

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 20, 2024
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for August 20, 2024 to order at 5:35 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, Brett Ohnstad, and Claire Luger

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

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To continue discussion on the 2025 City of Wyoming Budget

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. The 2025 Budget included the Council approved priorities for each department. These will continue to be reviewed and updated as needed in the 2025 budget.

Key items in this year's budget:

- LGA will increase by approximately \$500 for 2025 for a total of \$388,237.
- The total 2025 tax levy is proposed to increase \$469,164 or 8.60% 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 2009A GO Bond falling off for 2025.
- Staffing
 - Per Utility Rate Study that Erickson Northstar LLC presented, approved by Council in 2023, a new maintenance position has been added. Position is split between water and sewer fund.
- 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.
 - Increase in network municipal computers, cleaning, and postage.
- Elections – decrease due to no elections in 2025.
- Police Department –
 - Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA and step increases
 - Added PT Cadet position and ICPOET positions. ICPOET position is covered by a grant for the first few months of 2025.
- Fire Department
 - Increase in contracted services of \$3,5k due to increase in price of annual physicals.
 - Increase in vehicle maintenance of \$5k for new tires.
 - 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 wages and benefits due to COLA and step increases.
 - Increase in contracted services due to lawn mowing contract expiring at the end of 2024.

Councilmember Schilling inquired about Council wage increases to meet average pay of area, as the last adjustment to wages was done in 2009. Mrs. Sturtz stated that this would increase the levy to 8.66%. The Council was generally not in favor of increasing wages.

**MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE AUGUST 20, 2024 WORK SESSION MEETING
AT 6:11 PM.**