

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

September 16, 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 16th day of September 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: Ted Jerred, Kevin McGrath, John Opseth, Forrest Rothleutner, Louise Carter-King, Robin Kuntz, and Mayor Tom Murphy.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Dustin Hamilton, Development Services Director; Jim Hloucal, Chief of Police; Tom Pitlick, Finance Director; John Aguirre, Human Resources Director; Jerami Fichter, Human Resources Specialist; Patrick Martin, Fleet Manager; Rick Lock, Electrical Manager; Dan Bridges, Lead Controls Engineer; Mike Cole, Utility Project Manager; Wayne Lindgren, Utility System Analyst; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

### Warm Up Items

Councilman Jerred gave an update of the Fire Board Meeting he attended in Councilman McGrath's absence. The Fire Board is awaiting a response regarding the property located on Enzi Drive; Option C was chosen and there will be an engineer on site for the project, and compaction tests will be performed, as needed.

Councilman Kuntz expressed concern regarding the safety of the intersection at Garner Lake Road and Boxelder Road. He requested the installation of flashing red lights to the stop signs to avoid a serious accident. Councilman McGrath suggested the installation of reflective "4-Way Stop Ahead" warning signs. Development Services Director Hamilton stated that money has been allocated in the budget for a traffic study, but this intersection did not warrant review at this time. Mayor Murphy requested more information in the September 20th GI Packet.

Councilman Kuntz stated that the .38 Special Concert at the Cam-Plex Wyoming Center was well attended and the performance was fantastic.

### Fiber Optics

City Administrator Napier gave an overview of the study requested for the development of a data center in the Gillette area. He introduced Consultant Joseph Sharkey, via telephone conference call. Mr. Sharkey is a consultant with the firm of TMNG Global, The Management Network Group. TMNG Global was contracted to develop an assessment of the infrastructure and site readiness in the Gillette area for recruiting high tech and/or data centers. Mr. Sharkey presented a summary of his study of Wyoming, stating that the areas following Interstate 80 present more appealing sites for the attraction of larger data centers. Gillette has the possibility of attracting small to medium sized data centers. Because of the revenue generated by data centers, the market for attracting data centers is very competitive.

## City Employee Benefits Package

Human Resources Director Aguirre presented Council with the proposed health insurance plan changes recommended by the Medical Fund Task Force. Medical and Dental claims have steadily increased over the last several years reducing the Medical Fund Balance to a level that will require plan changes. 2014 Benefit Plan Recommendations include a 10% medical premium increase for employees; increase of medical deductible from \$250/\$500 to \$300/\$600; increase medical out of pocket maximum from \$2,000/\$4,000/\$5,000 to \$2,400/\$4,800/\$6,000; no increase for dental premiums. The Task Force also recommends the addition of a high deductible health plan (HDHP) and health savings account (HSA) beginning January 1, 2015 or 2016. Open enrollment for City employees begins November 1, 2013; the insurance carrier requests timely notification of any plan changes in order to prepare the documents for open enrollment. City Administrator Napier asked for direction from Council. Council gave a unanimous nod of approval to continue with the recommended plan changes.

## Agenda Item Discussion

The group discussed the agenda items for the upcoming meeting. City Administrator Napier asked Council if additional information was needed before proceeding with Item M19 regarding the Central Pavilion Roof repair at the Cam-Plex. Councilman Kuntz stated that the Land Board was very concerned with oversight of the project. He stated that the School District has utilized a qualified oversight company for projects and they have not had any issues arise.

Patrick Martin, Fleet Manager, explained the bid process for the surplus vehicles, agenda Item 5f. Councilwoman Carter-King asked if the bid process brought as much revenue as the previous live auctions. Fleet Manager Martin stated that in the last 4 years, utilizing a live auction, the average sale price per vehicle was \$4,500; utilizing the bid process, the average sale price per vehicle was \$8,500; plus the savings of 7% for the auctioneer's fee.

Councilman Kuntz asked for more information regarding the term of Items M14 and M15 regarding the MOU's with the Sheriff's Office and the College. City Administrator Napier stated the MOU's represent a two year agreement.

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Tom Murphy, Mayor

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk  
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