

Minutes
Committee of the Whole
August 5, 2025

The Committee of the Whole met on August 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the City Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Melissa Monich. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Dan Driehaus, Joe Hornsby, Melissa Monich, Cindy Peebles, April Robles, Jodi Woffington

Staff Present: Rusty Herzog-City Manager; Brooke Brady-Police Chief; Rob Nicolls-Public Works Director; Jeremiah Caudill-Finance Director; Rachel Leininger-HR Director; Chris Skidmore-Recreation Director

Introduction of the New Recreation Director

The new Recreation Director, Chris Skidmore, was given the opportunity to introduce himself to City Council. Mr. Skidmore and his family have adjusted well since moving into Wyoming this summer. Mr. Skidmore comes with recreation experience from both big and small cities. Most recently having worked for the City of Gahanna, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Skidmore is getting to know the great team of staff at the Recreation Center. Mr. Skidmore hopes to develop more programming for outside experiences and looks to develop additional sports programs, such as women's sports.

Capital Improvement Project List Discussion

Mr. Herzog started with a review of the Capital Improvement Process (CIP) and a review of the 2025 CIP list. City Council is tasked with approving a five-year CIP list each year, but City Council only approves funding for the first year of the CIP list. Mr. Herzog shared that the city had completed all but three of the Capital Projects that received funding for 2025. Staff still plan for the completion of both the Port-o-Let Enclosure at the Pickle Ball Courts and the Civic Center stage renovation. The camera system project at the Recreation Center is on hold and is being reevaluated.

Mr. Herzog then shared possible projects for funding in 2026. Mr. Herzog also mentioned that this is only a list and that funding amounts have not been determined at this point. Funding capabilities could be affected by grants the city has applied for. Mr. Herzog first highlighted projects he feels should be of the highest priority for next year, including sidewalk replacement program, Vale Creek bridge and bike path, Linden Lane sidewalk, large Turf Field replacement at the Recreation Center, design improvements for the Turf Field at the Recreation Center, and a new Income Tax software.

Mr. Herzog shared the city has applied for 2.1 million in grants for the Mt. Pleasant Road construction project and has applied for 75% funding for the bike path project. If the city does not receive these grants it could dramatically impact the funding we have available for projects. Mr. Herzog then shared other projects that could be considered

for 2026 if there is enough funding, including: 800 Oak lot paving, municipal lot paving, Oak Park Trail paving, Chisholm Park improvements, bathroom access at the Fine Arts Center, Grove Park parking lot paving, and a new generator at the City Building.

Council shared their desire to move up the Master Plan process to 2026 to make sure there is enough time to complete it by 2028.

High School Volunteer Program Update

Ms. Robles shared that high school students who participated in the program during the 2024-2025 school year shared overwhelming support for the program. Many of the participants shared that they gained valuable insights about Wyoming and felt comfortable sharing the information with family and friends. Several of the students expressed interest in participating again next school year. Students expressed a desire to participate in committees that met regularly. Ms. Robles opened it up to City Council and staff for any feedback. City Council and staff shared their support for the program. Ms. Robles will take the feedback she received from students and others as she begins to organize the program for its second year.

Miscellaneous

Chief Brady shared that two juveniles had been arrested for the homicide in Wyoming. One juvenile was charged with Homicide and has a pending court date for a decision on whether he will face charges as an adult. The other juvenile was charged with Tampering with Evidence.

Mr. Herzog offered September 2, 2025 as the next Committee of the Whole meeting since the first Monday is a holiday. City Council approved the date.

Adjourn

With no further agenda items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

Melissa Monich, Mayor