

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 11, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 11, 2023 to order at 6:00 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, Brett Ohnstad and Claire Luger.

Absent: None

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Alex Saxe- Assistant City Administrator, Fred Weck- Zoning Administrator/Building Official, Neil Bauer- Public Safety Director, Dan Kjellberg- Kraus Anderson, Misica Tang- Wold Architects and Jonathan Loose- Wold Architects

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wyoming Public Safety Building Discussion

Misica Tang/Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects- Gave a brief presentation on current design and cost estimates. Current square footage is at 29,000 Sq. Ft. The project cost estimates have gone up \$2 million due to inflation. They explained how they have been trying to predict inflation allowance and the new estimates have some room for continued inflation. The three biggest factors contributing to the higher estimates are: concrete costs, equipment costs, and continued inflation.

Mayor Iverson- Stated she is disappointed in the higher costs. The last estimate was \$2 million dollars less and it is hard to believe costs have increased that much. The city thought the project would not be over \$13 million.

Member Schilling- Stated he saw this coming with what has been happening in the market. But a \$2 million increase in 6 months is really hard to accept and move forward with the project.

Member Ohnstad- Stated he believes the city's biggest enemy is time. The longer the city waits the more expensive it may become.

Member Luger- Asked if the 3 factors that contributed to higher costs, will continue to be high or will they come down if the city waited.

Jonathan Loose- Stated the bid market is spotty with some projects coming in lower and some higher, so it is not clear if prices will come down.

Mayor Iverson- Asked if Wold or Kraus Anderson would discount any of their prices to help even out construction costs.

Jonathan Loose- Stated they do not like seeing the costs going up for their clients. He thinks it could be best to hit the pause button and work together to find a cheaper solution.

Jonathan Loose- Explained these are all estimates, run with real time data. The city won't know the actual cost until the project is bid.

Member Schilling- Asked if the materials for the building changed to steel would that help with costs.

Jonathan Loose- Stated they have started to look at steel and it may help with costs.

City Administrator Linwood- Gave an overview of a few options for council: Proceed forward with bidding the project or putting the project on hold and work on finding ways to bring down the cost. There is a chance the city could get some funding from the legislature. He provided some draft bond runs that show some of the financing options for the building. Staff would recommend pausing the project and work on getting the costs back down.

Mayor Iverson- Stated she cannot justify the \$15.5 million costs and wants staff to explore other options.

Member Schilling- Agreed with Mayor Iverson and would want to explore other building materials and try to get money from the legislature.

Mayor Iverson- Stated the state will fund regional training centers and wondered if there is anyway we could incorporate that into the building design.

Public Safety Director Bauer- Stated right now the design is not close to meeting requirements to be a regional center but the city could explore that option.

Jonathan Loose- Explained with state money comes extra requirements which could add on up to 15% of costs to comply with B3 energy efficiency and other requirements. But with the money being received the city should still be ahead if state funding was received.

Mayor Iverson- Suggested the idea of a private entity building the building, the city would then lease it and levy for it at a later date.

Council gave direction to staff to pause the project and explore alternative ways to

get the costs down. Staff will work with Wold and Kraus Anderson and bring more information to Council at a future work session.

**MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JANUARY 11, 2023 WORK SESSION MEETING
AT 6:57 PM.**