

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for March 17, 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, and Joe Zerwas
ABSENT: Lisa Iverson

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:

Presentation by Mike Stewart, President of the Anoka Winter Knights Snowmobile Club requesting City Council consideration to accept a monetary donation of \$500 to the Wyoming Fire Department to further the department's ability to respond to winter related emergencies.

Mike Stewart – President of the Anoka Winter Knights Snowmobile Club – The Winter Knights help put on the outlaw grass drag racing every year in Princeton, Minnesota. They receive money from this event. They give their money to maintenance of snowmobile trails and back to community's police and fire departments for winter rescue uses. Mr. Stewart presented a check to the Wyoming Fire Department for \$500.00. They Wyoming City Council thanked Mr. Stewart and the Winter Knights for their generosity.

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".

Neil Rever 24679 Hale Ave – Concerned about the Draft Solar Ordinance – It would allow CSES, unlimited acreage and to be allowed in residential areas.

Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck – Read Comments from PUC today. Because of the letter that was sent to the PUC by the Mayor of Wyoming, Wyoming is now on the lower priority end for solar farms, but not off the table. The Judge has not made a decision yet at this time.

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Asked about Solar Gardens?

Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck This ordinance is the draft for the county but we are working on it and some of the information is from the state. The basic definition of that is say that there are two properties that want to have solar panels that would be considered a solar garden.

Mayor Peterson – Feels the planning commission is addressing the ordinance and they are reviewing farms that are on commercial land. One of the reasons they picked the area by Maranatha was because it was close to a substation.

Neil Rever 26479 Hale Ave – Noted that the current ordinance does not put any limit on the acreage.

Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck – it is a DRAFT ordinance, not near completion

Neil Rever 26479 Hale Ave– He is concerned and believes this is a threat to our community.

Mayor Peterson – Thanked Mr. Rever for his concern

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 3, 2015.

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Wanted the word “Capable” redacted in the public safety report because she said “Continued”

MINUTES WERE AMENDED AS STATED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 3, 2015 AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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 March 12, 2015
3. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for March 11, 2015.
4. Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for March 13, 2015.
5. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for March 10, 2015.
6. Report of Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for March 11, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #2 THROUGH #6 AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay:

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

7. To consider Resolution No. 15-03-17 approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project (City Project No. 15-01)

City Engineer Erichson – Staff has prepared the list of Plans for the 2015 Street Improvement project. We are looking at a bid date of April 18th and approval at April 21st Council Meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 15-03-17 APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2015 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 15-01)

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

8. To consider promotion of Officer Josh Brown from part-time to full-time police officer commencing March 23, 2015.

Council Member Zerwas – Asked how long the officer had been with Wyoming

Public Safety Director Hoppe – We had one employee leave and we have two employees out on injuries, one work related, one not. We are looking at filling that vacancy with Josh Brown. Josh Brown has been with us since 2011 – has been a part time officer and also worked as a reserve officer.

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Do we need this position if we are continuing to provide 24/7 coverage even though we have a resignation and two officers out with injuries?

Public Safety Director Hoppe – We have mandatory Overtime, a part time employee filling a fulltime position's hours and Officer Boecker working in the office.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER PROMOTING OFFICER JOSH BROWN FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER COMMENCING MARCH 23, 2015.

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

Voting Nay:

Abstain: None

9. To consider appointing Roger Elmore to the City of Wyoming Economic Development Authority (EDA) for 2015.

Mayor Peterson – We have been trying to fill the final position on the EDA for quite some time and he was unanimously voted by the EDA

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Believes that this confirms the opinion that the community that we don't bring in new people for boards. Would like to See Mr. Elmore resign from the Park Board if appointed to the EDA.

Council Member Zerwas – Roger should be an asset to the EDA.

Councilmember Luger – The EDA appointed Roger unanimously.

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

Voting Aye: Luger, Peterson, and J. Zerwas

Voting Nay: Nanko/Yeager

Abstain: None

CLAIMS:

10. Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of March 3, 2015 through March 17, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 3, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2015.

Council Member Zerwas – Asked if staff could provide a breakdown of the monthly Cintas bill between the departments of public works, administration and police.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER- Attended the Highway 8 task force and they will be putting a seal coat on Hwy 61 from Forest Lake to Wyoming. There will be a roundabout put in on Hwy 8 and Highway 95. In 2017 and 2018 from the split on I35 from the split to Hwy 8 it will be paved with concrete and bridges will be replaced. Presentation from Joe Triplett showed pavement improvements and overlays in Chisago County. There is an opposition to Large Trucks in the legislature and an opposition group is forming. They will be doing a speed study on Hwy 8. Discussed an access management plan from the state regarding Hwy 8. Talked about transportation forum and trying to get funding for Hwy 8 improvements and the original study may be becoming out of date. There is not funding source currently and the study may need to be redone.

COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS – No Report

COUNCILMEMBER LUGER – Attended EDA meeting last week, appointed Roger Elmore, we discussed the Hotel Proposal. What the EDA would like to see from the Hotel Proposal and reviewed costs and a hotel feasibility study.

COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON – Absent

Neil Rever – Asked if Mayor Peterson could explain the reasons for the letter to the Judge?

MAYOR PETERSON – Was at the EDA meeting as well. Planning Commission – Discussed the snowmobile ordinance along with an ATV ordinance and continue to work on them. A big concern of the planning commission if the project down by Maranatha had gone through it would have taken over 40% of our commercial land. The impact would have been extremely evident. The PUC has put us at a lower priority now.

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Is the proposed land held in abeyance, what if a different developer comes in?

Administrator Mattson – We did bring up that Water and Sewer could come to their property someday. They indicated they would rather keep the land agricultural at this time than develop it.

Neil Rever – Questioned the use of an overlay of zoning. What areas of the city are they trying to protect?

Mayor Peterson – An overlay allows us to put stricter standards on certain areas. We have not determined what would be overlayed at this time. It is a broad spectrum right now and not all areas have identified.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS ADJOURN THE MARCH 17, 2015 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AT 7:45 PM

Voting Aye: Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, 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
APRIL 7, 2015
7:00 PM