

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 2 2014
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for December 2, 2014 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, Roger Elmore, Steve Zerwas and Joe Zerwas

ABSENT:

Also Present: Mark Vierling, Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood-Assistant City Administrator, Brenda Frechette, Accountant, 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”.

Don Waller 28480 – *Had questions regarding cost of Wyoming Sign by freeway and also the cost of a Siren in 2016*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for November 18, 2014.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

- 2 Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming,**

Minnesota City Council for November 24, 2014.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2014 AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Assistant City Administrator Linwood – Gave presentation on 2015 City of Wyoming Budget

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO OPEN THE DECEMBER 2, 2014 TNT - TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AT 7:14 P.M. FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Steve Schroeder - 26170 Glen Oak Drive – Had questions on Street Utility lights and changing them out to LED. Any kind of Rebates for led lights through Xcel?

Dave Czepa – 25436 Forli Ave- Increase in City of Wyoming –wanted to know why we were so much more than Rush City. Feels that we need a conservative increase.

Steve Sicheneder – 6201 266th Ct. – Taxes went up 18% - Wanted to talk about Transparency. Believes the city may be budgeting more money than we need to. Feels that we need to have more accurate budgeting. Want to make sure the Council is spending those dollars. You have not spent anything in the contingency fund.

Brenda Frechette – Accountant - LGA is put into the contingency fund. It is put into that fund because we are not always sure we will receive it.

Don Waller – 28480 Forest Blvd - Would like the budget broke down by department. Thinks we are over budgeting on certain items. Commented that we have not been putting enough in our salt and sand funds. Believes the council should look at contracting with the county for police services.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY S. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO CLOSE THE DECEMBER 2, 2014 TNT - TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AT 7:30 P.M. FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Council Member Linda Nanko/Yeager – Asked if it was possible to cut \$27,000 dollars to obtain a flat budget for 2015. Questioned various fund balances on accounts for 2015 budget.

- 3 “TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING – TAX LEVY 2014 PAYABLE 2015**
Consider adopting Resolution No. 14-12-90 – 2014 Tax Levy Payable In 2015
Consider adopting Resolution No. 14-12-91 – 2015 Expenditures Budget

TABLED A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-12-90 2014 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2015

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

TABLED A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-12-91 2015 EXPENDITURES BUDGET

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO TABLE THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 TAX LEVY PAYABLE AND 2015 EXPENDITURES BUDGET TO THE DECEMBER 16TH WYOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO HAVE A COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014 TO DISCUSS THE 2015 BUDGET AND TO DISCUSS THE STREET ASSESSMENT POLIICY

Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, S. Zerwas and J. Zerwas
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 authorizing staff to hire John Peka at \$10.00/hr. and advertise for a second attendant at \$7.25/hr. to be temporary Rink Attendants for the 2014-2015 season.

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

- 5 Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for November 24, 2014
- 6 Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for November 24, 2014.
- 7 Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for November 25, 2014
- 8 Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for November 25, 2014
- 9 Report of Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for November 21, 2014

Item #4 pulled for further consideration by Councilmember NANKO/YEAGER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #3 AND 5 THROUGH #9

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

RECONSIDER ITEM #4

Council Member Nanko/Yeager - Wants to know why we need a 2nd rink attendant?

Public Works Superintendent Windingstad – We use to have 3 to 4 Rink attendants employed every year and I have tried to use 1 rink attendant in recent years. There have been times that we have had to pay him overtime. The idea is to bring the second rink attendant in at 8:00/hour so we don't pay out overtime and have a backup in case the 1 rink attendant is sick or cannot be at work. The hours would be split 26 hours a piece between the 2 attendents.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #4.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10 To consider authorizing the Wyoming Public Works Department to proceed with hiring Jerry Headley and Jim Rosengren at \$18.00/hr. for part-time plow driver's positions.

Public Works Superintendent Windingstad – We had some issues on the last snowfall – It did not go as well as hoped, we had some mechanical problems and vacations. Believes that having the two part time drives in an emergency situation would give the department some redundancy. We do have other equipment that employees use besides plow trucks.

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Questioned why we need to hire two instead of one part time employee. Has the idea of leaves and vacations being cancelled been discussed when you can see a major event coming?

Public Works Superintendent Windingstad – Believes with the hiring of two employees we will have one part time employee in town and one out of town in case one is unavailable. We have discussed cancelling vacations, we would cancel leaves and vacations before we brought in part time drivers. The issues may occur when people our out of state on vacations.

Council Member Elmore – Questioned the last plowing event and feels that plowing was handled in the township with the same amount of people.

Council Member Steve Zerwas – Do your drivers receive time and a half if they are called in from vacations?

Public Works Superintendent Windingstad – No they do not.

Council Member Steve Zerwas – If that was the case then plan would look even better.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY S. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO AUTHORIZING THE WYOMING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH HIRING JERRY HEADLEY AND JIM ROSENGREN AT \$18.00/HR. FOR PART-TIME PLOW DRIVER'S POSITIONS.

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

Voting Nay:

Abstain: None

11 To consider resolution 14-12-92 a resolution committing 2014 fund balances to 2015 expenditures

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS TO AUTHORIZING A RESOLUTION COMMITTING 2014 FUND BALANCES TO 2015 EXPENDITURES

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

Voting Nay:

Abstain: None

12 Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of November 19, 2014 through December 2, 2014.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 19, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2014

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER- *Attended Rush Line Meeting – Informed that there will be changes to bus route 285 to St. Paul – 275 and 285 will be combined into a single route starting December 15th. They will have 7 afternoon trips still to St. Paul. Taskforce members would like a shelter at Running Aces Bus Stop. Update on Pre project development study. Discussed survey results and would like to see would like to see more services available or known north of Forest Lake. Thanked everyone for coming*

COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS – *No Report*

COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE – *No Report*

COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS – *No Report*

MAYOR PETERSON – *No Report*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 2, 2014 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AT 8:10 P. M.

Voting Aye: Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Elmore, S. Zerwas 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:
DECEMBER 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM