

MINUTES
Wyoming City Council
June 19, 2023

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on June 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Due to technical difficulties and equipment malfunction, the meeting was not able to be live streamed on the City's YouTube channel. Mayor Monich called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

Council Members:

Dan Driehaus
Grant Hoffman
Melissa Monich
April Robles
Sarah Stankorb Taylor
Jodi Woffington

Others:

Rusty Herzog, City Manager
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Stankorb Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Woffington seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda carried with all voting yes:

- May 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- May 22, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Morton Salt, Inc. for the Purchase of Bulk Road Salt
- Resolution Authorizing a Then and Now Certificate
- Resolution Honoring the Services of Tiernan Hogan Serving on the Promote Wyoming Commission

SPECIAL REPORTS/MINUTES:

No comments were received.

VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Herzog reported that the next concert of the summer season will be Wednesday June 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Crescent Park. The band will be "No Guarantees." If you miss this one, the next one will be July 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Crescent Park featuring "Similar Nature."

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center there will be an open house for the Springfield Pike Safety and Streetscape Plan. The open house is an opportunity to gather the community's thoughts and consider conceptual designs that could lead to safety and streetscape improvements on Springfield Pike. The City's planning

consultants will lead the discussion on potential design concepts such as enhanced sidewalks and gathering places, crosswalks, bike lanes, and more.

The next family entertainment event will be held on Thursday, June 29 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Crescent Park.

The City's annual July 4th events are coming up starting with parade registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Crescent Park. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. and will follow the same route it always has, only it will begin and end at Crescent Park. Residents can swim for free at the Family Aquatic Center from noon to 5:00 p.m. The Tillers will perform at Oak Park from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Inflatables and food trucks will be there as well. Fireworks will begin at 9:45 p.m.

The City currently has three vacancies on the Promote Wyoming Commission. Residents with professional experience in photography, graphic design, advertising, marketing, and/or journalism are encouraged to apply. Information can be found under the Volunteer Opportunities page on the City's website.

REPORTS OF STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No comments were received.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

No reports were received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Bob Byrns, 1202 Morts Pass, addressed City Council and read the following statement. "As a follow up to your designation of this month as "Pride Month" for the City of Wyoming, I thought it would be good for us to remember what the rainbow originally stood for. I am reading from the book of Genesis, Chapter 9.

It should be noted that prior to that great flood, it had not rained upon the earth, so the rainbow in a cloud was not something people had seen before. This truly is the original designation of a rainbow as a sign of something else. For those of you who may be skeptical about there actually being such a global catastrophe, there are significant cross-continental sediment layers that could only have been laid down by such an extensive inundation, and I can refer you to those geological studies.

Since we have declared ourselves to be One Nation, Under God, as you recited at the beginning of this meeting, I suggest we pay attention to instructions he has provided for us. We frequently hear people say, God Bless America, which he has due to our honoring him in our national life in the past, but much of our culture has stopped honoring him, and we have reaped the consequences, especially in violence and mental health

issues. I say instead, America Bless God. Thank you.”

BUSINESS:

A. First Reading of the Ordinance Approving Current Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wyoming and Declaring an Emergency: Mr. Driehaus moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to suspend the rules carried with all voting yes. Mr. Driehaus moved to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to adopt the Ordinance Approving Current Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wyoming and Declaring an Emergency carried with all voting yes.

B. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Natural Gas Aggregation agreement with a Natural Gas Supplier as Recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., Provided that the Accepted Aggregation Rate is Below the Current Contracted Rate at the Time of Execution, for a Period not to Exceed 36 Months: Mr. Herzog explained that the City of Wyoming entered a 2-year contract with Energy Alliances in the fall of 2022 as the gas supplier of the City’s Gas Aggregation Program. The program performed well, but we believe there is a possibility of extending the term and lowering the cost to residents ahead of this winter. The strategy is called “Blend and Extend” where you blend the contract rate with current market rates while extending the term. The resolution will give the City Manager the authority to sign a new agreement/amendment with AEP Energy if we can procure a price lower than \$0.839 per ccf.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor moved to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. There being no comments or questions, the motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with a Natural Gas Supplier as Recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., Provided that the Accepted Aggregation Rate is Below the Current Contracted Rate at the Time of Execution, for a Period not to Exceed 36 Months carried with all voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA:

None was received.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ms. Woffington thanked Emily Dengler for doing a great job with the new concert series this season and for seamlessly moving things from the Village Green over to Crescent Park. She is doing a good job of drawing people over and making sure that people understand the move and why. She is also doing a good job of addressing issues that appear on social media, this is a good way for our community to come together and build trust and transparency.

Mr. Hoffman wished to thank Rachel Leininger and the staff members of the

Recreation Center and the Family Aquatic Center. He and his family have been to the pool several times since it opened, and it is the best it has ever been. There have been new umbrellas installed following the request of patrons and some additional shade structures have been added and new lounge chairs as well. He appreciates all the updates and improvements.

Mr. Driehaus expressed appreciation for mentioning the Springfield Pike Safety and Streetscape Plan Open House. The more we can promote this event the better the turnout will be. He asked if there were ways that Council can get the information out individually to people in addition to the advertising the City has already done. Members discussed sharing the Open House event on their personal social media accounts. Members also decided that sharing the information with their neighbors will help as well.

Ms. Robles commented that she loves the new street signs on Wyoming Avenue and on Springfield Pike and she looks forward to seeing additional new signage in the City. She expressed appreciation to the Family Aquatic Center staff and shared that there will be a fundraiser at the Arepa Place to help the SeaDragons Swim Team, whose home base is the Family Aquatic Center. The fundraiser will be on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in which 25% of all food and drink sales will be donated to the Swim Team.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor wished everyone a happy Juneteenth. She thanked the WCIA and the folks that organized Friday's Juneteenth Celebration event at the Civic Center. It was wonderful to see the outpouring of the community and she knows how meaningful it is to feel included. For many members of the community seeing the pride flags outside of people's homes carries that same deeply meaningful welcome and that this is an inclusive community that prides itself on embracing our diversity. She is glad to see it.

Mayor Monich also commented on the Juneteenth Celebration in that it was wonderful to see so many people out. Many of our local restaurants participated and all experienced long lines for food. It was a meaningful program recognizing long-standing members of our community. She is looking forward to next year.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Hoffman moved to excuse Mr. Woodside. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by roll call vote, 6-0, the motion to excuse Mr. Woodside carried with all voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no items for Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

Ms. Stankorb Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Robles seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

Karen Zeilman, Clerk of Council

Melissa Monich, Mayor