

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

July 1, 2014

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 1st day of July 2014, 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: Louise Carter-King, Ted Jerred, Robin Kuntz, Kevin McGrath, Forrest Rothleutner, and Mayor John Opseth.

Council Member absent: Tim Carsrud.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Pamela L. Boger, Administrative Services Director; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Dustin Hamilton, Development Services Director; Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director; Janie Kuntz, Parks Supervisor; Levi Jensen, Civil Engineer; Mike Cole, Utilities Project Manager; Diane Monahan, Water Services Manager; Chuck Deaton, Lieutenant; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; and Cindy Staskiewicz, Deputy City Clerk.

Warm Up Items

Mayor Opseth asked staff if fireworks held at the Cam-Plex were included in the Ordinance that addresses circuses and carnivals. City Attorney Anderson stated it does not; however, the Mayor has the authority to authorize fireworks in city limits. Public Information Officer Lunne reminded the Council that a letter was sent to the Cam-Plex authorizing this year's fireworks display.

City Administrator Napier stated that staff had the opportunity to visit with the Commissioners in regard to the North East Wyoming Economic Development Corporation (NEWEDC). After an explanation, Mr. Napier reported that the outcome of the meeting is that the Commissioners are standing behind their position as it relates to co-location. The Commissioners asked what the Council's position is with regard to the co-location idea. Mr. Napier stated that his representation to the Commissioners was that during informal conversations with a few of the Council Members, it would be surprising to him if Council had thought that co-location was a bad idea. Mr. Napier is requesting Council's direction as it relates to co-locating and went on to say that requesting NEWEDC to co-locate is not unreasonable. Council agreed. Mr. Napier stated that he would direct staff to prepare a letter that would indicate a similar position that the County has adopted, and if NEWEDC does not co-locate, the City of Gillette will withhold funds from this operating year.

Cam-Plex Report

Paul Foster, General Manager, gave an update in regard to Cam-Plex events for the second quarter of 2014.

Madison Pipeline Update

Utilities Project Manager Cole gave an update of the Gillette Regional Water Supply Project. Objectives of the presentation were: understanding the basic components, infrastructure & operations of the Gillette Regional Water System; summarize the highpoints of the Gillette Regional Water System Joint Powers Agreement; and the construction contracts and upcoming construction contracts necessary

to ensure delivery of new water supplies to the Gillette Regional Area in late 2016.

Gillette Avenue Tree Update

City Administrator Napier gave background information in regard to the removal of trees for the Gillette Avenue Project. He stated that staff has assembled information as it relates to an evaluation in determining the appropriateness of eradicating certain trees and keeping certain trees. Parks Supervisor Kuntz explained staff's evaluation. She went on to say that trees were removed due to physical wounds, structural defects, insect damage, decay, and storm damage. She stated that 61 trees are affected, 50 trees will be removed, 45 trees will be planted and 12-14 trees will be preserved.

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:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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