

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 17, 2022
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 17, 2022 to order at 5:30 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, Brett Ohnstad and Claire Luger.

Absent: Dennis Schilling

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator and Alex Saxe- Assistant City Administrator

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Preliminary factors influencing the 2023 budget and Council priorities

City Administrator Linwood- Gave an overview of the budget calendar for 2022 and the factors for the Council to consider that may influence the 2023 budget and Council priorities. Mr. Linwood discussed that last year the Council approved the long term strategic plan which is the guiding document for inflation rates, population, housing needs, and financial planning. There may be some requests for adding part-time and seasonal staff in 2023. Mr. Linwood asked the Council if they could provide any feedback in regards to objectives or goals for the 2023 budget at this time.

Council Member Nanko Yeager- Stated that she has been hearing from residents that they would like to keep taxes down, valuations are too high and they want roads fixed, so those should be priorities.

City Administrator Linwood- Stated that the city saw a 21% increase in valuations this year which is very high. Mr. Linwood ran through the other priorities for the 2023 budget.

Council Member Iverson- Asked if Franchise Fees have taken affect. Mr. Linwood stated that those started on May 1st and that has been communicated to residents.

Council Member Nanko Yeager- Asked if the \$224,000 increase in the fund balance that the audit showed was going to stay in reserves or be used for a project in 2023? Mr. Linwood stated

that at a future Council meeting that will be a resolution to transfer that money to the Capital Revolving Fund which has been done in the past, but if Council wants to do something different with those funds they can have that discussion.

2. American Rescue Plan discussion

Assistant City Administrator Saxe- Gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City of Wyoming was allocated \$881,470.52 from the federal government and received the first half of that in July 2021 and expect to receive the second half this July. Mr. Saxe explained that when the final rule was adopted by the treasury it gave local governments a lot more flexibility on how to use the funds. Mr. Saxe ran through some potential uses and stated that the City Council already allocated some ARPA money for the Trunk Water Main Project under I-35. He asked Council for discussion and other ideas on where they would want to see the money spent.

Council Member Iverson- Stated that currently the County and State have money set aside for ARMER radios and the State potentially has some money set aside for broadband as well and suggested the city wait to hear how the State and County plan to spend that money.

Council Member Nanko Yeager- Asked how much the Trunk Water Main Project was going to cost?

City Administrator Linwood- Stated that it will be between \$400,000-\$500,000. That leaves the city with around \$400,000 left to spend. He stated that the city has until 2024 to allocate the funds which gives the city time to decide how to best spend the funds.

Council Member Iverson- Stated the city should reach out to the County Commissioners to see if they would give grants to local cities with their ARPA money because that would create great return on investments. She asked staff to add the Veteran's Memorial onto the list of potential funding opportunities.

Council Member Luger- Asked about the 21% increase in valuations and what impact will it have in the future for the budget? Mr. Linwood said it could possibly effect the budget with the valuation increase that helps the tax base and the valuations could go back down depending on the market.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MAY 17, 2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:05 PM.