

**MINUTES**  
**Wyoming City Council**  
**January 17, 2023**

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Monich called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

Council Members:

Dan Driehaus  
Grant Hoffman  
Melissa Monich  
Sarah Stankorb Taylor  
Jodi Woffington  
Chris Woodside

Others:

Rusty Herzog, City Manager  
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- December 19, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to Make Advance Payment of Taxes
- Resolution Recognizing Brenda Grannan for Services on the Promote Wyoming Commission
- Resolution Honoring the 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Rebecca Barry 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Cori Besse 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Derek Easton 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Becky Freund 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Alex Guest 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Eric Miller 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Bobbi Strangfeld 2022 Citizens of the Year
- Resolution Honoring Sarah Stankorb Taylor 2022 Citizens of the Year

**SPECIAL REPORTS/MINUTES:**

No comments were received.

**VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

Mr. Herzog reported that the City has received notice that it has been awarded the Tree City USA designation for 2022. Tree City USA status is achieved by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and

celebrating Arbor Day. This represents our 29th consecutive year of receiving this recognition.

The City is accepting applications for vacancies on the Civil Service Commission, Environmental Stewardship Commission, Promote Wyoming Commission, and the Wyoming Community Foundation Board. Additional information and the application can be found on the Volunteer Opportunities page on the website.

2022 Wyoming tax forms are now posted on the City's website and paper copies are available in the lobby during normal business hours.

Just a reminder that City offices will be closed on February 21 for the President's Day holiday and as such, City Council will meet on Tuesday, February 22 at 7pm.

Lastly, Mr. Herzog reminded everyone that fundraising continues for the Village Green Improvement Project.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No reports were received.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

No reports were received.

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No comments were received.

#### BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation Declaring Black History Month: Mayor Monich read the proclamation.

B. Fourth Quarter Financial Report: Mr. Jeremiah Caudill, Finance Director, presented the report to City Council. The fourth quarter financial report indicates the financial condition of the City as of December 31, 2022.

#### General Fund Revenue:

- \$12,463,483 total revenues which are comprised of:
- Real Estate taxes of \$3,575,013
- Income Tax receipts of \$7,816,520
- Local Government Fund of \$170,251
- Cigarette/Liquor receipts of \$12,118
- Charges for services of \$227,231

- Permits-\$44,161
- Court costs/fines/forfeits of \$62,915
- Interest of \$81,689
- Other Revenue of \$473,585

General Fund Expenditures:

- \$10,494,598 total expenditures comprised of:
- Police Department/Mayor's Court expenditures-\$1,781,173
- Other Operating expenditures-\$1,056,780
- Public Works/Facilities expenditures-\$2,065,357
- Fire/EMS expenditures-\$641,594
- Administrative/Legislative/Community Engagement-\$530,595
- Customer Service/Finance expenditures-\$359,030
- Legal expenditures-\$27,920
- Community Development expenditures-\$262,922
- Transfers/Debt Service-\$3,769,225

General Fund Highlights:

- Income Tax receipts up 14% compared to 2022
- Property Tax receipt totaled \$3,575,013 which is up 0.69%.
- Transfers Out-\$3,769,225
- Expenses of \$10,494,598 or 86.47% of budgeted amount compared to 100% of year complete

Recreation Fund Revenues:

- Total Recreation Fund revenues: \$984,170

Major Revenue Sources:

- Recreation-\$486,452
- Civic Center-\$174,752
- Aquatic Center-\$187,578
- Parks & Fields-\$135,388

Recreation Fund Expenditures:

- Total Recreation Fund expenditures: \$1,245,514

Major Expenditure Sources:

- Recreation-\$649,023
- Civic Center-\$186,792
- Aquatic Center-\$312,362
- Parks & Fields-\$97,337

Capital Improvement Fund:

- Total CIP Fund expenses-\$2,475,721  
(Sidewalk Repairs-\$21,595; Village Green Improvements-\$42,876; Crescent Park-\$808,933; Municipal Camp Storage-\$6,387; Pickle Ball Improvements-\$20,860; Vermont Reconstruction-\$192,538; Hike/Bike Trail Section 3-\$31,500; Compton Road Improvements-\$112,500; High School Parking Lot repairs-\$37,360, Debt Service-\$1,201,172)
- Total WW CIP Fund expenses-\$1,382,630  
(Vermont Watermain-\$21,000; Water Reservoir Roof-\$1,042,998; Debt Service-\$318,632)

