

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JULY 16, 2024
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for July 16, 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, Bret Ohnstad and Claire Luger

Absent:

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Grant MacFarlane – Assistant City Administrator, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck- Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Steve Reeves - Public Works Superintendent and Jessi Sturtz- Abdo Financial

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To discuss preliminary 2025 budget and considerations

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Finance Director, Jessi Sturtz from Abdo Financial would be giving an overview of the Draft 2025 Budget.

Jessi Sturtz- Abdo Financial – Mrs. Sturtz gave an overview of the first draft 2025 city budget. She summarized key items including:

- LGA will increase by approximately \$500 for a total of \$388,238 in 2025.
- The total 2025 tax levy is proposed to increase \$454,164 or 8.33% from 2024.
- The general levy increased \$320,540 or 7.67%
- The debt levy decreased by \$21,376 or -2.70%. This is due to the scheduled bond payments and the GO Bond falling off for 2025.
- The capital levy increased \$155,000 or 32.63%.
- The street replacement levy increased by \$100,000 or 25%.
- Per Utility Rate Study that Erickson Northstar LLC approved in 2024, a new maintenance position has been added.
- All employees are projected to receive a COLA increase of 3% and eligible employees will receive a step increase.
- We have estimated a 7% to health insurance and is split 50/50 between employer and employee.

Expenditure Key Changes:

City clerk office

- Increase in wage and benefits due to COLA and step increases
- Increases in network municipal computers, cleaning, and postage

Police Department

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA and step increases
- Part-time Community Service Officer position is added in 2025
- Added PT Cadet position and ICPOET positions. ICPOET position is covered by a grant for the first few months of 2025.
- Increases in communications of \$3.5k, vehicle maintenance of \$2k, increase in uniforms \$3.5k.

Fire Department

- Increase in contracted services of \$3.5k due to increase in price of annual physicals.
- Increase in vehicle maintenance of \$8k for new ties.
- Increase in communications of \$2.5k.

Hwys, streets and roads

- Increase in wage and benefits due to COLA and step increases.
- Increase in repairs and maintenance.

Parks

- Increase in wage and benefits due to COLA and step increases
- Increase in contracted services due to lawn mowing contract expiring at end of 2024.

City Administrator Linwood – Highlighted the administration budget and potential expenditures in 2025. Mr. Linwood provided an overview on various budget items. It was further stated that the City is continuing to utilize ARPA funds towards City needs for 900mhz radios. Staff is still reviewing other options on the Public Safety Building and the council discussed the status of the city's work with a bonding bill in 2025 and Mr. Linwood discussed the potential of getting a report from the University of Minnesota to see what impacts a local sales tax could have. Mayor Iverson, Council Member Schilling, Council Member Ohnstad and Council Member Luger stated that they were still supportive of the project and would like to see it move forward.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JULY 16, 2024 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:10 PM.