



Town of Wyoming  
Wyoming Town Annex  
April 17, 2015  
4:30 P.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING  
&  
Budget Workshop**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the meeting to order at 4:30 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, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council Absent: None

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

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**W. B. Simpson Odyssey of the Mind Donation:**

Mayor Rife turned the floor over to Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams explained what Odyssey of the Mind was and went on to tell everyone that W. B. Simpson's OM program won at the state level and that they would be going to Nationals in May. She was approached by someone from the school and she is asking that the council consider a \$500.00 donation to them. All were in agreement that this was a great idea. *Mr. Witt motioned to make a \$500 donation to the OM program at W. B. Simpson to help elevate the cost of travel to nationals and Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.*

**15/16 FY Budget:**

Mayor Rife turned the floor over to Ms. Armour to explain the "Worst Case Scenario" budget. Ms. Armour explained the budget and stated that the only changes made were the increases that

council requested and two budget lines that the police felt we could cut. Ms. Williams asked Ms. Armour why she had combined the salary lines in the budget. Ms. Armour explained that it was easier for all involved since in Quickbooks and the Audit those lines are all combined. She went on to explain that the council asked for a more streamline budget that could be combined with the monthly budget update for easy comparison. Ms. Williams stated that agencies request the budget and they want to see it broken into the different departments. Ms. Armour stated that with all due respect in the time she has been with the town agencies normally only want a copy of the audit and in the audit it is broke down just as she has done so in the budget. Mr. Witt agreed that upon hearing Ms. Williams' explanation that it probably should be broken down. Ms. Fulcher stated that the council agreed that this format was much easier to read when the budget was amended several months ago and she didn't understand why it is a problem now. Mayor Rife asked if it would be an issue to break it down into departments. Ms. Armour agreed that she would do whatever the council wanted, and that she didn't have a problem breaking it down. Mayor Rife asked what comes out of snow removal. Ms. Armour explained that it can be salt, new shoes for the plow, repairs to the plow or salt spreader, or anything else pertaining to snow removal. Ms. Williams questioned on whether or not the dump trailer for Lew had been budgeted. Ms. Armour stated that the council had made the decision to hold off on that when we amended the budget back at the beginning of the year and no one had asked for it to be put back on this year's budget. Mayor Rife stated that it was said that the town could get a free trailer and we were still waiting on that. Ms. Fulcher asked where we got the prior year balance. Ms. Armour explained that it comes from the carry over amount from the 14/15 FY and she showed Ms. Fulcher where on the budget to find it. Mayor Rife asked if Ms. Armour confirmed that the COPS grant would cover 75% of the officer's salary. Ms. Armour stated that she had not had a spare moment but that she would do so. Mayor Rife went over the health insurance with the council again for the council that wasn't able to attend the last meeting. Ms. Fulcher stated that she felt that the budget was a lot of waste. She went on to explain that the town could "trim the fat" many ways, including cutting bottled water for employees. Mayor Rife went over a few options to balance the budget with the new health insurance rates. Mr. Witt stated that he did a telephone census referencing a possible tax increase. He went on to say that he felt that council would be "run out of town" if that is the route they decided to go. Mr. Cable stated that at some point council needed to think about employee retention. He explained that he has seen some things in the past and he felt that with the staff now (both civilian and police) that we had a good bunch and he would hate to see anyone move on. Mr. Cable went on to say that he felt we could find some other sources of revenue. Ms. Williams disagreed and stated that she didn't want to see Wyoming become a police town. Ms. Fulcher stated that we as the town need to help with retaining businesses and getting the vacant businesses filled with new. Mr. Dixon stated that he felt that with cutting some of the "fat" from the budget that we would be fine for this upcoming fiscal year and we can start planning a more detailed route for the 16/17 FY budget. Ms. Armour asked if council would like to see a budget with the "strings tightened." Mayor Rife stated that was not necessary at the moment, and that will be done once council has made their decision on what to do about the health insurance. Mayor Rife stated that she wanted Ms. Armour to spread the salaries back out into departments. Mayor Rife stated that another thing council should consider is quarterly tax billing when a property reassesses.

Council Comments:

None

Audience Comments:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Armour  
Finance Clerk