

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 16, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for June 2, 2026 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, Claire Luger, and Brett Ohnstad.

Absent:

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

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wyoming City Hall and Fire Department Facility Project – Bid Results Review and Discussion

City Administrator Linwood – Provided an overview of the project including discussions related to scope, staff needs, bid process, and value engineering that has occurred after the bid opening.

Dan Kjellberg – Reviewed the bid comparisons and informed the Council that 131 bids were received. Stated that value engineering had begun and that the specialty door would be re-bid. Shared that maintaining the proposed construction schedule would require a decision on awarding contracts during the Council meeting later tonight.

Councilmember Schilling – Shared his disappointment in the bid being higher than projected but did not want to continue to delay this process further.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Inquired what the new bonding number may be with the finalized bid totals.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that staff would be meeting with the City's bond counsel tomorrow to receive updated numbers if the bids were approved.

Councilmember Luger – Added that they were disappointed by the bid total but that something needed to be done to ensure maintained quality of City services.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Stated that he did not have any questions but that this project was something that the City needed to do.

Mayor Iverson – Shared that they were not pleased that bids came in over projections but that facilities have been an ongoing issue which needed to be addressed.

City Administrator Linwood – Informed the Council that staff had been looking at options to ensure that the Fire Department could remain operational during construction. Stated that Hallberg Marine had a lease available for a building which would allow the Fire Department to store vehicles and operate while the Fire Department was uninhabitable.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked where funding for the lease would come from and if there is an easy way to get in and out for the firefighters.

City Administrator Linwood – Informed the Council that funds would be from the Capital Revolving Fund and that the site was functional and safe.

City Administrator Linwood – Provided the Councilmembers with a letter from Total Eye Care (TEC) requesting a penalty-free breakage from their lease at the site of the new City Hall and Police Station. Stated that TEC had initially requested that they be allowed to remain in the lease and that plans for the new building were created with their tenancy in mind.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Inquired about the difference in remaining rent money owed and the amount that would be owed if Total Eye Care broke their lease early.

Mayor Iverson – Stated that TEC had been adamant about staying in the building and that many of the City's plans revolved around their facility still being there for this reason.

Councilmember Schilling – Expressed that allowing TEC to break their lease without penalty would result in a loss of money to the City which was unfair to the taxpayers.

Councilmember Ohnstad – Stated that it was not normal to let tenants break the terms of their lease and that this should not be treated differently.

Councilmember Luger – Commented that it was unfair to residents to pivot on the lease now as the corresponding cost to residents would be real.

After further discussion, the Council came to consensus to deny the early termination of the Total Eye Care lease without financial penalty.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JUNE 16, 2026 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:12 PM.