

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City/County/Town of Wright

October 15, 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 15th day of October 2013, Cottonwood Room of the George Amos Building, 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: Kevin McGrath, Louise Carter-King, Robin Kuntz, Ted Jerred, and Mayor Tom Murphy.

Council Members absent: John Opseth and Forrest Rothleutner.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Dustin Hamilton, Development Services Director; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community and Gov't Relations Coordinator; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

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

Town of Wright: Nelson Litaba.

Others present were: Bob Palmer, Susan Saunders, Carol Seeger, and Kendra Como.

### Rare Element Resources Presentation

George Byers gave a presentation regarding the Bear Lodge Critical Rare Earth Project.

### Congressional Fact Finding Follow Up

Mayor Murphy gave a follow up on the recent Congressional Fact Finding Tour. Mayor Murphy reported that Legislator Lubnau and Governor Meade are presenting a Bill that would provide funding for the Congressional Fact Finding Tour. He went on to thank the Commissioners for their support and assistance with the tour and reiterated the importance of these tours. Mayor Murphy then informed the group of the upcoming National League of Cities Conference in Seattle, Washington. He stated that invitations have been made to the Mayor's and City Council's in the Washington area, who may be against the development of deep water ports that are needed for the exportation of coal to Asian markets. The invitation is to attend a cocktail party with the intention of speaking to them, and inviting them to Wyoming for a Fact Finding Tour as well.

### Traffic Signal at Highway 50 and Force Road

City Administrator Napier reported that a few weeks ago there were members of the community suggesting that a signal was needed at the corner of Highway 50 and Force Road. Councilwoman Carter-King and Development Service Director Hamilton met with the group in regards to their concerns. After some discussion of the request, Mr. Napier asked that the Commissioners to provide a Letter of Support in hope of encouraging WYDOT to take action. Councilwoman Carter-King informed the group of petitions being circulated that will be presented to Council. After some further discussion, Chairman Coolidge stated that, if needed, he would be willing to write a Letter of Support.

Campbell County Fire Department Pension Fund

Discussion of the Fire Department's Pension Fund took place. Mayor Murphy stated that during the City's budget process the City's portion was funded and that the request was received as a supplemental request from the Fire Department. Chairman Coolidge reported that the Commissioners took the position that the Fire Department could find the funds within their existing budget. After further discussion, Chairman Coolidge asked if the Fire Board opted to fund the employee's share of the contribution increase. County Clerk Sanders affirmed that was correct and went on to say that currently the Fire Department does not fund the employee's entire share.

Discussion in regards to two acres of land located on Enzi Drive as a potential fire station location took place. During the discussion, Mayor Murphy stated it was Council's intention to "gift" the property, however, when it is time to discuss the 50/50 Capital split, that the value of the property be considered as part of the City's fifty (50) percent.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Tom Murphy, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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