

City of Wyoming

Council Meeting

April 21, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Mercer at 6:04 p.m. Those in attendance pledged their Allegiance to the Flag. The Wyoming Illinois City Council met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Paramount Theater located at 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL. Alderpersons, Carolyn Conover and Carol Potter of the First Ward, David Lindahl of the Second Ward, Dan Hardman and Steve Hansard of the Third Ward were present.

Michelle Owens of the Second Ward was absent.

Citizens wishing to be heard:

Sophie Finnegan, representing the Stark County Lady Rebels Basketball team, asked the City Council for a donation to help them go to the 14th annual Shootout Tournament in Wisconsin Dells. This will be voted on in **New Business (item A)**

Peggy Gray, representing the Stark County Fall Festival, asked the City if they would support the event again this year. She requested a donation to cover the cost of insurance. Last year the City donated \$1,000. The Council will vote on this under

New Business (item B)

Consent Agenda:

Approved Minutes of March 24, 2026, Regular Council meeting, Minutes of March 30, 2026 TIF Committee Meeting, March 30, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting, April 9, 2026 TIF Committee Meeting, and April 14, 2026 Police Committee Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report showed a General Operation and CD's balance of \$1,473,384.22
Bills and Claims were presented in the amount of \$37,979.92.

Staff Reports:

Mayor Mercer informed the Council that there are a few people interested in buying City owned lots in town. We need to discuss how we want to proceed with selling these properties.

We need to talk about water shut offs. Our Ordinance states that if the water bill is 60days past due they will be shut off and will not be turned on until we receive the total amount due. We will put this in the paper also.

He passed out a Release and Waiver of Liability form to all the Alderpersons. Some Nuisance property owners who are physically unable to clean up their yards the City will help them, but the owner needs to sign this Waiver in case something happens on their property the city isn't held liable.

Other topics we need to discuss are Golf Carts, and the Youth Summer program. The mayor would like someone to form a committee to select businesses and persons of the month that we will put on our website.

Justin Reeise reported he is working with NCICG to check out grants including the CDBG grant for the WWTP.

WWTP Operator, Bryon Edwards reported that he and Joe and Jim Kinsella were working on a leak on Grove Street that was finished today.

Police Chief Wells reported 48 calls of service including traffic stops. Kerry Copeland is on the roster as full-time employee as of today 4/21/26 with the state. Kerry Copeland was sworn in as a full-time police officer by Attorney Lessard.

Denny Rewerts reported that so far this year we have allocated \$125,000.00 in TIF funds. By the end of the year he hopes to have 4 new businesses. We could have more businesses if we had more buildings. We need to investigate ways to encourage the owners of vacant buildings to do something with there buildings.

The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ald. Potter. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Conover, Potter, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.

New Business

Consideration of Resolution No. 25/26-54 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$200.00 to support the Stark County Lady Rebels Basketball 2026 Summer Excellence Campaign. They plan to attend the 14th annual Shootout in Wisconsin Dells.

The motion was made by Ald. Lindahl to approve donating \$200.00 to the Stark County Lady Rebels Basketball and seconded by Ald. Potter. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Potter, Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard and the motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution No. 25/26-55 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to donate \$1,000.00 to the Stark County Fall Festival Committee. This is a yearly event that the City has always supported. The event takes place on September 19th and 20th.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve to donate the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Stark County Fall Festival Committee and seconded by Ald. Conover. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard, Conover, Potter and the motion passed.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 25/26-56 Approving and Authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Wyoming and Wyoming Public Library District a one-time lump sum of \$17,632.50 from the TIF 1 Fund for improvements to the Library building including brick tuckpointing and window replacement.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to approve Ordinance No 25/26-56 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Hardman, Hansard, Conover, Potter, Lindahl and the motion passed.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 25/26-57 Approving and Authorizing the execution of a TIF Redevelop agreement between the City of Wyoming and OMKAR Foods, Inc (d.b.a.) (Hunt Brothers Pizza and Subs) and Chandresh “Chad” Patel, from TIF 1. The City will reimburse a sum of \$5,000.00 for OMKAR Foods, Inc, to fix the building’s roof.

The motion was made by Ald. Hardman to approve Ordinance No. 25/26-57 for \$5000.00 and seconded by Ald. Lindahl. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes by Ald. Lindahl, Hardman, Hansard, Conover, Potter and the motion passed.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 25/26-58 Authorizing the City of Wyoming to purchase a chainsaw for the Skid Steer from Northern Tool & Equipment not to exceed \$2,699.00. This purchase will save the City of Wyoming money over the long term by performing the needed work directly instead of utilitarian third parties. **The motion was made by Ald. Lindahl to approve Ordinance 25/26-58 and was seconded by Ald. Potter. Discussion: None. Roll call vote all (5) ayes and the motion passed.**

Discussion Only:

The Mayor and Council discussed the different ways to sell the lots (all in TIF). They decided to do Sealed bids on all of them.

Regarding closed accounts with balances owed to the City, the Mayor signed up for the IRS debt recovery webinar to see if they can help us out.

Officer Copeland will issue the Golf Cart stickers and give each person the Ordinance. You must have a driver’s license and children need to have seat belts. The sticker is \$40.00 per Golf Cart. This will be put in the paper.

This year we will only have Pat Finnegen for summer help.

The Mayor suggested we change our Council Meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the 4 Tuesday of the month if needed. We will put it in the Prairie News next week.

The motion was made by Ald. Hansard to Adjourn and seconded by Ald. Potter. Voice Votes all ayes and the Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

**Diane Baker
City Clerk**

