

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 4, 2024
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for June 4, 2024 to order at 5:30 P.M.

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, Dennis Schilling, and Claire Luger.

Absent: Councilmember Brett Ohnstad

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane- Assistant City Administrator, Steve Reeves- Public Works Superintendent, Neil Bauer- Wyoming Public Safety Director, Jesse Milligan- Wyoming Fire Chief

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024 Preliminary Budget Discussion

City Administrator Linwood - Gave an overview of the budget calendar for 2024 and the factors for the Council to consider that may influence the 2025 budget and Council priorities. Mr. Linwood provided high-level details for the budgets of the Administration and Building Departments.

Administrator Linwood highlighted the need to replace existing computers in the administrative and building departments. Mr. Linwood also stated that the department would be conducting a city comp study as one had not been completed in recent years.

Chief Bauer – Gave an overview of expected 2025 capital expenses, as well as a summary of proposed 2025 budget items. Chief Bauer highlighted a variety of budgetary items, including technology replacements and remaining useful life of current squad cars.

Chief Bauer explained that many police departments have moved away from traditional non-lethal shotguns and have instead began implementing 40mm launchers which are safer and more accurate.

Chief Bauer discussed the intent to complete a staffing study for the Wyoming Fire Department to review the minimum number of fire fighters required to maintain a fire department. Chief Bauer added that the study would also explore ways to fill additional positions to ensure that calls can always be responded to in a timely manner.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager asked if such studies had been done elsewhere and if these studies could be used instead of the department conducting its own. Chief Bauer stated that every department is different and has its own specific needs to run effectively. Chief Bauer added that this study would be done as a means to plan for the future and that there are currently no concerns regarding the Wyoming Fire Department. Chief Bauer stated that recruiting is down across the state and that Wyoming wants to be prepared for all possibilities.

Public Works Superintendent Reeves – Discussed the proposed Public Works budget for 2025 and highlighted the addition of a new full-time employee. Superintendent Reeves stated that there is continued community growth, and with it, the demands of the Public Works Department have and will continue to grow. Mr. Reeves added that the new employee will make things run more efficiently and effectively.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager asked if the new employee would be a regular maintenance worker. Mr. Reeves responded in the affirmative. Administrator Linwood stated that the idea was to build staff to prepare for the departure of veteran Public Works employees. Councilmember Nanko Yeager questioned the necessity of the position. Councilmember Schilling stated that the Council had agreed on the new position last year and that it would result in better services for Wyoming residents.

City Administrator Linwood – Highlighted other topics from the provided Council memo including health care cost, cannabis, and the proposed Public Safety building.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JUNE 4, 2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:48 PM.