

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
NOVEMBER 18, 2015  
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 Also Present: Robb Linwood-Assistant City Administrator, Craig Mattson-City Administrator, Jason Windingstad-Public Works Superintendent, Paul Hoppe-Public Safety Director, Fred Weck-Building Official and Brenda Frechette-Comptroller*

**2016 Budget Discussion**

*City Administrator Mattson – Discussed the different types of presentations that will be given to the Wyoming City Council at the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Council Meeting*

*Mission, Vision and Goals – This did not get done and would like to see this get done in 2016. Staff has stayed within our budgets and we have increased our bond rating to A1.*

**Public Safety Director Paul Hoppe** – *Discussed his staffing levels for 2016. We have already discussed staffing to move away from part timers. We had an increase in our 800 MHZ Radios in the last month, we have had an employee who was not taking insurance before enter into family health insurance. We may have some small reductions in Fire Department Pay. We will have two capital improvement vehicles for next year, two of our current vehicles have already reached 100,000 miles. We have a federal mandate for compliance with new SCBA units by 2018. We have to have approximately \$300,000 for SCBA Units, so we don't want to have to do that all in one year. We will look at grants for this item and we will try to plan for it. Currently there is \$150,000 in our capital improvement in the 2016 budget for SCBA's. We need to have some money budgeted so we can try to receive grants, they most often require that you have budgeted money and have it in place.*

**Council Member Iverson** – *Asked about donations and capital campaigns – Feels residents would be willing to donate to the Fire Department.*

**Public Safety Director Paul Hoppe**– *We will use donations and have asked Hallberg for donations in the past.*

**Building Official/Zoning Administrator Weck** – *The only increase in my budget is the Minute Taker through contracted services. No major changes.*

**Jason Windingstad Public Works Superintendent** – *My budget did not change much – Trail Maintenance went up in the budget. We increased sealcoating to \$60,000 this year in Capital Improvements. Kettle River Blvd North has become an issue, the road is getting wide and we would like to build it up and narrow it back down. We would like to purchase a shouldering disk and shouldering broom for \$10,500. The two pickup trucks both have 90,000 miles on them and are over 10 years old. We will replace one ¾ ton truck with a ½ ton truck and another ½ ton truck will replace an existing ½ ton truck for \$55,000.*

**City Administrator Mattson** – Discussed Street Light Utility - We will either put it on utility bills or bring it back into the 2016 budget as a city expense. We can charge the people and businesses that receive the benefit or leave it where the entire city pays for the expense of providing street lights with tax dollars.

**Council Member Joe Zerwas** – Does not believe the township should have to pay for the street lights when they do not receive them.

**Council Member Iverson** – Feels that everyone benefits from street lights.

**Council Member Linda Nanko/Yeager** – Would like to see the street light utility item left in the 2016 Budget, does not feel that residents would like to see another fee.

**Council Member Claire Luger** – Wants to make sure we have it be fair to the people that receive the benefit.

**The City Council asked that the Street Light Utility be put back in the 2016 budget.**

**City Administrator Mattson**– Communicated to the council that comptroller Brenda Frechette has accepted a finance director position at the City of Isanti and will be leaving December 3, 2015.

Council and staff discussed the use of OPUS and using Credit Card services in the future.

**Steve Sicheneder** Asked City Council to budget \$1000.00 in 2016 for rain garden maintenance.

Council agreed to footnote Library Maintenance and Repair to allocate \$1000.00 for the Rain Garden.