

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

December 3, 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 Tuesday the 3rd day of December 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, Forrest Rothleutner, Louise Carter-King, Robin Kuntz and Acting Mayor Opseth.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Pamela L. Boger, Administrative Services Director; Dustin Hamilton, Development Services Director; Jim Hloucal, Chief of Police; John Aguirre, Human Resource Director; Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director; Ken Rogers, Chief Building Official; Jim Brown, Deputy Building Official; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

Executive Session

It was moved by Councilwoman Carter-King and seconded by Councilman Kuntz 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, Rothleutner, and Acting Mayor Opseth. The Presiding Officer declared the motion carried and the group moved into an Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

The group reconvened at 5:44 p.m.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Rothleutner requested that parking tickets be suspended during the Holiday Season, allowing citizens more time to shop downtown. After some discussion, it was decided not to allow for the suspension of parking tickets as it relates to overtime parking on Gillette Avenue. City Attorney Anderson stated that there is an Ordinance in place that prohibits the suspension of parking tickets. After further discussion, the group decided to revisit this request to possibly amend the Ordinance to allow for overtime parking on Gillette Avenue, during the next Holiday Season.

Citizen Advisory Board

The group interviewed Roderick Blizzard, Scott Mobley, Todd Newlin, Scott Heibult, Chad Renken, and Winston Scott, for vacancies on the Board of Examiners and CC Lodging Tax Joint Powers Boards.

BOCHES Fiber Amendment

Utilities Director Glover explained the amendment. City Attorney Anderson added that this is neutral to the City in terms of price.

Master of Record Ordinance Discussion

Chief Building Official Rogers and Deputy Chief Building Official Brown explained changes to the upcoming first reading Ordinances in regard to wind speeds, and Master of Record.

Legislative Dinner Topics Discussion

City Administrator Napier explained the topics for the upcoming, December 11, 2013, Legislative Dinner with local Legislators. Mr. Napier gave a brief explanation of each topic. Topics include: Complete funding for Gillette Regional Water Supply Project; Local Government funding; support Gillette College; Air Service; Fireman's Pension Plan A; HB0085-Municipal Jurisdiction-Extraterritorial Authority Amendment; Support Governor Mead's Unified Network Phases I & II proposal; legal publication and advertising law revisions; and unemployment benefits. After the discussion, Mr. Napier stated that if Council has additional topics they would like discussed on the City's behalf, to let him know so it can be included on the tri-fold pamphlet that will be given to the Legislators to take with them to Cheyenne for discussion with their colleagues.

Agenda Item Review

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items for December 3, 2013. City Administrator Napier explained the proposed appointment schedule and process to fill the vacancy for the Ward II Council Seat. He went on to say that acceptance of applications for the vacancy could begin tomorrow morning, a deadline for the acceptance of applications on December 20th, and interviews of the applicants done at a Special Meeting on December 30th. The new Council Member then could be appointed and sworn in at the January 7, 2014, regular meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Napier would announce the Ward II Council Seat vacancy, schedule and application process, under the agenda item, "Administrator's Report."

Adjournment

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

John Opseth, Acting Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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