

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City/County/Town of Wright

August 5, 2014

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 5th day of August 2014, in the second 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: Kevin McGrath, Louise Carter-King, Ted Jerred, and Mayor John Opseth.

Council Members absent: Tim Carsrud, Robin Kuntz, 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: Matt Avery, Garry Becker, Dan Coolidge, Mickey Shoher, and Chairman Mark Christensen.

Town of Wright present: Councilman Nelson Litaba and Brandi Beecher, Economic Development Coordinator.

Others present: Bob Palmer, Susan Saunders, Kevin King, and Kendra Como.

### One Percent Update

One Percent Committee Members Mary Melaragno, Matt Walker, and Felicia Messimer gave an update on their campaigning efforts. The committee suggested signage be placed at all the projects funded with One Percent Funds to educate the public on how the funds are being spent. The Committee reported that there is support for the One Percent Funds; however, the public doesn't trust the information that is being presented in regard to how the funds are being used. Mr. Walker stated the Committee is requesting more factual information in order to move forward. Councilwoman Carter-King asked what fact was given to the Committee by the City or the County, that wasn't factual. Mr. Walker referenced a brochure that was distributed in regard to County projects, stating that 50% of the work done in Wright was funded with One Percent Funds. The Committee reported that they didn't know where the information came from, however, contact was made with Economic Development Coordinator Beecher and corrected information was posted on Facebook. Discussion that One Percent Funds are being used to fund the Field of Dreams took place. Council assured the Committee that One Percent Funds are not being used to fund the Field of Dreams. However, after further discussion which included discussion in regard to a new swimming pool and its location, Council could not guarantee that in the future One Percent Funds would not be used for the Field of Dreams, or for the new swimming pool no matter where it is located. Discussion of the Citizen Survey and how survey results are used in regard to how One Percent Funds are spent took place. The Committee reported on all public educational efforts that the Committee is utilizing.

### Fire Station Three Project Update

Fire Chief Huber gave an update of the Fire Station 3 Project. Discussion of the .3 acres is taking place and preliminary

information from Strata was provided. Chairman Christensen suggested that either the City or County take the lead in regard to contract administration. Administrative Director Palmer suggested that the City take the lead, and along that line with regard to consensus funding, the County prepare the grant application.

#### Fire Station One Foundation Discussion

Campbell County Public Works Director King and Development Services Hamilton gave an update in regard to Fire Station One's foundation findings and recommendations for repair.

#### Congressional Fact Finding Tour Update

Community and Gov't Relations Coordinator Davidsmeier gave an update in regard to dates and activities planned for the Congressional Fact Finding Tour.

#### Consensus Funding

Commissioner Coolidge asked about alternate or additional projects as they relate to Consensus Funding, and informed the group of a request from Mayor Albin. Administrative Director Palmer reported that Mayor Albin made a request on behalf of the Town of Wright for \$700,000 to be allocated towards the rehab of their Community Activities Center. Mr. Palmer then reported other requests received from the Fire Department for a pole barn to store vehicles that would be located at the intersection of Hwy 50 and Hwy 387, and a request from the Visitor and Convention Bureau.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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John Opseth, Mayor

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk  
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