

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 17, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eric Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for April 17, 2012 to order at 7:05 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: Jason Windingstad, Public Works Superintendent, Paul Hoppe, Police Chief, Mark Erichson, City Engineer – WSB, Mark Vierling, City Attorney – Eckberg Lammers, and Craig J. Mattson, City Administrator.

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 Avenue, asked if it is possible to have the City Council Agenda placed on the Wyoming Website in a timelier basis prior to Council meetings.

John Bergum, 26345 Fenwick Avenue, inquired as to whether or not the acquisition of Riverbank by the City is on the Agenda and whether it could be discussed?

Mayor Peterson indicated it was not an agenda item at this time, however, the City Council and City Staff are currently reviewing options available due to the economy that may not be available in the future and that it is with this thought that the City is looking to the future and moving forward with reviewing options regarding a possible purchase of the former bank building and rehabilitation of the existing City hall into a Public Safety Building to determine if it is in the best interest of the City.

Steve Schneider, 6201 – 266th Court, inquired as to the process of the acquisition/bonding? Will the City Council call for a referendum vote? The Bonding process requires a Public Hearing be held.

Neil Gatzow, 5481 East Viking Blvd., indicated he was not in favor of the City purchasing Riverbank and taking a prime piece of real-estate off the market. Mr. Gatzow would rather see the former Riverbank sit idle until someone buys it for development or to resell to a developer than to have it become a non taxpaying government building.

Darrel Vincent, 5844 – 268th Street, indicated previous City Council has always voiced the opinion that commercial property was too valuable to take off the market for non-taxable purposes, it seems that thought would hold true for Riverbank.

Rodney Hestekin, Wyoming, indicated the loss of tax base and resulting increase in taxes will be the end of business in Wyoming; current business cannot afford anymore increases in their taxes.

Tom Terry, Wyoming, believes the City should stop spending money

Sandy Standridge, 26811 Friesland Avenue, would prefer the City Council focus on fixing the streets and cleaning up the junk in the yards (zoning violations) and relived her experiences with expansion of City Hall when she served as a Councilmember and how they envisioned the use of the current City Hall property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for April 3, 2012.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 3, 2012.

Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Zerwas and 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 authorizing the “FINAL” payment of Pearson Bros. Inc. in the amount of \$5,635.98 (two Street Sweepers at \$79.38 each for 35.5 hours)for the 2012 Wyoming Spring Street Sweeping.

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

- 3 Report of the Wyoming Police Chief, Paul Hoppe for April 12, 2012
- 4 Report of the Wyoming Public Works Supt., Jason Windingstad for April 12, 2012
- 5 Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for April 11, 2012
- 6 Report of City Attorney Mark Vierling for April 11, 2012
- 7 Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for April 12, 2012

COMMUNICATIONS:

*I-35 NORTH MANAGED LANES CORRIDOR STUDY – ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING
Thursday April 26 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm – Blaine City Hall – Cloverleaf Farm Room*

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #2 THROUGH #7 AS PRESENTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 8** To consider approving the contract for the Fireworks Program at Stagecoach Days on Saturday, September 15, 2012 with RES Specialty Pyrotechnics, 21595 286th Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011 at a cost of \$6,000. (RES Specialty Pyrotechnics, Inc to provide \$5,000,000.00 in Liability Insurance to cover the Fireworks Display and Clean-up).

This contractor has been the Fireworks provider for all of the recent Stagecoach Days Events.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE FIREWORKS PROGRAM AT STAGECOACH DAYS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 WITH RES SPECIALTY PYROTECHNICS, 21595 286TH STREET, BELLE PLAINE, MN 56011 AT A COST OF \$6,000. (RES SPECIALTY PYROTECHNICS, INC TO PROVIDE \$5,000,000.00 IN LIABILITY INSURANCE TO COVER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND CLEAN-UP).

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

- 9** Vogel Property – Order to Remove Hazardous Building/Buildings.

Administrator Mattson gave a brief history of this property and the past actions by the City of Wyoming to clean-up the site or require the Landowner to clean-up the site by Court Order etc and the current dilapidated state of the buildings on the site which makes them not only an attractive nuisance but a safety hazard requiring attention and removal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-04-28 A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE OWNER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6168 EAST VIKING BOULEVARD TO RAZE OR REMOVE THE BUILDINGS LOCATED THEREON.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

- 10** To consider approving the Employment Agreement for the Wyoming Maintenance Workers for 2012-14.

Administrator Mattson indicated that this Employment Agreement was patterned after the Police/Law Enforcement Agreement the City Council has already approves in principle noting it freezes the cost of Health care contributions that the City pays at the 2012 rate through the duration of the contract (2014) and that it grants a 3% increase to the employees for each year of the contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE WYOMING MAINTENANCE WORKERS FOR 2012-14.

*Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Zerwas and Zerwas
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None*

- 11** To consider authorizing the hiring of Nicole Morris, 2677 Apache Road, North Saint Paul, MN 55109 as the Wyoming Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$23.88/hr.

Administrator Mattson indicated that the City had received 65 applicants for the position which were reviewed based on their education and experience in order to select five finalists for interview. An interview made up of Police Chief Paul Hoppe, Public Works Superintendent Jason Windingstad, IT Spec/Off. Admin/EDA Coord. Robb Linwood and City Administrator Craig Mattson. While the candidates were excellent on stood out and is being recommended for the position based on her experience, education, and personality; Nicole Morris.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER S. ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF NICOLE MORRIS, 2677 APACHE ROAD, NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55109 AS THE WYOMING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT A RATE OF \$23.88/HR.

*Voting Aye: Elmore, Nanko/Yeager, Peterson, Zerwas and Zerwas
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None*

CLAIMS:

- 12** Consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of April 3, 2012 through April 17, 2012.

Councilmember Joe Zerwas inquired as to the bill for a Clothes Dryer from Doug's TV for \$415 asking which Department was responsible for the expense. Upon review the purchase was attributed to the Wyoming Fire Department for maintenance of their Fire Turn Out Gear and Clothing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS, TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF RECOMMENDED BILLS, PAYROLL AND JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 3, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2012.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER

Attended Easter Egg Hunt

Attended Wyoming EDA Meeting

Will be conducting EDA Candidate Interview

EDA is conducting Wyoming Business Survey/Interview

Old Highway 61 Kick Off Event - June 14th - More info coming

COUNCILMEMBER Joe ZERWAS

Attended CLJSTC Meeting of April 4th

Chisago City & Wyoming have most Septic Disposal recorded

COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE

Recommended Dennis Williams for appointment to the Wyoming Park and Recreation Board

A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ELMORE SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS TO APPOINT DENNIS WILLIAMS, WYOMING, TO THE WYOMING PARK AND RECREATION BOARD.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COUNCILMEMBER Steve ZERWAS

Attended the CLJSTC of April 4th

Continued discussion on the faulty pump shafts in the lift stations and the cause of their failure which has yet to be determined.

MAYOR PETERSON

Attended the Easter Egg hunt and the Wyoming EDA Meeting

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER J. ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANKO/YEAGER, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 17, 2012 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 7:59 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted
Craig J. Mattson, City Administrator