

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 19, 2025
5:35 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for August 19, 2025 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, 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, Mark Erichson – WSB, and Jessi Sturtz- Abdo Financial

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To continue discussions and review 2026 Preliminary Budget

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Finance Director, Jessi Sturtz from Abdo Financial would be giving an overview of the Draft 2026 Budget.

Jessi Sturtz- Abdo Financial – Mrs. Sturtz gave an overview of the first draft 2026 city budget. She summarized key items including:

- LGA will increase by approximately \$189 for a total of \$388,427 in 2026.
- The total 2026 tax levy is proposed to increase \$482,662 or 8.33% from 2025.
- The general levy increased \$268,181 or 6.06%
- The debt levy decreased by \$108,119 or -14.87%. This is due to the scheduled bond payments and the GO Bond falling off for 2026.
- The capital levy increased \$322,600 or 51.17%.
- The street replacement levy increased by \$100,000 or 20%.
- All employees are projected to receive a COLA increase of 3% and eligible employees will receive a step increase.
- We have estimated a 10% increase to health insurance and is split 50/50 between employer and employee.

Expenditure Key Changes:

City clerk office

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA and step increases
- Increases in network municipal computers due to IT's growing needs

Elections

- Increase due to elections in 2026

Police Department

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA, step increases, and the addition of a part-time CSO position in 2026

Fire Department

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA and addition of a new part time firefighter position
- Increase in contracted services due to relocating hose testing and Lexipool
- Increase in Wellness to \$3k

Hwys, streets and roads

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA and step increases
- Increase in contracted services, equipment rentals, and vehicle maintenance to align with the budget from the previous two years

Councilmember Brett Ohnstad arrived to the meeting at 5:41pm.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked increases to the budgets of the Fire Department, Police Department, and Streets funds.

Jessi Sturtz – Stated that increases were attributed to cameras, night differential, and contracted services for a Public Works trailer.

City Administrator Linwood – Provided the City Council with an overview of the 2025 – 2029 Streets CIP plan. Highlighted the different yearly projects and differences between mill & overlay, reclamation projects, and complete reconstruction.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Noted that there was a round-a-bout on East Viking and inquired if this would be sufficient for the Carlos Avery development.

Engineer Erichson – Stated that the County had looked at over 16 different models for the intersection and that the round-a-bout design with bring traffic to acceptable levels with great improvements compared to the current situation.

City Administrator Linwood – Shared that the City had received a proposal for continued services from Abdo Financial for 2026 – 2028. Noted that fees had gone up reasonably and that staff has been very pleased with the services provided.

City Administrator Linwood – Asked that the Council revisit the topic of potentially removing the Claims section from City Council packets to assist in preventing fraud within the City. The city council would still receive the claims for review in an email, it just would not be on the public web site. He added that the public would still be able to access this data upon request as it is public data.

The Council had consensus to remove claims from the publicly posted agenda packets moving forward.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE AUGUST 19, 2025 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:21 PM.