



Town of Wyoming  
Wyoming Town Annex  
April 7, 2015  
1:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING  
&  
Budget Workshop**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice-Mayor Terry Witt, Treasurer Kyle Dixon

Council Absent: Mayor Rife asked that Secretary Jaci Stokes be excused due to illness, and that Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher be excused since she was called out of town for work. *Mr. Witt motioned to excuse both Ms. Fulcher and Ms. Stokes from the meeting. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Opposed, none. Motion passed.*

Staff attending: Nicole Armour, Finance Clerk & Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Georgette Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cable (Ms. Williams & Mr. Cable attended as incoming council members.)

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dixon to adopt the agenda as posted. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

**15/16 FY Budget:**

Mayor Rife explained to each of the members present as well as incoming council members. She went on to explain the significant increase in health insurance for the upcoming benefit year. Ms. Rife also stated that the state may also take away Municipal Street Aid funds which is a \$26,000 loss.

Mrs. Cable asked current and incoming council how they felt about the employees' salaries being much lower than other municipalities. Ms. Williams stated that the towns that Mrs. Cable was comparing Wyoming to were larger in size and also have a highway which allowed for more town profit.

Mayor Rife went over a spreadsheet that Ms. Armour constructed of other towns and how they handle health insurance coverage for their employees.

Mr. Cable wanted to know if the town could look towards another revenue source. Mayor Rife stated that in the past the council has raised Business, Landlord, and Outside Contractor Licenses.

Council discussion ensued about Realty Transfer tax and what it could and couldn't be used for.

Mr. Dixon inquired about when the last time had been that property taxes had been raised. Ms. Armour stated it had been at least 11 or 12 years. Mr. Dixon stated that he felt that should be a consideration; although a last resort.

Mayor Rife stated that the municipalities not only got hit with the 5% increase in health insurance fees but also a 15% increase in the risk fees. She felt that council should think about how long the town would be offering to cover adult children. Ms. Armour explained that in accordance to the (ACA) Affordable Care Act you have to offer coverage to children until the age of 26; however, the town can choose not to pay for them and have the employee pay for that coverage.

Mr. Dixon stated that there were many budget lines that he felt could be looked at and cut for example the fuel lines.

Mayor Rife stated that since the discussion of RTT (Realty Transfer Tax) was on the table she wanted to bring to council's attention but that the matter needed to be brought up and discussed at a future Executive Session.

Mr. Cable stated that he would like to see a link on spending regulations for RTT. Ms. Armour stated that she would try to find that information and send it out to council.

Council took a 5 minute recess at 2:00 P. M.

Council returned to regular session at 2:05 P. M.

Mr. Dixon stated that he was just speaking with Chief Willey and that he felt that we could up the fine revenue line since the officers have already brought in over \$55,000 in fines already this year.

Ms. Williams stated that she felt Ms. Armour should work up a worst case scenario which would include covering health insurance 100%, 2% raises for all employees, keeping Susan on for 20 hours a week, and \$60,000 for the park building and lot.

Council Comments:

None

Audience Comments:

Mr. Cable stated that the tax ditch next to the park parking lot was full. Ms. Armour stated that she would contact Mr. Fifer and ask him to rectify the situation.

Council discussion ensued on which day would be best to meet again. It was decided that April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P. M. would be the next budget meeting.

Mayor Rife informed everyone that on June 14<sup>th</sup> the town picnic is scheduled.

Mayor Rife stated that she really wanted everyone to think about how long the town should continue to pay for children.

*Mr. Dixon motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Armour  
Finance Clerk