

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 8, 2012
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for November 8, 2012 to order at 7:02 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Roger Elmore, Linda Nanko/Yeager, Eric Peterson Joe Zerwas and Steve Zerwas.

Absent: None

Additional staff present: Fred Weck-Building Official, Mark Vierling-City Attorney, Eckberg Lammers, Mark Erichson-City Engineer, WSB, Craig Mattson-City Administrator, Nicole Miller-Administrative Assistant.

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”.

Jerry Owens-25717 Gramford Ave-Congratulated Councilmembers and Mayor on their re-election. Expressed the desire for the Council to keep moving forward and believes the residents would like to see the city make progress with street reconstruction.

Celia Osterbauer & Allison Nolden-Requesting \$500 contribution from the City of Wyoming for their Girl Scout Gold Award Project that was completed at Ashton Park. The project consisted of remodeling the park by constructing a foot bridge over the ditch, adding a portable toilet, cleaning up the sand, and replacing boards. The Girl Scouts fundraised about \$1200 and are asking the city for a \$500 contribution to cover the additional costs related to the project.

Councilmembers-Thanked Girl Scouts for their work at Ashton Park and advised the Girl Scouts to bring this funding request to the Park Board. The next Park Board meeting is November 19th 2012 at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for October 16, 2012.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR OCTOBER 16, 2012.

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

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 2 To consider adopting **Resolution No. 12-11-64** a resolution authorizing the City of Wyoming to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding on behalf of Polaris Industries, Inc. for the Minnesota Investment Fund Grant, JOBZ Program and future Tax Abatement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS, TO OPEN THE “PUBLIC HEARING” AT 7:16 P.M. REGARDING POLARIS INDUSTRIES, INC. APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND AND THE JOBZ PROGRAM AND FUTURE TAX ABATEMENT.

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

Nancy Huffman-Chisago County HRA-EDA-Summarized expansion project at Polaris Industries Inc. Polaris Industries is seeking the City of Wyoming’s authorization to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for a Minnesota Investment Fund Grant and JobZ Program. Polaris is also seeking tax abatement from the Chisago County and the City of Wyoming after the JobZ Program sunsets in 2015. The City of Wyoming’s portion of tax abatement would be \$292,758 over five years starting in 2017.

Ray VinZant-6842 270th St-Questioned when Polaris would pay taxes on the existing building and also what type of jobs will be developed by Polaris’ expansion.

Nancy Huffman-Polaris would pay taxes payable in 2017.

Bob Kollross-Polaris Industries Inc.-Jobs developed through the expansion will be related to product development and will mostly be higher skill level positions.

Jean Will-Wyoming Resident-Upset about the City of Wyoming having to wait until 2017 to receive tax payments from Xccent and Polaris.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, TO CLOSE THE “PUBLIC HEARING” AT 7:43 P.M. REGARDING POLARIS INDUSTRIES, INC. APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND AND THE JOBZ PROGRAM AND FUTURE TAX ABATEMENT.

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

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:43P.M.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-64 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WYOMING TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING ON BEHALF OF POLARIS INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND GRANT.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WYOMING TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE JOBZ PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC.

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

Council-The city had anticipated Polaris paying full taxes in 2014 but it has now been clarified that Polaris would not start paying full taxes until 2017. Discussion took place regarding postponing discussion regarding tax abatement until JobZ ends in 2015. The city recently developed a tax abatement policy and Polaris would be the first recipients since this policy has been put in place.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS GRANTING FIVE YEAR TAX ABATEMENT TO POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC. TO BEGIN IN 2017.

- *Voting Aye: Elmore, Peterson, J.Zerwas*
- *Voting Nay: Nanko/Yeager, S.Zerwas*
- *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.

- 3 To consider adopting **Resolution No. 12-11-65** a resolution authorizing the disposal of the unclaimed Yachtclub trailer through the public auction process.

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

- 4 Report of the Director of Public Safety, Paul Hoppe for November 1, 2012
- 5 Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for October 30, 2012
- 6 Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for November 1, 2012
- 7 Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for November 1, 2012
- 8 Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Liaison Report October 26, 2012
- 9 Planning Commission minutes September 25, 2012 and October 23, 2012
- 10 Board of Appeals minutes and findings October 23, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #4 THROUGH #11.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 11 To consider adopting **Resolution No. 12-11-66** a resolution **approving a variance request** from Sherwood Heggen to build an attached garage addition eighty-four (84) feet from the centerline of county road 22 / Wyoming Trail instead of the required one-hundred thirty five (135) feet at 6046 Wyoming Trail.

Fred Weck-Building Official-Planning Commission recommending approving variance.

Councilmember Nanko/Yeager-Inquired of placement of attached garage in relation to house.

Fred Weck-Building Official- The garage will be set back from house.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-66 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SHERWOOD HEGGEN TO BUILD AN ATTACHED GARAGE ADDITION EIGHTY-FOUR (84) FEET FROM THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 22 / WYOMING TRAIL INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (135) FEET AT 6046 WYOMING TRAIL.

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

- 12 To consider **certifying the General Election results** from the **November 6, 2012 City Election.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-68 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 CITY ELECTION.

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

- 13 To consider adopting **Resolution 12-11-67** a resolution **certifying the unpaid utility bills** of certain residents and businesses **to property taxes for payment in 2013.**

Administrator Mattson-The City of Wyoming has an ordinance in place to certify unpaid utility bills to property taxes. The resident's have received notification of outstanding balances and are given an opportunity to pay the delinquent bills without them going onto their property taxes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-67 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE UNPAID UTILITY BILLS OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PROPERTY TAXES FOR PAYMENT IN 2013.

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

CLAIMS:

14 Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of October 16, 2012 through November 8, 2012.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 16, 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2012.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER

No report

COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS

No report

COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE

No report

COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS

No report

MAYOR PETERSON

Thanked all candidates for participating in 2012 elections.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2012 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 8:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted
Nicole Miller, Deputy Clerk