

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 27, 2019
6:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for February 27, 2019 to order at 6:00PM

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, and Dennis Schilling,

ABSENT: *Councilmembers Joe Zerwas and Claire Luger*

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Mark Erichson-WSB, Fred Weck, Planning/Zoning Administrator, Marty Powers, Public Works Superintendent and Craig Johnson – WSB

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

1. 2020 East Viking Boulevard Projects

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that there will be some pedestrian improvements as part of this project near Bruce's Foods and Railroad Park. He stated that MNDot has asked for direction from the City regarding Cornerstone's patio and the off-premise signage for Kevin's Car Wash because they would like these areas for drainage purposes. He explained that the Cornerstone's patio has encroached into the right-of-way and explained the history of the GIS picture from the County as to the location of the right-of-way. He noted that the variance to allow the patio to be construction in 2010 never should have been granted, but they didn't have the accurate information on the right-of-way location at that time. He explained some of the possible options for dealing with this encroachment and the possible liability it creates. He stated that he would like guidance from the Council as to how they would like to address the encroachment issue with Cornerstone.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that her understanding is that this patio is really a smoking patio and not really intended for people to sit and drink or eat. She asked if the patio needed to be as large as it is to serve that purpose.

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that he does not support allowing someone to improve an already non-conforming use.

Councilmember Nanko/Yeager – Stated that she is uneasy about the safety issues with the sight- lines and suggested that the patio be relocated to the east side of the building.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that in his conversations with the owner of Cornerstone, he thinks he wants to work with the City on a solution and does not have his heels dug in to keep the patio in the existing configuration.

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that when he has been there, he thinks most people stand outside the front door and smoke and do not use the other patio.

Mayor Iverson – Suggested that someone communicate with the owner of Cornerstone that the majority of the Council agrees that this is in the right-of-way and would like to see the patio be

moved to a new location on the property.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained that the other issue that MNDOT would like the Council to discuss is the signage for Kevin's Car Wash that is in the area that MNDOT would like to use for drainage. He noted that there is not a record of a permit for the sign to be in this location.

Zoning Administrator Weck – Clarified that this may not mean that a permit was never granted, but he has been unable to find it.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the City has not spoken with the owner of the sign yet

The Council discussed some possible ideas to have the signage located in a different place but comply with the City rules. The Council gave direction for staff to have a conversation with the owner of Kevin's Car Wash and discuss some ideas and get his feedback and opinion.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Polaris will not be doing any kind of expansion in 2019 and may not do any for a few years. He stated that there had been some discussion about doing a small road improvement project in this area because the condition of the road is so poor. Stated that it would be a City project and not assessed. He noted that it would essentially be a long patch for the road. He stated that there are other small projects that have been discussed such as an overlay on the bridge to help with the excessive weight that is starting to show.

The Council discussed other small projects around the City that could be tied into a City road improvement project. The Council agreed that if staff could gather estimates for this type of small road improvement project, they would be interested in considering it.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that the Viking Boulevard project is happening in 2020 and not 2021 as it was previously scheduled. He stated that because MNDOT moved their project forward it required the City to move their planned projects to 2019. He stated that it is a very complicated project and had spoken with MNDOT about the possibility of joining the two projects together in order to be less disruptive to the traffic flow. He stated that the conclusion was basically that MNDOT could start their project a little later in the season and allow the City to complete their project in the spring. He stated that they would like to have a lot of business owner involvement in the process and plan to hold open houses to communicate and answer any questions they may have about the project. He reviewed some of the complications with the planned changes to the sanitary sewer and water lines and explained that extending the City's project out to 2020 will give time to address the complexities in the least disruptive way and possibly create a phased plan to complete the project.

Councilmember Nanko/Yeager – Asked if there would be sufficient MSA funds to complete the project as suggested.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that as of 2019 there is about \$1.3 million that can be advanced. He noted that there will be about \$400,000 or \$500,000 advanced this year.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that this will be an assessable project.

City Engineer Erichson – Stated that he just wanted to pass along the information so the Council knew and understood why this project has slid back into 2020.

2. Public Works Plow Truck 917

Public Works Superintendent Powers - Stated that a week ago, he didn't have much faith in Plow Truck 917 because it had only made it through its full route once. He explained that it has, however, made it through the last three snowfalls, so he feels a little better about it. The new truck will be here in October and will be ready for next winter. He explained some of the other options that may be possible if Plow Truck 917 goes down before the new truck arrives, such as

outfitting one of the tractors with a plow blade.

Council Member Schilling – Asked if the City could simply borrow a truck from someone for 6 months.

Public Works Superintendent Powers – Stated that rentals are difficult to find because they are in high demand this year.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that she would like to see if there is a lease or rental option available before other options are pursued.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that it should be getting close to the end of the season and they are feeling much more hopeful about the truck now that it has made it through the last few storms.

3. City of Wyoming Water Supply Update

City Engineer Erichson – Explained that this is an informational update on the Wyoming public water system, specifically related to the radium levels in drinking water. He introduced Greg Johnson, who is the water/waste water manager at WSB. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City water supply.

Greg Johnson, WSB – Stated that the radium concentrate level in the City is also being seen in various places around the Twin Cities.

City Engineer Erichson - Showed the locations of the three water towers in the City. He stated that well number three has the highest concentration of radium and well number one is trending in the wrong direction. He stated that the trend lines he is presenting are based on past performance, but noted that it is more of an art than a science because there is huge differential.

City Engineer Erichson – Gave an overview of projections of what may happen moving forward with various best- and worst-case scenarios. He reminded the Council that they are making major assumptions with all of their trend analysis and projections. He reviewed some possible options for solving the issues such as digging a new municipal well or building a water treatment plant.

Greg Johnson, WSB – Gave an overview of the types of water treatment plants that can be built that are capable of treating radium.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that he has done some very high-level research into costs of some of the options because this is such a fluid situation.

Council Member Nanko/Yeager – Stated that she would like to see the capability for all three wells be treated for radium.

Greg Johnson, WSB – Explained about the possibility of applying for funding from the Public Facilities Authority called the Drinking Water Public Loan Fund. He noted that it is a low interest rate loan and not a grant.

City Administrator Linwood – Noted that this is not the only option for funding and believes there may be other potential funding and grant monies available.

City Engineer Erichson – Noted that staff will continue to monitor the situation with the wells and radium and will update the Council, as necessary.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE FEBRUARY 27, 2019 WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL AT 7:52 PM.