

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
OCTOBER 12, 2016  
7:00 PM**

**CALL OF ROLL:**

*On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Eric Peterson, Linda Nanko/Yeager, Lisa Iverson, Claire Luger and Joe Zerwas*  
Absent:

*Also Present: Robb Linwood-Assistant City Administrator, Craig Mattson-City Administrator, Tina Meyer-Finance Comptroller, Marty Powers-Public Works Superintendent, and Fred Weck-Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Paul Hoppe – Public Safety Director, and JJ Hastings, Fire Chief*

**2017 Budget Work-session**

Discussed the presented items and handouts - reviewed updates on budget and capital. The 2017 Budget now sits at a 5.8% increase.

**2017 Public Safety Budget**

- 2017 the newly created full time officer position will be funded for the entire year unlike 2016 when the position was created and only 6 months had to be funded.
- **Fire Pay** – 2006 was the last time fire pay was adjusted. The Fire Department implemented different programs since 2012. 1<sup>st</sup> implementation was the duty crew system – that was about resource control. 2nd phase implemented was a change in service provisions. It reduced the number of medical calls the fire department responded to. Fire Department goes on major medical calls and no longer minor medical calls. Final Phase – We talk about a pay adjustment, we would like to make it one rate. Emergency calls are \$18/hr.; training and administrative projects training is \$9.00/hr. We would like to have \$18/hr. across the board for all firefighter activities and this would be phased in over 18 months. Retention of firefighters is most important phase since upfront costs for training them is very expensive. This may help with filling day hour calls as well. It was asked if the city council would support this initiative in the 2017 budget and to phase in wage increases over 18 months.

Majority of city council said they would support the initiative in the 2017 budget to increase fire pay to \$18/hr. for all activities and that it be phased in over 18 months

- **Fire Hose** – We will be purchasing new hose in 2017 and starting a rotation schedule. Hoses will continue to be tested and after 10 years will be made back up hoses and eventually be turned over to the public works department when useful life is over.
- **Replacing Squad 207** – It has 120,000 miles on it and is due in our squad rotation program. This is our reserve police vehicle for patrol, reserve officers may use it and will be also used for special details.

- **SCBA units for Fire Department** - Fire is in the process of applying for a grant but we still need to fund this item in case we do not receive the grant this year or next. We need to have these rated to maintain fire service for the city. FEMA will only fulfil the number of seats we have on our apparatus so we need additional funds to fulfil the SCBAs.
- **Body Cameras** – It's currently in contracted services, we were offered from the Hallberg Family to purchase these items. Cameras are about \$600.00 apiece and then it comes down to data storage. It would cost \$20,000 dollars every 5 years to maintain the system. The cameras are becoming more main stream and is about police accountability

City council determined to look at this item for 2018 budget and to ask the Hallberg Family if they would still donate cameras and possibly fund other costs of the program

- Special project fund was reduced and fuels were reduced due to V6 engines in squads.

## **SEWER AND WATER FUNDS**

Discussed the current status of these water and sewer funds and performance. Water and Sewer funds continue to improve and Finance Comptroller Tina Meyer and Public Works Superintendent Marty Powers continue to review operations, expenses and revenues.

Surface/Storm Water Funds – This fund is not being maintained and it was discussed if the rates need to be raised to improve the balances in the accounts. It was also discussed if rates were raised would it be over a period of time and how much would the rate increases be.

No action on increase was taken by council, but requested staff to see if there any other areas where we could attain funding for this account (grants, etc.)