

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Work Session

January 28, 2014

6:00 p.m.

A Work Session meeting of the City Council of the City of Gillette, County of Campbell, State of Wyoming, was held on Tuesday the 28th day of January 2014, in the 2nd Floor Community Room at 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: Forrest Rothleutner, Tim Carsrud, Louise Carter-King, Ted Jerred, Robin Kuntz, Kevin McGrath, and Mayor John Opseth.

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; Heath VonEye, City Engineer; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

Warm Up Items

City Administrator Napier reported that a letter was received from Chairman Christensen in regard to an appointment to the Northeast Wyoming Economic Development Coalition to replace the unexpired term of Mayor Murphy.

All America Cities

City Administrator Napier explained that this is a competition cities apply for with the National Civic League (NCL). Cities will highlight various activities around their community and then will be selected by a panel from the NCL as an "All American City." He then deferred the floor to Public Information Officer Lunne and Management Analyst Byrd. Mr. Lunne explained this is a very prestigious award; only 10 communities throughout the United States are selected each year. He explained the application and selection process and went on to say that those communities selected would then participate in the finals that are being held in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Lunne reported that the City would be partnering with Life RU Ready and Basin Electric Power. If the City is accepted into the finalist round, there would be an estimated cost of \$5,300 - \$8,300 to cover travel, lodging and food for 8 - 14 people, brochures, display materials, handouts, marketing give-away, and group t-shirts. Councilman Jerred asked about the benefit to the City. Mr. Lunne reported that if the Gillette was chosen, it would be in publications, becomes a member of the NCL, and would be authorized to use the NCL's logo to say that Gillette is an "All American City." He went on to say that there is a \$150 registration fee and if Gillette is not chosen as a finalist, then there is no further cost. Council agreed this would be a great opportunity to showcase Gillette.

Bottle Club Regulation Ordinance Discussion

Discussion of the proposed Ordinance change in regard to Bottle Clubs took place. City Attorney Anderson explained that the draft ordinance contains new material shown under section (e). The remaining information is currently within the Ordinance. He went on to say that the information within section "e" is based on Casper's Ordinance. Mr. Anderson then explained what a Bottle

Club is and the concerns that a Bottle Club raises. Chief of Police Hloucal expressed his concerns about an establishment of this type and the difficulty in regulating it.

Revised Tobacco Ordinance Discussion

Discussion of the proposed Ordinance change in regard to the Tobacco Ordinance and more specifically, electronic cigarettes, took place. City Attorney Anderson explained that section 14-39 of Gillette City Code already exists and the recommended change is in Section B, showing the definition of Electronic Cigarettes. The recommendation is to change the current Ordinance to follow State Statutes in regard to electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products that cannot be sold to any person under the age of eighteen (18). Further discussion of the proposed Ordinance changes took place.

Street Cut Permits Discussion

Development Services Director Hamilton gave background information as it relates to the street cut permitting process and the associated fees. He explained that the fees have not been increased since the early 1980's. Based on this, the City is not recapturing its costs in regard to testing associated with these permits. Currently, there are three companies that do the testing; they charge a flat rate of \$175 an hour. Staff is recommending a per site visit fee of \$175 rather than per test fee. The other component that the Ordinance currently does not address is fail test. He explained the test, and stated that staff is recommending that the permittee be responsible for the fail test. Other minor changes are housekeeping edits.

Review February 4th Council Agenda

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items for February 4, 2014.

Adjournment

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

John Opseth, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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