

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 18, 2021
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 18, 2021 to order at 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator; Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator;

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a statement explaining that the Council is meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that tonight's meeting would be held according to State Statute 13D.021, will be live streamed on the City's YouTube page, and will be recorded as part of the public record on the City's website.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

1. Preliminary Factors Influencing the 2021 Budget and Council Priorities

City Administrator Linwood – At the 1st Council Meeting in 2021 the City Council meeting the Council adopted the 2022 Budget Calendar which outlined a series of steps to establish and eventual budget. As part of those steps it was included in the initial meetings to have a discussion on the Council's budget goals and priorities which are intended to provide direction for the preparation of the 2022 Recommended Budget. Mr. Linwood gave an overview of the factors for the Council to consider that may influence the 2022 budget and Council priorities. Mr. Linwood discussed that the council will have priority items of accepting a long term financial plan in 2021 that will help with future budgets. The council will continue to discuss facility needs, funding for the street improvement program. Currently there is no anticipation of any change for increased staffing levels in 2022. Mr. Linwood did ask the council if they could provide any feedback in regards to objectives or goals for the 2022 budget at this time.

Council Member Nanko Yeager – Provided feedback that she has concerns that we continue to look at buildings, increases for streets, questioned with the reduction in building department revenues if we needed a second building inspector. Questioned the replacement of employees when they resign, increases in employee salaries and an new employee of the Public Works Staff.

Council Member Schilling – He suggested that he believes that the employees we are retaining and the addition of the public works employee. The second item that he believed should be reviewed is the council pay, he doesn't believe it is consistent with other cities and with the amount of meetings the council members attend it should be looked into.

Council Member Ohnstad – No questions at this time and looking forward to the budget process.

Council Member Luger – Stated that this is the infancy of the budget, but is looking toward the process for the 2022 budget.

Mayor Iverson – Suggested that she is proud that the council is completing the Long Term Plan, we have continued to be very aggressive in our street reconstruction and have made sure that our city is safe by having an appropriate amount of police officers and firefighters.

City Administrator Linwood indicated that he thought it was important the council continue the work on a mission statement and vision statement along with a budget mission statement. Mr. Linwood allowed the council to review the previous mission statement that the council adopted in 2011 as follows: To create a proud community that celebrates our heritage, builds for the future, and enhances the quality of life through innovation, cooperation, responsible leadership and a philosophy of service to the community. The Council and staff came up with the following components for a draft Mission Statement.

Mission Statement:

- Responsive to residents, provide services to residents that are affordable.
- Good Start – Look for updates –
- Value for inclusion or inclusive community
- likes “To create proud community that celebrates our heritage and builds for the future”
- Transparency

Vision Statement:

- Multigenerational population
- Quality Service Programs
- Welcoming to everyone
- Plan Spoken – Straight Forward
- Professionalism/Leadership Role in County/Collaborative with other entities in County
- Innovative

Budget Mission Statement

- Brief/short/to the point
- Efficient

Staff will review the review the feedback and create some draft statements for the council to review at the next budget meeting on June 9th, 2021.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MAY 18, 2021 “WORK SESSION MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 6:24PM