

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City/County/Town of Wright

March 19, 2013

12:00 p.m.

A Workshop of the City Council of the City of Gillette, County of Campbell, State of Wyoming, was held on Tuesday the 19th day of March 2013, in the second floor Community Room of City Hall, pursuant to due notice and call. The Presiding Officer called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Council Members present: Ted Jerred, Forrest Rothleutner, Louise Carter-King, Kevin McGrath, and Mayor Tom Murphy.

Council Member absent: Robin Kuntz and John Opseth.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Diane Monahan, Water Services Manager; Mike Cole, Utility Project Manager; Kris Jones, Utility Services Supervisor, Interim Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community and Gov't Relations Coordinator; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

County Commissioners present: Mickey Shober, Matt Avery, Mark Christiansen, Garry Becker and Dan Coolidge.

Others present were: Bob Palmer, Carol Seeger, Kendra Como, and other County Staff Members.

Town of Wright: No representatives were in attendance.

Agenda Items:

Joint Powers Fire Board Agreement:

The group discussed the second amendment to the Integrated Amended Gillette/Wright/Campbell County Fire Protection Joint Powers Agreement. Councilman McGrath and Commissioner Becker informed the group of damage to the parking area around the Fire Station and after further assessment of the paving, found more extensive damage affecting the building itself. Commissioner Becker reported that impact efficiencies under the concrete needs to be addressed. Mayor Murphy feels that another opinion on the damages and options for repairs needs to be obtained. After further discussion, it was reported that City and County staff would meet that afternoon to assess the damages and then report back to their respective Boards.

Land Board Agreement:

The group discussed the third amendment to the Campbell County Public Land Board Agreement for Joint and Cooperative Action. Bob Palmer gave background information to the group concerning the agreement. Chairman Coolidge then explained the changes within highlighted areas of the draft agreement. Discussion concerning the maintenance of streets and parking areas around the Complex were discussed and Chairman Coolidge proposed that this maintenance be handled by the Land Board. By doing so, it would not burden the City, and would still reflect true costs of operating the facility. Law enforcement was discussed and the Sheriff's Department, according to Chairman Coolidge, would still provide enforcement during large events. Councilman Jerred asked that the language be added to the agreement concerning law enforcement. Chairman Coolidge felt that this issue, along with

maintenance issues can be memorialized in an MOU between the two Governing Bodies. Legal staff agreed that an MOU could be an addition to the agreement. Discussion of the boundaries for the annexation occurred. Chairman Coolidge stated the County is proposing that the metes and bounds would include everything west of Fox Park Road. Mayor Murphy stated if and when the annexation is moved forward, there will be a metes and bounds description of the property that will be added to the agreement. Chairman Coolidge then went on to address the Gillette Regional Water Supply System Joint Powers Agreement. This language was added within the agreement in order for the Land Board to become a wholesale buyer of water and in addition, explore the possibility of using effluent for irrigation purposes. Mayor Murphy explained the City has researched the possibility of using effluent for irrigation in City Parks and found it to be very costly in order to meet DEQ and EPA guidelines. Mayor Murphy went on to say that if the Land Board is interested in pursuing this option in the future, it could be discussed at that time. City Administrator Napier pointed out that the City does not have wholesale customers. Commissioner Christensen stated that the Land Board maintains and repairs their fire hydrants and feels the commercial water rate charges would be valid if the City were to take over the maintenance and repairs for the same. Mayor Murphy stated the problem he sees with this proposal is if the Land Board budgets for the maintenance of the streets and roadways, and the City maintains the water lines, then it becomes an issue of who pays for what when there is a water main break. Mayor Murphy feels that all maintenance costs should stay with the Land Board. Councilwoman Carter-King stated she is in agreement with Mayor Murphy and went on to say that if it becomes the responsibility of the City to maintain the water lines, then that would be a reason to not annex the Campex. After further discussion, Mayor Murphy asked the group if Campex Proper should be looked at as one maintenance budget item and maintained by the Land Board. Chairman Coolidge suggested that the Campex remain responsible for the maintenance of its own infrastructure, and when the Madison is operational, the Campex be considered as a wholesale customer. City Administrator Napier stated that if the rate decreases, then it would be reasonable to surmise that the operational costs for the Campex would also decrease, and each entity would benefit from an operational subsidy standpoint. Chairman Coolidge then went on to explain the Duration and Termination, and the Financing and Budgeting sections within the draft agreement. Chairman Coolidge stated that the current split of the funding distribution is 86.2% funded by Campbell County and 13.8% funded by the City. The proposal in the agreement is a split of 80% from Campbell County and 20% from the City for operating costs and a 50/50 split for capital costs. Mayor Murphy stated that a majority of the Council would like to see a funding amount of 15% versus 20% and then re-visit the percentage amount for the operating costs in two years. After further discussion, it was decided that each Governing Body will discuss the options between their respective Bodies in hopes of having a resolution to the percentage amounts by the next meeting scheduled in April.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Tom Murphy, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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