

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for September 17, 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, Paul Hoppe - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck, Zoning Administrator/Building Official, Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent and Hannah Lynch, AEM

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

John Salsbury 5475 273rd Street – Expressed his appreciation for the Public Works Department who responded so quickly when there was a wild animal in the sewer. He stated that he also wanted to express his opposition to the mayor extending her mayoral term and noted that he has contacted the Attorney General's office. He stated that the residents voted for the Mayor to serve a 2-year term.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the mayoral term was extended to 4 years, but it will not take effect until the next mayoral election, so the current mayor's term will not be extended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Work Session" of the Wyoming City Council for September 3, 2019.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "WORK SESSION" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AS SUBMITTED

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 2. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota City Council for September 3, 2019**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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 annual dues to the League of Minnesota Cities in the amount of \$8,200.00 for September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 and Membership in the Minnesota Mayors Association for same fiscal year for \$30.00
4. To consider **Resolution 19-09-72** to authorize the Wyoming Police Department to Enter into an Agreement for Service Contract with the Lakes Center for Youth and Families in the amount of \$3,000.00 for 2020.
5. To consider authorizing payment of recommended bills, payroll and Journal Entries for the period of September 4, 2019 through September 17, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, 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 September 11, 2019
7. Report of City Building Official, Fred Weck, IV for September 12, 2019
8. Report of Public Works Superintendent, Chuck Almhjeld for September 11, 2019
9. Report of City Attorney Tom Loonan for September 12, 2019
10. Report of City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB for September 13, 2019

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

11. To consider **Resolution 19-09-73** a resolution approving a Preliminary Tax Levy for 2020 and setting a Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation at the December 3, 2019 Wyoming City Council Meeting

Hannah Lynch, Abdo, Eick and Meyers – Gave a brief overview of the preliminary tax levy for 2020. She noted that the levy currently shows a 6% increase from the 2019 levy amount and a decrease in the tax capacity rate of about 1.4%.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-09-73 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY FOR 2020 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION AT THE DECEMBER 3, 2019 WYOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

12. To consider **Resolution 19-09-74** a Rezone R2 to R1Z-19-001 “Shore View Two”: Applicant – Greg Radefeldt, Rock Builders, West Comfort Drive, Property ID Number 21.10501.00

Zoning Administrator Weck – Indicated that the applicant has three applications in to the City, but the other two applications were continued at the Planning Commission meeting and will come before the Council at a future meeting. He explained that the Planning Commission is recommending approval of this rezoning based on its own merits aside from the other application.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Noted that in the Planning Commission meeting minutes one of the residents had expressed concerns about there not being enough room for a septic system on some of the lots.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Explained that would be more of a Preliminary Plat question.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that on the surface she doesn’t have a problem with the rezoning request, but is concerned with the issues raised by the residents at the Planning Commission meeting. She asked if the rezoning was necessary if the variances are not granted.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Stated that it would be because the current or future owner will develop this land according to the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if the Council should see the Preliminary Plat before it considers the rezoning request.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Stated that it is not necessary because this is not a Comprehensive Plan amendment for this particular property. He reiterated that it does not matter what the potential development will be, the rezoning can stand on its own and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-09-74 A RESOLUTION REZONING R2 TO R1 Z-19-001 “SHORE VIEW TWO”, APPLICANT: GREG RADEFELDT, ROCK BUILDERS, WEST COMFORT DRIVE, PROPERTY ID NUMBER 21.10501.00.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. To consider **HIRING** Joe Heidelberger on probationary status as a full-time Building Inspector at a starting wage of \$31.14/HR and employment to tentatively commence on October 7, 2019.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Gave an overview of the background of searching for candidates in three separate rounds since last February. He stated that he believes that Mr. Heidelberger is the best candidate that the City has had out of all the candidates from all the searches. He stated that he recommends approval.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Asked if Mr. Heidelberger would be qualified to inspect public buildings.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Stated that Mr. Heidelberger is certified to do inspections on commercial buildings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO APPROVE HIRING JOE HEIDELBERGER ON PROBATIONARY STATUS AS A FULL-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR AT A STARTING WAGE OF \$31.14/HR WITH EMPLOYMENT TO TENTATIVELY COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 7, 2019.

