

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

December 17, 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 17th 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, and Mayor Opseth.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Dustin Hamilton, Development Services Director; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Tom Pitlick, Finance Director; Mike Cole, Utility Project Manager; Brent Wasson, Lieutenant; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Cindy Staskiewicz, Deputy City Clerk.

Warm Up Items

Councilman McGrath stated that he attended the December Fire Board Meeting. He deferred the information update to the Fire Board Members in attendance at the pre-meeting. Councilman McGrath reminded Council Members of the upcoming D.A.R.E. graduations to be held at the Gillette College.

Mayor Opseth asked Council Members to review the letter drafted to Mark Gillett of WYDOT, regarding the request of a traffic signal installation at the intersection of Highway 50 and Force Road.

Campbell County Joint Powers Fire Board Quarterly Update

Fire Chief Huber, Donna Lhotak-Crippen, Ryan Gross, Everett Boss, and Scott Rankin gave an update of the Fire Department's activities. Scott Rankin thanked the Council for coordinating the timing of the quarterly meetings with the County Commissioners. He presented Council with the Campbell County Fire Department Mission Statement, which is now posted at all the Fire Stations. The Board Members presented Council with an accountability statement ranging from prior to 2008 to present date. Mayor Opseth inquired about the controversial cement work at Fire Station Number 1. Mr. Rankin stated that the first pour has been completed and issues have occurred; the warranty does not take effect until final payment. The work will be accepted or denied based on CEI Engineering's final recommendation. City Administrator Napier asked for insight on the question of ownership of Dalbey Park. Ryan Gross stated that the County Assessor's map indicates incorrect ownership. City Attorney Anderson stated that GIS prepared a map based on the property deed's legal description and it was clear that Dalbey Park is owned by the City of Gillette. Everett Boss stated that it is important to know ownership of the Fire Station property due to insurance purposes. Chief Huber asked if there were any other Fire Department properties in question. Councilman McGrath stated that there is question as to the ownership of the Rozet Fire Station. Utility Project Manager Cole, who has been actively researching the Rozet area for Madison Pipeline easements, stated that all of the land in the area of the Rozet Fire Station is owned by the State of Wyoming, and the Fire Board has been issued a Special Use Lease. Donna Lhotak-Crippen asked if there is a current lease with the City for Fire Station 3 located at Dalbey Park. City Attorney Anderson replied that he was not aware of a lease and recommended that a lease be drafted.

Off Track Betting Locating at Mingles

City Administrator Napier introduced Eugene Joyce of Wyoming Horse Racing, LLC. Mr. Joyce stated that the previous track operator in the State of Wyoming went out of business in 2010. The Wyoming Legislature approved a bill allowing pari-mutuel wagering through off track betting in Wyoming with a percentage of the off track betting revenue stream returned to the state, city and county. The largest revenue stream will be involved with live horse racing. The off track betting will be located at Mingles, which will limit the minimum betting age to 21. Mr. Joyce's goal is to bring live horse racing to Campbell County, with an earliest projected date of the summer of 2015. The off track betting at Mingles is anticipated for February of 2014. Councilman McGrath asked if additional policing will be required for the off track betting. Mr. Joyce stated that additional policing is not anticipated.

Agenda Item Review

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items for December 17, 2013.

Adjournment

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

John Opseth, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, Deputy City Clerk
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