

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

May 20, 2013

6:00 p.m.

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council of the City of Gillette, County of Campbell, State of Wyoming, was held on Monday the 20th day of May 2013, in the third floor conference 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: Louise Carter-King, Robin Kuntz, Ted Jerred, Kevin McGrath, John Opseth, Forrest Rothleutner, and Mayor Tom Murphy.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Pamela L. Boger, Administrative Services Director; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Dustin Hamilton, Director of Engineering and Development Services; Tom Pitlick, Finance Director; Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director; Brent Wasson, Lieutenant; Rick Lock, Electrical Manager; Mike Cole, Utility Project Manager; Wayne Lindgren, Utility System Analyst; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

Warm Up Items

City Administrator Napier asked Director of Engineering and Development Services Hamilton to give an update on the status of the Burma Road closure. Mr. Hamilton stated that BNSF discovered that track adjustments were necessary. The track adjustments were estimated to be completed within the week. Councilman Opseth requested information regarding the street closure on Potter Avenue. Director of Engineering and Development Services Hamilton stated the street closure would be researched and an update would be forthcoming. Utilities Director Glover gave an update on the Burma Road water leak.

City Administrator Napier introduced Evan Byrd, Intern Analyst.

Data Centers

Dave Spencer, Regional Director of the Wyoming Business Council, presented Council with information regarding data storage facilities. Wyoming offers optimal conditions for the location of future data storage facilities; Gillette could be very competitive for the location of a data storage facility. Councilwoman Carter-King asked if there were other locations in Wyoming that currently had data storage facilities. Mr. Spencer stated that Cheyenne, Sheridan, and Laramie currently have data storage facilities; and Casper is currently investigating the possibility. Councilman Jerred stated that the trend is to locate the facilities throughout the state rather than have all the locations in one area, due to the possibility of natural disasters. Mr. Spencer stated that a prime Gillette location would be on City owned property near the Gillette College.

Agenda Discussion

The group discussed the agenda items for the upcoming May 20, 2013, Council Meeting. City Attorney Anderson clarified item K1, concerning the amendment of portions of section 14-33(a) of the Gillette City Code concerning concealed weapons other than firearms. Councilman McGrath asked for clarification of item M4,

regarding a professional services agreement for reconnaissance design services associated with the Boxelder Road reconstruction from Highway 59 to 4-J Road. He wondered if City Staff could perform these services rather than hiring an outside firm. City Administrator Napier and Director of Engineering and Development Services Hamilton explained the proposed project. Utility Project Manager Cole updated Council on item M1, the pre-qualification process of general contractors for formal bidding purposes for the Gillette Madison pipeline project contract 4b, 4c, 4d and 4f.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Tom Murphy, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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