

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 2, 2023
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for May 2, 2023 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, 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, Mike Klass- Wold Architects, Paige Sullivan- Wold Architects and Jonathan Loose- Wold Architects

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Iverson determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on Wyoming Public Safety Building

Robb Linwood, City Administrator- Gave some background on where the project is currently at. In January, council gave direction to staff and Wold to explore some options to get the building back on budget. Wold and Kraus Anderson will give a presentation and answer any questions.

Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects- Reviewed the conversations from the January work session and how the estimates were over budget and that they wanted direction from council on how to proceed. The direction was given to explore some alternative materials and other options to get the building back to the estimated budget. Mr. Loose gave a presentation that highlighted recommended changes including: changing the material for the apparatus bay and squad garage to pre-fab, use some cheaper materials for internal office space, and some other considerations to bring down costs if desired.

Councilmember Luger- Asked what the life span difference between pre-fab and pre-cast is.

Dan Kjellberg- Kraus Anderson- Stated pre-cast is about 50 years, pre-fab could last 50 years with upkeep, but at least 30 years.

Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects- Walked through the new cost estimates. The building is now estimated at \$13.5 million which is on budget. Wold is recommending building in escalation for inflation, so an estimate for bids would be \$13.8 million.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager- Asked if the apparatus bay needs to be reinforced or if the pre-fab material is sufficient.

Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects - Stated there is no requirement for it to be reinforced, but the overhead doors are a weak point no matter the building material.

Robb Linwood, City Administrator- Gave an update on where the city is at with state and federal funding. The city has been having bi-weekly check ins with the lobbyist. There are two bills drafted in the legislature for the building and as of right now they are most likely not going to be included in the bonding bill. If there is a second bonding bill later in the year, there may be a chance they would be included. The city will be applying for MMB funding later this fall. On the federal side, the city has applied for Congressionally Directed Spending and are working to get Senators Klobuchar and Smith to tour the current facilities. The city should know more on that funding later this summer.

Councilmember Schilling- Asked if half of the building could be constructed now with the EOC in the middle and then the other half constructed at a later date.

Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects- Stated they could put together that information and provide those costs to council at a future date. But stated the longer the city waits the more the costs will continue to rise and he cannot guarantee the total project costs would be under budget if that was the option the city wanted to pursue.

Councilmember Schilling- Asked if the council wanted to take this project to bid, would they have to move forward with construction and what would it cost to move forward to the bidding process.

Robb Linwood, City Administrator- Stated the city could receive bids and not move forward with construction. Staff could work on getting some of the bonding information and the consultants probably have costs associated to get ready to go to bid.

Councilmember Schilling- Wanted to know the total cost out of the taxpayer's fund to put this to bid to have actual numbers in front of the council and how soon can that be put together. Right now, he does not have enough information and is not comfortable not knowing exact cost.

Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects- Stated in their contract they have about five percent left to bill for the design phase and they do have some fees associated with the bidding process and Kraus Anderson does as well.

Councilmember Schilling- Would like to move forward to bid the project because the city has to pay for it whether it happens now or later.

Councilmember Ohnstad- Wants to move forward because he agrees the cost will keep going up.

Councilmember Luger- Explained that even if the city did it in phases the cost will still go up and she does not anticipate the cost dropping and she would also like to move forward to bid the project.

Councilmember Nanko Yeager- Is not comfortable with the costs and does not want to move forward with bidding at this time.

Mayor Iverson- Stated she really wants to get this building done, but she is not comfortable putting this burden on the taxpayers and would like to see if the city receives any state and federal funding.

Councilmember Luger- Asked if the city goes out to bid and get the numbers and do not like them, what is the consequence?

Robb Linwood, City Administrator- Stated the consequence is the city has to pay the consultants for doing the bid work while also paying a lobbyist to secure state and/or federal funding.

Council gave direction to staff to bring an item to a future Council meeting to begin the bidding process for the project and present some updated bond runs.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE MAY 2, 2023 WORK SESSION MEETING AT 6:33 PM.