

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
MAY 7, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 7, 2013 to order at 7:07 P.M.*

**CALL OF ROLL:**

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

*Absent: None*

*Also Present: Mark Erichson, City Engineer – WSB, Mark Vierling, City Attorney – Eckberg Lammers, Fred Weck, Building Official, Jason Windingstad and Craig J. 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 may be 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 Public Comments*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1 To Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 16, 2013.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MAY 7, 2013.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE**

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

## PRESENTATION:

**Mark Erichson-City Engineer**-Presented The City of Wyoming's Ten-Year Street Reconstruction Plan.

**Mayor Peterson**-Presented different financial scenarios comparing cost savings bonding for street projects versus a pay as you go option.

**Councilmember Nanko/Yeager**-Expressed concern about bonding for the street projects and accruing debt. Believes that assessments or pay as you go are the most fiscally responsible options.

**Councilmember Joe Zerwas**-Supports bonding and doesn't support assessing residents.

**Councilmember Elmore**-Supports bonding and utilizing existing street funds to pay for bond payments.

**Councilmember Steve Zerwas**-Supports bonding and believes it is the most fiscally responsible way to take advantage of the historically low bond interest rates. Feels that It is irresponsible to keep spending money to repairing roads that could be replaced sooner.

**Mayor Peterson**-Expressed support for bonding.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Mike Soule-263<sup>rd</sup>**-Was under the impression that the when city council approved the street reconstruction fund the idea of using assessments was gone, believes it is unfair to bring up assessments now. Believes the conditions of streets are a number one priority for most residents.

**Jerry Owens-25717 Gramford Ave.**-Supports bonding and is more than willing to contribute to street reconstruction fund for the repair of city streets.

**Mary Woods-2707 Foxboro Ct**-Pleaded with council to use bonding to complete street reconstruction, as an assessment on her property would be a substantial financial hardship.

**John Bergum-26345 Fenwick Ave**-Questioned if property taxes would go up if bonds were issued to complete street reconstruction.

**Mark Newman-5891 Railroad Blvd**-Believes roads should have been addressed years ago and replacing roads is maintenance and should not be assessed.

**Ken Tolzmann-24738 Hamlet**-Appreciates the work the council has done, believes property owners will benefit from new streets as they will add value to their property.

**Shirley Toronto 26245 Galen Dr**-Concerned about the condition of the streets, pot holes are very large in front of house and has to watch out for vehicles that may hit pot holes that have water in. Asked council to not raise taxes and use bonding.

**Jim Windingstad-5532 275<sup>th</sup> St**-Supports bonding, believes costs to repair roads should be spread out amongst everyone.

**Don Waller-28480 Forest Blvd**-In favor of assessments. Does not live on city street and doesn't receive city services therefore doesn't believe he should pay into street reconstruction fund.

**Delores Weeda**-Supports bonding and believes community should pay for the roads.

**Bill Shepard- 27094 Foxboro Ct.**-Expressed distrust with the City Council and doesn't support either bonding or assessments.

**Andy Stoyke 26617 Fenwick Ave**-Roads are in poor conditions, ask the council to consider bonding for street reconstruction as we all drive on the roads.

**Resident-26201 Galen Drive**-Expressed support for bonding and asked the City Council to serve the majority and vote for bonding.

**Gerre Zecher 26280 Galen Drive**-Chisago County has high taxes and assessments are not fair for residents.

**Fred Sieber-5378 270<sup>th</sup> St**-Supports bonding.

**Councilmember Steve Zerwas**-Even though the road he lives on won't be fixed for a long time he supports the street reconstruction plan and bonding since we are all one community. If interest rates were higher we would have to look at options but interest rates are low and believes the city should take advantage of the low rates.

**Councilmember Joe Zerwas**-Over the years he has been frustrated with the City not fixing roads, over the years the staff and council came up with plans to fix the roads and nothing has progressed until now.

**Councilmember Nanko/Yeager**-Believes the city could cut general levy and spending to help residents out. Expressed

appreciation of the large turnout for tonight's meeting.

**Mayor Peterson**-Believes it is the council's fiduciary responsibility to chose bonding.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:16 P.M.**

- 2 To consider adopting **Resolution No. 13-05-24** a resolution approving the City of Wyoming's Ten Year Street Reconstruction Plan.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 13-05-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF WYOMING'S TEN YEAR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLAN.**

*Voting Aye: Elmore, Peterson, J.Zerwas and S.Zerwas*

*Voting Nay: Nanko/Yeager*

*Abstain: None*

*Motion fails due to lack of unanimous vote*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 13-05-25 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION OF VOTERS OF THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.**

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

- 3 To consider adopting **Resolution No. 13-05-26** a resolution approving amendments to the City of Wyoming's designated Municipal State Aid Street system.

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

- 4 Report of the Director of Public Safety, Paul Hoppe May1, 2013
- 5 Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for May 1, 2013
- 6 Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for May 2, 2013
- 7 Report of the Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for May 7, 2013
- 8 Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for May 2, 2013
- 9 Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Liaison Report April 21, 2013.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER #3 THROUGH #9 AS PRESENTED.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

Abstain: None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 10** To consider accepting the **resignation of Administrative Assistant Nicole Miller** effective **May 10, 2013** and thanking her for her work with the City of Wyoming.

*City Council thanked Nicole Miller for her work at the City of Wyoming and wished her well in her future endeavors.*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NICOLE MILLER EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2013 AND THANK HER FOR HER WORK WITH THE CITY OF WYOMING.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

- 11** To consider **authorizing the City staff to take necessary actions to fill the vacancy** created by the resignation of the Administrative Assistant Nicole Miller.

*Administrator Mattson-The staff is proposing internal shuffling of staff moving Robb Linwood from the Police Department to the position of Administrative Assistant and filling the vacancy at the Police Department.*

*Councilmember Nanko/Yeager-Expressed concerns with the newly created vacancy of Records clerk at the Police Department being at same pay grade as the Accountant.*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF NICOLE MILLER.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**CLAIMS:**

- 12** To consider **authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of April 17, 2013 through May 7, 2013.**

*Councilmember J.Zerwas-Shared concerns with shuffling of vehicles in the Public Safety Department and added costs for changing markings on vehicles*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS, TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 17, 2013 THROUGH MAY 7, 2013.**

*Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Zerwas and Zerwas*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER:**

*Attended the Board of Equalization hearing.*

**COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS:**

*Attended worksession*

**COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE:**

*The Park Board has waived fees for the girls slow pitch softball for practices only for this year.*

**COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS:**

*No report*

**MAYOR PETERSON:**

*No report*

**ADJOURN**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 7, 2013 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 8:52 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

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*Respectfully Submitted*

*Nicole Miller, Administrative Assistant*