Water Revenue Fund:

- 2020 Water Revenues (at end of fourth quarter)-\$2,225,000
- 2020 Water Expenditures (at end of fourth quarter)-\$2,015,643
- 2021 Water Revenues (at end of fourth quarter)-\$2,162,752
- 2021 Water Expenditures (at end of fourth quarter)-\$1,916,281
- 2022 Water Revenue (at end of fourth quarter)-\$2,042,948
- 2022 Water Expenditures (at end of fourth quarter)-\$2,496,202

Non-Major Funds:

Street Construction Fund

- Total Revenue-\$535,975
- Total Expenses-\$389,807

State Highway Fund

- Total Revenue-\$44,641
- Total Expenses-\$27,147

Mr. Woodside moved to receive the report. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to receive the Fourth Quarter Financial Report as written carried with all voting yes.

C. Waive Request for a hearing on the Application for a Liquor Permit for Wyoming Coffee, LLC, 434 Springfield Pike, Unit B: Ms. Woffington motioned that no hearing is requested for this liquor permit application. Mr. Woodside seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, by roll call vote, the motion that a hearing is not requested for the Application for a Liquor Permit for Wyoming Coffee, LLC, 434 Springfield Pike, Unit B, carried with all members voting yes.

**NEW BUSINESS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA:**

None was received.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mr. Woodside wished everyone a happy New Year and stated that he believes the city is in a good position, everyone is doing their jobs to make it the best place to live, work, and play.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor thanked Chief Brady for inviting City Council members to experience one of the trainings that the Officers go through which was the virtual reality police training simulator. She commented that a lot of information is given and decisions need to be made quickly and the training shows you how fast the reactions and real-time decision-making process has to be for our officers. The training simulation gives you, virtually, a window into the officer's job and how serious it is.

Ms. Woffington announced that the Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission will be hosting a Wildflower Walk & Talk event at Stearns Woods. The event will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:15 p.m., April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., and on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Participants will be able to see the wildflowers in bloom and learn about them while enjoying some nice spring air.

Mr. Hoffman wished to remind residents that the City rents out for Rumpke, a small, 4 cubic yard dumpster primarily for residents doing work on their houses or other things. The dumpster rents for \$125 per week and Rumpke will drop it off at your house on a Monday and pick it up the next Monday. Mr. Hoffman stated that he has already used the dumpster several times this year and it is a great service.

Mr. Driehaus commended Rusty and staff members for proactively getting matching funds for our jurisdiction for projects that we go after. It is a unique time in Hamilton County as they just passed the SORTA Issue 7 grant funding program, providing funds to many jurisdictions. The ones that are succeeding are the ones that are getting the matches from local municipalities and Wyoming has been successful in receiving some of these grants. He stated that it is nice to see that Wyoming is out there at the forefront going after all the potential grant funding it can. There are many large-scale regional projects such as the Brent Spence Bridge replacement and the Western Hills Viaduct replacement that are on the minds of many. These are very big projects with large amounts of public dollars, but there is an "ask" here too. There is a public/private partnership that the City is pursuing as well by the Wyoming Community Foundation who is working to fund the Village Green Performance Pavilion and Park Renovation Project which is anticipated to be fully funded publicly. Many residents have stepped up and donated towards that project and we are also seeking foundations and individuals to step up as well. Mr. Driehaus added that many

people have already generously stepped up and donated towards the project but we could use more support to achieve this goal. The improvements to the park and the performance pavilion are going to be a spectacular enhancement to our city. Mr. Driehaus commented that if there are any residents interesting in receiving more information on the project or even would like to receive an in-person presentation from Rusty on the project to please reach out.

Mayor Monich recognized Finance Director, Jeremiah Caudill. The City is very fortunate to have such experience in its Finance Director who has a high level of stewardship and accuracy in the financial reporting but also has the knowledge to be able to walk Council through the big picture with details that are easy to understand. The City is going to have another big year coming up and she can say with confidence that because Jeremiah knows where all the money is, he is certainly capable of making sure that it is spent wisely.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

Ms. Stankorb Taylor moved to excuse Ms. Robles. Mr. Driehaus seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by roll call vote, the motion to excuse Ms. Robles carried with all voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session

ADJOURN:

Mr. Driehaus moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

Karen Zeilman, Clerk of Council

Melissa Monich, Mayor