

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Work Session

November 12, 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 Wednesday the 12th day of November 2014, in the 3rd floor Conference 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, Robin Kuntz, Ted Jerred, Forrest Rothleutner, and Mayor John Opseth.

Councilman Elect Dan Barks.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Pam Boger, Administrative Services Director; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Dustin Hamilton, Director of Development Services; Tom Pitlick, Finance Director; Kent Clark, Public Works Operation Manager; Chuck Deaton, Lieutenant; Patrick Davidson, Asst. City Attorney; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

Warm Up Items

Councilman McGrath asked for an update with regard to the continuation of Powder Basin Avenue. He reported that he has been receiving complaints due to the road not being completed and feels that more than enough time has been extended to Mr. Christiansen to complete this road. Development Services Director Hamilton explained the processes. After the explanation, he stated that the curb machine has been setting in this location for several weeks but is not sure why it is not being used. Mr. Hamilton assured Council that no permits will be issued for further development until the road is built.

City Administrator Napier introduced Patrick Davidson as the new Assistant City Attorney.

Boys' & Girls' Club Discussion

City Administrator Napier reported that this is Council's opportunity to get a status update with regard to the Club and the grant. Karla Brandenburg handed out a diagram of the Club's Complex. Ms. Brandenburg went over the different rooms and how they will be utilized. She reported on various grants that the Club is currently applying for, and grants that have been applied for and received.

Liquor License Discussion

City Administrator Napier stated that this is Council's opportunity to ask questions with regard to the three tabled items from the November 4, 2014 meeting. Richard Horning, attorney representing LOF Gillette, LLC, gave background information with regard to the business model for the Clarion. He then reported that after researching different possibilities, it was decided to transfer the retail liquor license to Sapporo Wyoming, Inc., from LOF Gillette, LLC, and LOF Gillette, LLC, would apply for a resort liquor license. Mr. Horning explained that his client meets the State of Wyoming's requirements needed for a resort liquor license, and this type of license will meet his client's needs for dispensing alcohol in the different

banquet areas located within the building. After further discussion, Councilman Kuntz stated he feels that the Bar & Grill liquor licenses were designed for economic development and franchise type restaurants. Councilman Jerred agreed. Discussion took place with regard to population numbers and how this affects the number of licenses that can be issued.

Key Box (Knox Box) Discussion

City Administrator Napier stated staff's commitment was to prepare a draft ordinance that would answer as many questions as possible pertaining to the weaknesses that exist in the current legislation dealing with Knox Boxes. Staff has met with the Fire Department and has brought forth a proposal for Council's consideration. Development Services Director Hamilton explained the proposed changes. After the explanation, City Administrator Napier added that the current ordinance requires it unilaterally and staff has tried to make it more flexible in terms of when it would be required and when it would not.

After the discussion, Mayor Opseth excused himself from the meeting and asked that Madam President Carter-King conduct the remainder of the meeting.

2015 Legislative Agenda

City Administrator Napier presented Council with a draft 2015 Legislative Priorities pamphlet with regard to the City of Gillette's priorities. He explained the priorities that included the Southern Industrial Addition Annexation, Economic Development Programs, Local Government Funding, E-Citations, Support Gillette College, Solid Waste/Cease & Transfer, Wyoming Public Employees Retirement Issues, and Unemployment/Right to Protest Benefit Charges.

Review November 18th Agenda Items

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items for the November 18th meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

John Opseth, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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