

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 3, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 3, 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: Mayor Eric Peterson, Councilmembers Lisa Iverson, Claire Luger, Linda Nanko/Yeager and Joe Zerwas. Also Present; Mark Erichson, WSB City Engineer, Mark Vierling, Eckberg Lammers City Attorney, J.J. Hastings, Fire Chief WFD, Matt Pikus, WFD Fire Relief Association, and Craig J. Mattson, City Administrator.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Mayor determined a Quorum was present.

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".

No comments were presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for February 17, 2015.**

"Councilmember Nanko/Yeager noted that 'no motion' had been made to table item #15 the 'Strategic Planning Session/Retreat' to March 3 as stated in the minutes and would like to have that statement removed from the official record of the minutes"

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE "REGULAR MEETING" MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AS AMENDED.

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

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.

2. To consider the **LG220 Application of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**, 6160 312th Street, Stacy, MN 55079 to conduct gambling Raffle on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Stars & Strikes Entertainment Center 5063 273rd Street, Wyoming, MN 55092

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

3. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for February 25, 2015
4. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for February 26, 2015.
5. Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for February 25, 2015.
6. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for February 25, 2015.
7. Report of Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for February 25, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #2 AND #4 THRU #7 AS SUBMITTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Item #3 Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Nanko/Yeager

Councilmember Nanko/Yeager noted that with the current injuries taking two Officers out of service and the departure of one Police Officer to another department was the Wyoming Police Department able to continue providing 24/7 Police coverage. Sgt. Brian Rod responded in the affirmative and assured the City Council that the Wyoming Police Department is still providing 24/7 Police Patrol coverage and service to the whole community of Wyoming.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR PAUL HOPPE FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2015.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

8. To Consider The Wyoming Fire Relief Associations request to the City of Wyoming raising the Relief Association's pension level to \$2,200 per year of active service

Matt Pikus, WFD Fire Relief Association, explained the Relief Association request to the City Council and that it required no additional funding from the City. Mr. Pikus also outlined options that would be available to the Fire Relief if the economic climate changed so that it was clear they are no putting any demands on the City now or in the future. In addition, Mr. Pikus highlighted the Fire Reliefs fund raising efforts the past few years through the managing of

“Stagecoach Days” which has produced some additional investment revenue for the Association and indicated the intent to continue these efforts in the future.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE WYOMING FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS REQUEST TO THE CITY OF WYOMING RAISING THE RELIEF ASSOCIATION’S PENSION LEVEL TO \$2,200 PER YEAR OF ACTIVE SERVICE

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

CLAIMS:

9. Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of February 18, 2015 through March 3, 2015.

Councilmember Iverson requested that the City Council be provided with a Quarterly Budget Report so they can see how they are doing financially prior to the first meeting in April.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 3, 2015

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Councilmember Linda Nanko/Yeager:

Attended CLJSTC Meeting - Joe Zerwas will provide report.

Attended the Policy Advisory Committee for the Rush Line Pre-Project Development Study - Elected Mayor Nora Slawik of Maplewood as Chair and Linda Nanko/Yeager of Wyoming as Vice-Chair. Presented highlights from the Open Houses held in January in Hugo, St. Paul Eastside and Maplewood. Residents agreed on the need for improved transit and offered suggestions regarding locations. The purpose and need report was approved and included: project purpose and needs, goals and objectives and evaluation criteria. It was reviewed by the project management team, the policy advisory committee and public. The Universal alternatives were also approved which is a series of alternate routes generated by the public and staff. One of the possible routes is up Highway 61 extending to the round-about in Forest Lake. Another possible route is the same as the bus route up to Running Aces and the transit center.

Attended the Rush Line Meeting - Victoria Reinhart - re-elected as Chair; Christian Tolkenon - elected Vice-Chair. Approved a strategic communication plan and the 2015 work plan and budget; received an update on the pre-project development study; presentation from East Metro Strong which is a private/public partnership working to catalyze job growth and economic development opportunity around enhanced transportation and transit. The counties involved are Washington, Ramsey and Dakota. The cities involved are White Bear Lake, Woodbury and St. Paul and the businesses include 3M, HealthEast and St. Paul Chamber of Commerce.

The Task Force discussed a bridge on Highway 97 over 35 due to structural concerns. The State has allotted 3 million dollars to repair the bridge however, Anoka County and surrounding Commissioners are looking to find 25 million to improve the entire interchange. The Task Force approved a resolution supporting funding for the project. Wyoming may possibly be contacted requesting a letter of support for the project.

Councilmember Joe Zerwas:

Attended CLJSTC Meeting - Noted 2nd Meeting of the month will be on March 23rd. Also discovered Lindstrom Lift Station on School District Property currently working with attorney to verify ownership of lift station land and securing proper documentation to assure it is in CLJSTC name.

Councilmember Claire Luger:

Attended Park and Recreation Board Meeting - Board has decided to maintain membership number at five. Projects for 2015 include Pickle Ball Court at Swenson Park (\$1500 - \$2000) Purchase Picnic Tables and 12 Park Benches for \$7500.

Councilmember Lisa Iverson:

Attended WABA Ribbon Cutting for "His & Hers Hair"

Mayor: Eric Peterson

Attended Planning Commission Meeting - Currently discussing Solar Projects and Snowmobile Ordinances.

Attended Meeting in North Branch RE: Economic Impact of Arts in the Region

Additional Staff Reports:

City Administrator Mattson requested the City Council schedule a worksession to discuss:

- 1. New Water Tower*
- 2. Street Light Utility*
- 3. Storm Water Utility*

It was scheduled for March 17th - 5:00 PM - Council to receive materials prior to meeting.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 3RD, 2015 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 7:31 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None