

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 2, 2019
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for April 2, 2019 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, and Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for March 20, 2019

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR MARCH 20, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Consider amending the minutes of the "Work Session Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for February 13, 2019.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Councilmember Nanko Yeager brought it to staff's attention that the meeting minutes from the work session on February 13, 2019 omitted the ongoing goal of having a Veteran's Memorial at Railroad Park. He stated that they had already been approved by the Council, so they will need to be amended with the changes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO RECONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE "WORK SESSION MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2019.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "WORK SESSION MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2019, AS AMENDED.

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 March 21, 2019 through April 2, 2019.
4. To consider approving the issuance of a Temporary Liquor License for Wyoming Creative Arts located at 5521 East Viking Blvd for April 18, 2019
5. To consider approving the issuance of a Massage Therapist License for Jill Foley at Mystic Sparrow, LLC located at 5321 East Viking Blvd.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, 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 March 28, 2019
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for March 27, 2019
8. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for March 28, 2019
9. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for March 28, 2019
10. Report of Public Works Superintendent Marty Powers for April 2, 2019

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

11. To consider a Veterans Memorial at Railroad Park and a community event on April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall

Mayor Iverson – Quoted the policy statement that says, “No board commission or Board and Commission member shall have the authority to raise and collect funds on behalf of the Board and Commission or the City unless such action has been specifically approved in advance by the City Council. Any request for a Board and Commission to raise funds should be submitted to the City Council as an agenda item.”

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that during the goal setting session with the Council, the Council wanted to make a goal for 2019 the inclusion of a Veteran’s Memorial at Railroad Park and noted that the Park Advisory Commission (PAC) shares this goal. He stated that the PAC would like to have an opening event to start discussions with the community about what should be in the park. He stated that they would like to hold a community engagement meeting on April 13, 2019. Staff is asking that the Council approve this event and allow funds to be collected on behalf of the Veteran’s Memorial.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she likes the idea of a Veteran’s Memorial and the idea of a public engagement session. She stated that she would like to table this matter because she doesn’t think she has enough information to make a good decision.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the community engagement portion of the event is to start some discussion about the park. He stated that he did not think anything was set in stone as to what would be in the Veteran’s Memorial at this point. He stated that this is designed to be a beginning conversation and share ideas.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that her questions are about things like the scope of the project, the budget of the project, the implementation of the project, and the scheduling of the project. She reiterated that she has no problem with the memorial or the community session but does not feel she has enough information regarding the fundraising.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she feels the City really wants public feedback on what the memorial will look like and how large it will be. She stated that she thinks this is a chance to really make this a community project that many residents and businesses already support.

Councilmember Zerwas – Stated that he thinks the event is just an informational meeting.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Expressed concern that this would be allowing the PAC to start raising funds.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he did not think there would be immediate fundraising until there is some shape and scope to the project.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that her understanding is that the motion will include allowing the PAC to begin fundraising.

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that his understanding is that the Council was being asked to consider allowing the meeting on April 13, 2019 to discuss the possibility of a Veteran’s Memorial.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he did think the motion tonight will be inclusionary to allow fundraising by the PAC. He stated that the Council could make it contingent upon the scope of the project being completed before the fundraising commences.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked if the approval for fundraising only applied to the PAC.

City Attorney Loonan – Noted that the policy that is in place requires that any Board or Commission get the approval of the Council before raising funds. He stated that what is being

asked tonight is for the Council to allow the Board or Commission to start considering fundraising. He stated that the Council will need to specifically approve whatever the fundraising may be. He noted that the resolution, does not say the Board or Commission is going to go raise the funds, but calling for a public event on April 13, 2019 for the discussion to be started.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that obviously the PAC would like to raise money but asked if the Planning Commissioners, Councilmembers or EDA members would also be allowed to raise money.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that according to the Boards and Commission policy, it would need to be identified as to who was allowed to do fundraising. He stated that in this particular case tonight, it would just be the PAC.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked if Councilmembers or the Mayor wanted to also raise funds if a separate motion would be needed.

City Attorney Loonan – Explained that if the Councilmembers are acting on behalf of the specific approval and are raising funds for the PAC to use towards the Veteran's Memorial, then that would be within what the Council will have approved tonight.

City Administrator Linwood – Reiterated that he does not think the fundraising will begin immediately, but will be allowed once the scope of the project has been more clearly defined in the future and will need to come back before the Council.

Councilmember Zerwas – Noted that it says in the packet that the PAC doesn't have the authority to begin fundraising until they come back before the Council for approval.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that this item was an intent at communication and the Council could wait until the scope of the project is more clearly defined to consider the fundraising issue. He stated that this was just to allow the community engagement meeting to take place in order to start getting feedback from residents.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that she would be in favor of that approach and not voting on fundraising until the scope of the project has been determined.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she thinks it is important to let the people know that show up for the community engagement meeting that the intent is that the City will begin raising money for the Veteran's Memorial.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE A COMMUNITY EVENT ON APRIL 13, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL, TO CONSIDER VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AT RAILROAD PARK.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

12. To consider 2019 Street Project including approving **Resolution 19-04-29** "A Resolution Receiving the Feasibility Report and Setting the Public Hearing for the 2019 Street Improvement Project (City Project No. 19-01)

City Engineer Erichson – Gave a brief overview of the background of this project and an overview of the feasibility report. He reviewed the proposed assessment for the project and noted that they are looking to have a completed project in October. He stated that the public hearing for this project will be held on May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Noted that part of the process is inspecting the sanitary sewer in this location and asked what would happen if problems are found.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that if there are sanitary sewer needs, those would not be eligible for MSA funds, but he is not expecting to find any problems. He stated that they do want to inspect the system before a brand-new road is installed.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that in the unlikely event that a problem is found, the City would take money from the sewer reserve funds to pay for the sanitary sewer improvements. He stated that he is also not expecting there to be any problems with the sanitary sewer system.

Councilmember Zerwas – Asked if there had been any thought about putting in a sidewalk along the road leading to the hospital.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the City has had a conversation with the hospital about that. He stated that this could not be assessed and would need to be fully funded by the hospital to add it to the project. He stated that there will be additional conversations about this with the hospital.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-04-29 “A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2019 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 19-01).

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. To consider 2020 Street Project including approving **Resolution 19-04-30** “A Resolution Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Report for Public Improvements to all or Portions of Roadways Identified as the 2020 Street Improvement Project”

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that this is a very large project. He noted that the City has had good results with bids recently and would like to start this process earlier than usual in order to get more public involvement. He stated that starting the process earlier may also help the City get more favorable bids.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-04-30, “A RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL OR PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS IDENTIFIED AS THE 2020 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

14. To consider moving the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for April 16, 2019 to Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the Wyoming Police Department is up for an Award of Innovation from the Minnesota Police Chiefs Association and some of the Councilmembers have indicated that they would like to attend the event on April 16, 2019, which is the same night as the regular Council meeting. He stated that in order to allow the Councilmembers to attend it is proposed that the meeting date be moved to the following night.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO MOVE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 16, 2019 TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

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 – No Report, thanked everyone for coming.

Council Member Luger – Attended the PAC meeting.

Council Member Schilling – No Report

Mayor Iverson – Attended the Joint Planning and EDA meeting, the Chisago County Mayor meeting, the Town Board meeting and the PAC meeting. She reminded residents that April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a meeting to get information and feedback on the Veteran's Memorial Park. She stated that on April 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Geise Memorial Library, Senator Mark Koran will host a town hall meeting. She thanked Councilmember Luger for doing an excellent job as Acting Mayor while she was on vacation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 2, 2019 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:42 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:

APRIL 17, 2019

7:00PM