

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 18, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for August 18, 2026

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

Neil Gatzow, Chisago County Historical Society – Informed the City Council that the Chisago County Historical Society (CCHS) was seeking a contribution of \$1,000 from the City to support its ongoing operations. Shared some of the things that the CCHS does to support the community and preserving its history.

Councilmember Schilling – Inquired about if the funds would come from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) or City.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that it could come from either.

The City Council had consensus to include the contribution in the 2027 budget from the EDA or Park Funds.

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 increase by approximately \$386 for a total of \$388,813 in 2027.
- The total 2027 tax levy is proposed to increase \$545,4061 or 8.99% from 2026.

- The general levy increased \$330,949 or 7.05%
- 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 decreased \$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
- A new line item has been added for the City's share of property taxes for the new building of \$6,500
- Increase in dues and subscriptions of \$9,800 for BS&A subscription

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
- Increase in dues and subscriptions of \$3,400 for BS&A subscription

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
- Increase in dues and subscriptions of \$1,900 for BS&A subscription

Building Inspections

- Increase in dues and subscriptions of \$7,100 for BS&A subscription

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
- Increase in dues and subscriptions of \$1,100 for BS&A subscription

Councilmember Nanko Yeager – Inquired why less money was being transferred into the Capital Revolving Fund.

City Administrator Linwood – Stated that some changes had been made in capital after further review including the reduction of a squad, fire house and the inclusion of a storm siren.

City Administrator Linwood – Explained the increase to the BS&A subscription. Shared that the software was being updated for cloud-hosting and that the City relies on BS&A for many of its daily functions.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that we have previously had to budget for updating City servers every five years and if this budget item would cease with the BS&A update. Also asked if there was added security in the Cloud against items such as cyber-attacks.

City Administrator Linwood – Confirmed that the city would no longer need its own servers for this and the expense would fall off. Added that Cloud servers are generally more secure.

Councilmember Schilling – Stated that BS&A is robust in handling many of the City's needs and that the Cloud upgrade would hopefully save the city money over time.

**MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE AUGUST 18, 2026 WORK SESSION MEETING
AT 6:14 PM.**