

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

August 19, 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 19th day of August 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; Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director; Chuck Deaton, Lieutenant; Kurt Siebenaler, City Engineer; Bonnie Hochhalter, Engineering Specialist; Todd Merchen, Senior Civil Engineer; Evan Byrd, Management Analyst; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Jerred reported that he has received numerous calls concerning the removal of dumpsters. He requested that the Council wait on making any decisions on this. Councilwoman Carter-King stated she, too, has received several calls. She stated after speaking with the citizens, she found they were opposed to the removal of the dumpsters because of inconvenience. She asked if we don't follow through with this, then do we need to retract the areas that have already been converted to roll outs? Councilman Opseth asked if rates be raised by leaving the dumpsters in the alley. City Administrator Napier explained that if the conversion program is abandoned, then raising fees would need to be evaluated for the City to continue providing an equitable service. Mr. Napier stated that his recommendation would be to continue with the conversion process and make it as palatable as possible. After the discussion, Mayor Murphy requested that this issue be placed for discussion at a future Work Session.

Mayor Murphy presented an invoice that was received from G&G Landscaping charging the City for Councilman Kuntz speaking to one of its landscaping employee's. Mayor Murphy asked if the Council was in favor of paying the invoice. Councilman Kuntz gave an explanation of the invoice. He stated that because of the discussion the Council has had in regards to pipes and valves, he wanted to get the opinions of other landscapers in Gillette. He had noticed G&G Landscaping working at a site and spoke to one of the employees to get his opinion on what worked best. He said he only spoke with the employee for approximately 15 minutes. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to pay the invoice.

City Administrator Napier explained a letter received from the Campbell County Fire Department, requesting an additional \$765 in regards to retirement contributions. Mr. Napier stated that with Council's approval, he would add this dollar amount to the

amendment that would be attributed to the department's operational budget. Council's consensus was to move forward.

Downtown Design

City Administrator Napier gave a quick overview of the Downtown Gillette Avenue Reconstruction Project. Jody Page, Project Manager for HDR Engineering, then gave a power point presentation of the proposed downtown design and construction timelines.

Executive Session

It was moved by Councilman Rothleutner and seconded by Councilman Opseth to move into an Executive Session to discuss litigation. Roll was called on the motion with the following results. Council Members voting aye: Carter-King, Kuntz, Jerred, McGrath, Opseth, Rothleutner, and Mayor Murphy. The Presiding Officer declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Tom Murphy, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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