Voting Aye: Schilling, Luger, Zerwas, Iverson

Voting Nay: Nanko Yeager

Abstain: None

Absent: None

14. To consider and discuss a request from Chisago City for payment of a micro-resurfacing project on Iris Avenue

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that in 2018 a public works crew from Chisago City had done some patching and repair on Iris Avenue. He stated they did not utilize a roller and created some humps on the road. He stated that the City received complaints from both Wyoming residents and Chisago City residents that the road was almost in worse condition than it was before the repair. He stated that recently, Chisago City contacted the City to ask if Wyoming would like to consider a cost-share for a micro-resurfacing project since the cities share this road. He stated that the City was not made aware that they were going to move forward with the project, so they were not able to give input on what the City felt would be the best way to address the issues with the road. He explained that micro-resurfacing is fairly expensive process, but noted that the road is better than it was.

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that he had asked a former pavement preservation expert with the State about this road. He stated that he would have recommended micro-milling and not a micro-resurfacing. He stated that the cost of micro-resurfacing is expensive and the quality is not up to what the City would like to see. He noted that a micro-mill project would be about half the cost of a micro-resurfacing.

Council Member Zerwas – Asked if what was on Iris Avenue right now was considered a finished product.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that this is the finished product and is the best it will get with the micro-resurfacing.

Council Member Zerwas – Stated that the condition of the road is absolutely horrible.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she agreed that it doesn't appear as though they did a great job on the road. She asked what the City was being asked to pay.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Chisago City has already paid the contractor the full project cost amount of \$23,400 and now have submitted a bill to the City asking if Wyoming would cost-share the project with them.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Stated that she is uncomfortable with this because Chisago

City went ahead and did the project without consulting Wyoming or getting any feedback from us. She stated that asking the City to foot half of the bill also makes her uncomfortable because it appears as though a substandard job was done on the repair work.

Council Member Luger – Stated that the date on the information is from November 2018 and asked why they had not communicated with the City in the 10 months since then.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that he had made a call asking that question and was basically told that things got busy and it was an oversight that it wasn't communicated.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the work that was completed does have some value and is helpful to the roadway. He stated that the work has not made the road worse, it was just not the option that the City would have chosen to move forward.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that the Chisago County mayors have been getting together in order to work together on projects. She stated that it is unfortunate that they did not come to the City when they took on this project and is not the quality of work that the City would have put down on the road. She stated that she does not support paying for a cost-share for this road.

Council Member Zerwas – Stated that he agreed that the City should not pay for this road.

Council Member Schilling – Stated that he would feel differently if the City had been involved in the process from the beginning, but the whole process basically skipped over the City until it comes time to pay.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she will reach out to the mayor of Chisago City to talk about this issue.

There was a Consensus that the Council does not want to pay for any portion of the micro-resurfacing that was done on Iris Avenue.

15. To consider a Proclamation declaring October 1 - October 7, 2019 as "Manufacturer's Week" in the City of Wyoming

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the City has celebrated Manufacturer's Week for the last 2 years to support the importance of manufacturing to the City. He stated that this year there will be a career fair and manufacturing tours as part of the celebration that have been coordinated with the local school districts. He stated that this will happen on October 3, 2019 and noted that it is open to the public.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER IVERSON, TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 7, 2019 AS "MANUFACTURER'S WEEK" IN THE CITY OF WYOMING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Zerwas – Attended the Sewer Commission budget meeting.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Attended Stagecoach Days and helped the Friends of the Library sell books to raise funds for various library programs, and also called bingo for the Lions Clubs.

Council Member Luger – Attended the Park Advisory Commission meeting and Stagecoach Days.

Council Member Schilling – Attended the EDA meeting and the Sewer Commission meeting.

Mayor Iverson – Attended the EDA and the Park Advisory Commission meetings, the Planning Commission and the Highway 8 Task Force meeting. She congratulated the Fire Relief Association for a great job putting together this year's Stagecoach Days. She thanked First Insurance Agency, Candy Girtz, for sponsoring the Medallion Hunt.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ZERWAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER, TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:33 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:
OCTOBER 1, 2019
7:00PM