

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 25, 2021
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for August 25, 2021 to order at 6:00 PM

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Mayor Lisa Iverson, and Council Members Linda Nanko Yeager, Dennis Schilling, Brett Ohnstad and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator; Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator; Paul Hoppe, Public Safety Director, and Jessi Sturtz, AEM Financial.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Council Mission and Vision Statement

Assistant City Dumais discussed at the June 9th, 2021 City Council Work session, the Council reviewed a draft mission statement, a draft vision statement, and draft budget goals. These statements help to clearly define the council's goals as it makes decisions and allocates resources for the City. Defining these in statements like this promotes transparency to the public by sharing the reasoning behind budgetary decisions beyond just financial tables that may be difficult for some people to understand. The Vision Statement is the most overarching statement for the City, embodying the aspirational goals of the City, defining who we strive to be as a community and as an organization. The Mission Statement, defines the day to day approach that the City has to our work. This statement defines how we do our work. Finally, the budget goals speak directly to how the Council is allocating the financial resources of the City.

The City reviewed the mission statement, values and vision statement. After considerable discussion some changes were made to the guiding principles and the overall statement, but was not finalized at this time.

2. 2022 Budget Update

City Administrator Linwood presented an updated Budget to the council and the main focus continued on the funding of future street improvement programs. The discussion reviewed the potential of the use of franchise fees to fund future improvements and the use of levy dollars. Staff and council discussed different levels or uses of both, but no decisions were made. Council asked that staff come back with some other scenarios that could be tied to future CIP projects and if necessary adjust or stagger future projects with projected funding.

3. Railroad Park Buy a Brick Program

The Park Advisory Commission has expressed interest in having a buy a brick fundraiser as a part of the City's efforts to collect funds for the Railroad Park Project that will include a history walk and a veteran's memorial along the Sunrise Prairie Trail. This project is closely tied to people within the community and an opportunity to donate funds and to recognize a family member or close friend is a powerful way to pay tribute to them and to memorialize them in our city. Buy a Brick fundraisers are common for memorials such as is proposed in the Railroad Park Master Plan. As there is both a veterans memorial as well as a history walk that both provide opportunity for recognition and contribution to the project, staff recommends providing an option to donate a brick to the veterans memorial separately from the rest of the project. The rest of the project would provide an opportunity for families and community members to donate to the project. The veteran's memorial would then be able to specifically recognize individuals who had served in the armed forces.

Staff is recommended that the City move forward with Brick Markers USA, Inc. The proposed bricks would be 4x8 bricks and would have a base cost of \$18 dollars each including the cost for engraving. The council had questions regarding the portion that the city would be able to receive for the bricks and asked if there are any other costs associated with them. Staff indicated the only cost would be the actual installation as part of the overall project. Council gave direction to city staff to move forward with Brick Markers USA, Inc.

4. To consider entering a closed session under MN State Statute 13D.03, Subd 1(b) for Labor Negotiation Developments

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AT 6:59PM

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, and Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LUGER SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHILLING, TO ENTER OPEN SESSION AT 7:34PM

Voting Aye: Schilling, Nanko Yeager, Luger, Ohnstad, and Iverson
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE AUGUST 25, 2021 "WORK SESSION MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:34PM