

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 7, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for June 7, 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, Claire Luger and Brett Ohnstad (participated remotely via electronic means from Breezy Point with appropriate notice)

Absent: Councilmember Dennis Schilling

Also Present: Robb Linwood- City Administrator, Neil Bauer - Public Safety Director, Fred Weck-Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Joe Keding- Acting 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. 2024 Budget Considerations and Discussion

City Administrator Linwood- Gave an overview of the budget calendar for 2023 and the factors for the Council to consider that may influence the 2024 budget and Council priorities. Mr. Linwood discussed that the Council just had their retreat a few weeks ago and that a summation of the goals and priorities are included in the packet from the retreat. Tonight, Department Heads will present on preliminary factors and considerations for their 2024 budgets.

City Administrator Linwood- Provided information and updates on the Administration Department budget. He highlighted items that will see budget increases: elections, software upgrades and contracted services. He provided the council with an updated CIP for Council to review and noted Administration has no items in the CIP this year.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Keding- Provided an updated on the Public Works budget. He noted equipment costs are going up. He talked about pavement conditions this year and how year to date Public Works has put down 500 tons plus the 100 ton they contracted out. This year's asphalt budget is already gone as we approach the summer

and he expects to go over budget and they will ask for an increase. Public Works is also right at budget for salt and with an early winter, will most likely go over budget. He brought up fuel and electrical costs as those continue to go up.

Public Safety Director Bauer- Provided an overview of the Police Department budget. He talked about technology upgrades that are needed for the network at the police department, they will be asking for a part time CSO position, creating additional recruiting and retention efforts and they will explore implementing a wellness program. The addition of a wellness program and incentive pay will be discussed more during union negotiations.

The council had discussions on mental health benefits and why it would be beneficial to offer additional resources beyond what is offered through the city's insurance.

Public Safety Director Bauer- Covered CIP items. They will be requesting a new UTV along with a new squad. They are exploring in-car camera systems to work with body worn cameras with data being stored by Axon. He covered some items for the Fire Department. Lifting airbags need replacing. Tires need to be replaced on Engine 3.

Public Safety Director Bauer- Presented info on staffing needs using comparable cities. The info showed that in the future, Wyoming will need additional officers to effectively serve the community. In the near future, he would like to explore a CSO position and an Administrative Sergeant position.

Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck- Provided an update on the Building Department. Explained that in the CIP it is noted to replace the Inspector vehicle which is well over 100,000 miles. Staff is exploring a new vehicle, possibly a Ford Maverick which is a small pickup truck with good gas mileage.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JUNE 7, 2023 BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING AT 7:18 PM.