

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
JULY 2, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for July 2, 2013 to order at 7:01 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, Steve Zerwas and Joe Zerwas*

*Absent: None*

*Also Present: Andy Pratt - Eckberg Lammers, Mark Erichson-City Engineer-WSB, Paul Hoppe-Director of Public Safety, Craig Mattson-City Administrator, and Robb Linwood-Assistant City Administrator.*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Jerry Owens** – 25717 Gramford Ave. – Plans on pressing the safety issue on 250<sup>th</sup> St other than the city council. Another serious crash on the corner of 250<sup>th</sup> and 61 tonight. Time to do something on that corner, we need stop lights. Hopes citizens will call representatives like Bob Barret if MN DOT will not add lights. Still too many accidents even with improvements on 250<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Babbit** – Questioned about Mayors Peterson's website, thought that he was singling out a council member on street improvement issues.

*"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".*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1 To Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for June 18, 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 JUNE 18, 2013.**

*Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, S. Zerwas and J.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 approving **Resolution No. 13-07-41** A resolution appointing Election Judges for the City of Wyoming for the **Special Election, August 27, 2013.**
- 3 To consider **adopting Resolution No. 13-07-42** a resolution **appointing Wyoming Volunteer Firefighters to Probationary Firefighter Status and Cadet Program for 2013**
- 4 To consider **approving the contract** for the **Fireworks Program at Stagecoach Days on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013** with **RES Specialty Pyrotechnics, 21595 286<sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011 at a cost of \$6,000**

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

- 5 Report of the Director of Public Safety, Paul Hoppe June 27 , 2013
- 6 Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for June 27, 2013
- 7 Report of City Attorney Andy Pratt for June 26, 2013
- 8 Report of the Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for June 28th, 2013
- 9 Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for June 26, 2013

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER #2 THROUGH #9 AS PRESENTED.**

*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 **Hiring Eric Rydeen on probationary status as the Maintenance Operations Streets Lead worker** at a starting wage of \$26.60/HR and **employment to commence July**

15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Administrator Mattson** – *Eric Rydeen will be paid based on his experience and start at step 2, a 6 month step for his wage. Josh Smith will begin at the first step. Rydeen is a fifth generation farmer, works for the City of Shoreview public works, good work ethic, thoughtful in his interview answers. Demonstrated he can plan and direct people.*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS HIRING ERIC RYDEEN ON PROBATIONARY STATUS AS THE MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS STREETS LEAD WORKER AT A STARTING WAGE OF \$26.60/HR AND EMPLOYMENT TO COMMENCE JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

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

*Voting Nay:*

*Abstain: None*

- 11 To consider **Hiring Josh Smith on probationary status as Maintenance Worker I** at a starting wage of \$20.30/HR and **employment to commence July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Administrator Mattson** – *Was thorough and thoughtful in answering interview questions. Meets qualifications for position and will be a strong addition to the department.*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER HIRING JOSH SMITH ON PROBATIONARY STATUS AS MAINTENANCE WORKER I AT A STARTING WAGE OF \$20.30/HR AND EMPLOYMENT TO COMMENCE JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

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

*Voting Nay:*

*Abstain: None*

- 12 To consider **Resolution No. 13-07-43** approving the **Preliminary and Final Plats of “Wolfe Point”**

**Council Member Elmore** - *stated that applicants will sub-divide property. They received a favorable reaction during the public hearing and the planning commission recommended approval with conditions, including they submit additional drawings. Approval was recommended by Fred Weck as well.*

**City Engineer Erichson** – *Any approvals of the plat are condition of a delineation being completed.*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 13-07-43 THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLATS OF “WOLFE POINT” WITH CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND COMPLETION OF A DELINEATION**

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

*Voting Nay:*

*Abstain: None*

- 13 To discuss and consider a motion **supporting the Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Commission's** future funding of a **Minnesota Rural Water "Midi Loan" for Capital Projects**

**Council Member Joe Zerwas** – some of the projects are already in place and other are being finished. The pond cleaning is the #1 priority that needs to be done by October 14<sup>th</sup>, and costs are around \$400,000. Council member Joe Zerwas reviewed the Capital projects in the near future. All other cities were in favor of these projects except for Chisago City. Council Member Zerwas was in favor of \$300,000 purchase of 80 acres of land for treatment plant.

**Council Member Nanko/Yeager** – questioned if the midi loan is for upgrades, improvements or expansions?

**Council Member Joe Zerwas** – explained mainly for improvements and maintenance. Land acquisition could be considered expansion.

**Craig Mattson City Administration** – The rate study for water and sewer included future capital expansion needs for both water and sewer. We have a plans for a water tower, and lift stations included in our rate study. The one thing that we don't have are any costs that are related to the CLJST and those costs come out of our sewer funds. We have to have money for any rate increase the commission may have. We need to have the information for the capital improvements of the CLJST. In the past we received no notice for an odor treatment project. Chisago City has similar concern that the commission will adopt a budget and capital program without taking consideration on the cities that fund it. It's a concern because there are only 5 communities funding the treatment plant.

**Council Member Nanko/Yeager** – was concerned we don't know how much we are going to pay the sewer commission year to year.

**Administrator Mattson** – It would be helpful if we knew what their comprehensive plan or long range planning. We need to take action on this item, but we need more information from the commission for our rate study. Once we have all the specifics on funding from the CLJST we can make another motion or resolution.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS SUPPORTING THE CHISAGO LAKES JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT COMMISSION'S FUTURE FUNDING OF A MINNESOTA RURAL WATER "MIDI LOAN" FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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

Voting Nay:

Abstain: None

#### **CLAIMS:**

- 14 To consider **authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of June 19, 2013 through July 2, 2013.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 19, 2013 THROUGH JULY 2, 2013.**

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

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER**

*Attended a Town hall meeting at the Wyoming Library with Representative Barret and Senator Sean Nienow. They spoke about new taxes in Chisago County that may include a wheel age tax, warehouse tax and a school tax increase in levies.*

### **COUNCILMEMBER J.ZERWAS**

*No Report*

### **COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE**

*Disappointed Skate Park is not completed, some issues with galvanized steel has delayed construction.. The park and should be completed by national night out.*

### **COUNCILMEMBER S.ZERWAS**

*No Report*

### **MAYOR PETERSON**

*Attended GIS software training with Public Works. Interesting software.*

## **ADJOURN**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS TO ADJOURN THE JULY 18, 2013 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 7:38 P.M.**

Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, 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**  
**JULY 16, 2013**