

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 18, 2020
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for February 18, 2020 to order at 7:00 PM

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Lisa Iverson, Linda Nanko Yeager, Joe Zerwas, Dennis Schilling, and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Tom Loonan - Eckberg Lammers, Robb Linwood - City Administrator, Mark Erichson - WSB, Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck - Zoning Administrator/Building Official and Chuck Almhjeld - Public Works Superintendent

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

Peter Alexander – Stated that he is here as a partner with the U.S. Census and Chisago County. He stated that the County is looking for someone from the City to join their Complete Count Committee. He stated that he had passed out information on how the census will be conducted and noted that this is the first time it will be able to be completed online. He encouraged the City and the citizens to work with the County to get the census completed accurately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for February 4, 2020**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 2. Consider approving the minutes of the “Work Session Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for February 12, 2020.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None
Absent: 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.

3. To consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of February 5, 2020 through February 18, 2020.
4. To consider approving payment to the League of Minnesota Cities for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$98,397.00
5. To consider **Resolution 20-02-21** a resolution accepting a \$1,000.00 donation to the City from Jeannine Sachs for Railroad Park.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE #3, #4, and #5 OF THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

*Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None*

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

6. Report of the Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe for February 12, 2020
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for February 13, 2020
8. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for February 14, 2020
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for February 14, 2020
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent Chuck Almhjeld for February 12, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

11. To consider **Resolution 20-02-22** a resolution approving the purchase of a 2020 Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van XL and build out for the Wyoming Public Works Department in the amount of \$31,303.96

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Noted that a new transit plan has been included in the CIP and will replace the existing transit van. He stated that it will mostly be used in the water and sewer division and noted that they are estimating that the fuel costs for this new vehicle will be reduced what is currently being spent by about \$1,100/year. He explained that staff is

recommending approval of this purchase as well as approval to dispose of the existing transit vehicle via public auction.

Mayor Iverson – Asked about previous discussions regarding the effect on staff time with the purchase of this new vehicle.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld – Stated that there are several features in the vehicle that will make staff more efficient. He explained that it will have an inverter so the equipment will not have to be taken out of the van to be charged. He stated that it will also have a ladder rack so staff will not have to run back to the shop in order to grab one when needed. He reiterated that he expects this vehicle will also save on fuel costs.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-02-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT CARGO VAN XL AND BUILD OUT FOR THE WYOMING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,303.96.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

12. To consider **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01**, an Ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, replacing gender specific pronouns with gender neutral pronouns

Zoning Administrator/Building Official Weck – Indicated that this change was a goal of the Council for 2019. He noted that the Planning Commission held a public hearing last week and recommends approval.

Councilmember Luger – Stated that she feels this is a small but very important step for the City. She explained that she feels words have power and meaning and can send unintended messages of a gender hierarchy that are exclusionary and could affect participation and contributions to our City. She stated that these changes will show a more accurate representation of the City and its leaders. She thanked staff members for taking the time to do the work to make these changes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPLACING GENDER SPECIFIC PRONOUNS WITH GENDER NEUTRAL PRONOUNS.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

13. To consider **Resolution 20-02-23** a resolution adopting and approving a Summary Publication for Ordinance No. 2020-01, an Ordinance amending the City of Wyoming Code of Ordinances, replacing gender specific pronouns with gender neutral pronouns

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-02-23, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION FOR ORDINANCE NO 2020-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WYOMING CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPLACING GENDER SPECIFIC PRONOUNS WITH GENDER NEUTRAL PRONOUNS

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

City Administrator Linwood – Commended Allison Steenblock for doing a great job working on this Ordinance and noted that she did the majority of work on these changes.

14. To consider **Resolution 20-02-24** a resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for the bids for the 2020 Street Improvement Project

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that plans and specifications have been prepared and are ready to advertise for bids. He stated that according to the timeline the City will be looking to award the contract at the first meeting in April. He stated that there will be neighborhood meeting towards the end of the month to share details of the project with residents.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-02-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BIDS FOR THE 2020 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

15. To consider **Resolution 20-02-25** a resolution accepting the improvements and approving the release of letter of credit for the Heims Lake Villas

City Engineer Erichson– Stated that he believes there is one lot remaining in this development, so the letter of credit can be released. He stated that the City was waiting for watershed approval and a number of punch list items to be completed which has now been done.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-02-25, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVING THE RELEASE OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE HEIMS LAKE VILLAS.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

16. To consider a City Council Work Session on March 4, 2020 at 5:30 PM

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that Chisago County continues its efforts for significant improvements along Highway 8. He stated that they are seeking funding from both Federal and State sources to have a 4-lane highway along this corridor. He noted that County Engineer Joe Triplett has reached out to staff and has asked the City to review a draft proposal for the project. He explained that Mr. Triplett would like to spend some time with Council discussing the proposal.

Mayor Iverson – Confirmed that this work session would be a public meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO SCHEDULE A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON MARCH 4, 2020 AT 5:30 PM.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson
Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Zerwas – No report.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended the Council work session.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Council work session.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the EDA meeting and council work session last week

Mayor Iverson – Attended the EDA meeting, the Planning Commission meeting, and the Council's planning and goal setting session. She reminded residents that the primary election is Tuesday, March 3rd and the Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, March 4th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:20 PM

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 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:
MARCH 4, 2020
7:00PM