. Paul Lutheran Church**, 5879 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming, MN 55092 to conduct gambling Raffle on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at St. Paul Lutheran Church 5879 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming, MN 55092
5. To consider adopting **Resolution No. 15-02-15** a resolution approving the issuance of a Massage Occupancy License for HIS & HERS Hair Company, Inc. located at 26699 Faxton Avenue in the City of Wyoming for the year 2015

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

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for February 11, 2015
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for February 12, 2015.
8. Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for February 12, 2015.
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for February 11, 2015.
10. Report of Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for February 10, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #4 THROUGH #10.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. To consider supporting the letter to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in regards to Geronimo Energy Aurora Solar Project

Mayor Peterson – *Letter is going to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – The City has been working on ordinances in regards to a solar farm around Maranatha.*

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – *The statute that allows Aurora to move forward with this project was passed in May in 2014. Also questioned if they are currently leasing the property?*

Building Official/Zoning Admin Weck – *No property has changed hands at this time. The comment period for the project to the PUC closes on the 24th of this Month.*

Council Member Iverson – *Questioned if a letter of support for the project had been sent out in the past. Would like to have the City Attorney review the new letter.*

Building Official/Zoning Admin Weck - *We did send out a letter for a 30 acre site. The area of the land was pegged for commercial mixed use.*

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Asked when the attorney will review the statute and the letter to be sent to the PUC?

City Attorney Vierling – The attorney will have a comment by the beginning of next week at the latest.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

12. To consider approving the issuance of a **Solicitation/Peddler Permit** to **Edward Jones** 1267 11th Avenue #206, Forest Lake, MN 55025 – Primary Solicitor – **Daniel Chrzanowski**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SOLICITATION/PEDDLER PERMIT TO EDWARD JONES 1267 11TH AVENUE #206, FOREST LAKE, MN 55025 – PRIMARY SOLICITOR – DANIEL CHRZANOWSKI FROM 10AM TO 7PM FOR 1 CALENDAR YEAR

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

13. To consider **Resolution 15-02-16** a resolution making appointment of Roger Elmore to the Park & Recreation Board to fill the open position

Discussion - We did have a second candidate submit an application. Council Member Iverson questioned if Mr. Spangler's letter was considered and thought we may want to have new people on our boards and commissions. Council Member Zerwas thought that Mr. Elmore would bring a lot of knowledge to the Park Board. It was discussed that the Park Board is reviewing bylaws to possibly add an alternate seat or expand the size of the board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 15-02-16 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENT OF ROGER ELMORE TO THE PARK & RECREATION BOARD TO FILL THE OPEN POSITION

Voting Aye: Luger, Peterson, Iverson and J. Zerwas

Voting Nay: Iverson, Nanko/Yeager

Abstain: None

14. To consider appointing Dennis Schilling to the City of Wyoming Economic Development Authority (EDA) for 2015

Mayor Peterson – Mr. Schilling was a building inspector for Ely and West St. Paul

Dennis Schilling – He lives in Wyoming with his family, was the building official for Ely and recently became the West St. Paul Building official. He participated in almost all boards while living in the City of Ely. He would like to make a contribution to the City of Wyoming. He still operates a small home inspection business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO CONSIDER APPOINTING DENNIS SCHILLING TO THE CITY OF WYOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA) FOR 2015.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

15. To consider approving a strategic planning session/retreat with CraigRapp, LLC in the amount of \$8,950.00

City Administrator Mattson – *In 2006 we proposed a retreat to develop a mission, vision and goals for the city. It wasn't until 2011 that we were able to do that. He has found that this is valuable for the council and staff to be on the same page and work together and create a vision for the city. Back in 2011 we did our strategic plan out to 2016 and in 2013 we had an internal retreat for some of the same items. With 2 new members on the council, I think it's important that we are all on the same page and having an outside facilitator who is honest, blunt and won't walk away from issues would be beneficial.*

Mayor Peterson – *Believes that the first retreat was very valuable and the city council came together. Last time we had a council that had already experienced it; I don't know if it would have worked as well had we not had a moderator. It's a little bit of money to do it, but believes its money well spent.*

Council Member Iverson – *Believed it was a significant amount of money for an item we may be able to do ourselves.*

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – *Does not feel that the facilitator was effective in the past and feels that it's a lot of money to spend. We could possibly work with council by ourselves to come up with our vision.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ TO CONSIDER APPROVING A STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION/RETREAT WITH CRAIGRAPP, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,950.00 APRIL 17TH AND 18TH.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Abstain:

THE ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE MARCH 3, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLAIMS:

16. Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of February 4, 2015 through February 17, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2015.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER- *On February 6th attended a transportation forum hosted by Rick Nolan – He called 2015 the year of transportation, big question is how to pay for them. Hwy 8 is the biggest issue to find funding. Sand Fracking is an issue and the amounts of truck traffic it creates. They are looking for a possible bypass around Taylors Falls. Attended the Solar Farm hearing on February 9th*

COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS – *No report*

COUNCILMEMBER LUGER – *Attended the EDA meeting last week, His and Hers Hair care was awarded 1st quarter business award and received Dennis Schilling's Application.*

COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON – *WABA met today with the president of the EDA, Mike Soule. He discussed the Wyoming EDA. Thanked everyone for coming.*

MAYOR PETERSON – *Attended EDA Meeting and the planning commission meeting. The Planning Commission is reviewing the ordinance for snowmobiles.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AT 8:40PM

Voting Aye: Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, ~~Elmore, S. Zerwas~~, Iverson, Luger 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
MARCH 3, 2015
7:00 PM