

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JULY 21, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for July 21, 2026 to order at 5:41 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: Councilmember Brett Ohnstad

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 continue 2027 budget discussions

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that Finance Director, Jessi Sturtz from Abdo Financial would be giving an overview of the Draft 2027 Budget.

Jessi Sturtz- Abdo Financial – Mrs. Sturtz gave an overview of the first draft 2027 city budget. She summarized key items including:

- LGA will decrease by approximately \$428 for a total of \$388,855 in 2027.
- The total 2027 tax levy is proposed to increase \$522,541 or 8.61% from 2026.
- The general levy increased \$308,084 or 6.57%
- The debt levy increased by \$266,957 or 46.52%. This is due to 2016A bond being paid off in 2026 and the new 2026 Lease Revenue Bond/
- The capital levy increased \$55,000 or -7.01%.
- The street replacement levy increased by \$100,000 or 16.67%.
- 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
- Increase of \$35,000 in network municipal computers due to growing IT needs and increase in vendor pricing

Financial Administration

- Increase in wage and benefits due to COLA and step benefits
- Increase of \$7,350 in professional services for Abdo Financial Solutions and PMA fees
- Increase of \$5,000 in auditing and accounting for increased costs of the audit

Police Department

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA, step increases
- Increase in overtime line item of \$25,000 due to last two years actuals

Hwys, streets and roads

- Increase in wages and benefits due to COLA and step increases
- Increases in contracted services, equipment repair, vehicle maintenance, motor fuels to align with budget of prior two years
- Added back in an engineering line item of \$10,000 due to activity in 2026

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Inquired as to how the Capital Revenue Fund transfer would occur with a negative balance and if the transfer would cover all proposed requests.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that \$1.9 million was being added back into the balance of the fund prior to the transfer, as had been previously discussed. Added that all requests would be properly funded.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Asked what the money for the Economic Development Authority would be used.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that the EDA intended to accomplish additional downtown development goals, participate in local business events, and attend MNCAR to promote the community.

Councilmember Linwood – Added that this was a preliminary version of the budget which was being actively worked on and that the pending union contracts were also being factored as the budget is prepared.

City Engineer Erichson – Provided an update on the Polaris road proposal. Shared that Polaris would like their road repaired in 2027 and highlighted the contribution number needed to be offered from Polaris to ensure that the project could feasibly be performed in conjunction with the existing 2027 street project plan.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Stated that the City does not benefit from the current offer as the City would still be required to find the funds to pay for its 80% share.

Councilmember Schilling – Shared that the lowest acceptable offer would need to be one in which the City is still free from harm.

Councilmember Luger – Added that the appropriate contribution amount would be a number that makes the project feasible without burdening the taxpayer.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that staff provide feedback to Polaris and that we would do analysis on the street fund with any new information.

The Council came to a consensus for the city to ask Polaris for their best offer.

Chief Bauer – Informed the Council that the RMS system would remain with Pro Pheonix moving forward as a part of a County-wide information sharing program. Added that the new Pro Pheonix system relies on the cloud.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JULY 21, 2026 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:35 PM.