

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

December 1, 2015

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 December 2015, in the third floor conference room, 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: Tim Carsrud, Ted Jerred, Robin Kuntz, Kevin McGrath, Billy Montgomery, Dan Barks, and Mayor Louise Carter-King.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Pamela L. Boger, Administrative Services Director; Patrick Davidson, Asst. City Attorney; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Dustin Hamilton, Development Services Director; Tom Pitlick, Finance Director; Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director; Troy Tyrell, Solid Waste Supervisor; Dan Bridges, Electrical Engineering Manager; Chuck Deaton, Lieutenant; Geno Palazzari, Communications Manager; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

### Warm Up Items

Councilman Barks asked for a status update regarding setting up meetings with the addiction groups. City Administrator Napier reported that he had a chance to meet with the Stones who shared some information with him. However, he does not have anything to report other than they would like to take some folks from here to tour the facility in Casper, which mirrors the vision they want to accomplish. Mr. Napier suggested that he would visit with Council to see if there were any Council Members interested in participating in the tour and he offered to facilitate requests they may have to the City. The Stones presented the information to the County Commissioners and Councilman McGrath was in the audience. Mr. Napier asked Councilman McGrath if there was anything that he would like to report. Councilman McGrath stated that the Stones presented the same information that was given to Council. They asked about the Westwood School, however, the Commissioners stated they were not interested because of the issues the school has. He added that the utilities have all been shut off and it was explained to the Stones of the City's intentions of widening the road at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 4-J Road. The Commissioners did offer the Stones a modular that is located at the Westwood School but they would have to relocate the modular. He added, regarding the tour to Casper, there was interest from Commissioners Bell, Christensen, and Becker.

Councilman Kuntz reported on the holiday lights around the community.

### Power Generation Update

Electrical Engineering Manager Bridges gave a power point presentation CT II and WYGEN III. Information included load data, base energy and supplemental costs, as well as the 1.6 million dollars in savings. Councilman McGrath asked if electrical rate increases would be needed. City Administrator Napier stated that he would be hard pressed to say that

electrical would not need a rate increase. He added if the City would not have had the relationship with Black Hills Power, where we could own this plant, the City would have had to make-up the 1.6 million dollars, and probably a more enhanced rate increase to generate the dollars needed to buy the market power.

#### Power Fund Discussion

City Administrator Napier stated that this discussion is in regard to update commitments staff had made during the budget sessions in May, when Council allowed for 1% funds to be infused into the power fund. Two thirds of the dollars have been spent of the 1.5 million authorized to be allocated into the power fund, by installing distribution lines. Mr. Napier's recommendation is to hold steady and there will likely be a recommendation presented to Council in February where staff will ask for the budget authority to place another 1.5 million dollars from 1% funds for the new fiscal year, 2017. As far as projections go, staff is looking to, at least, a four year plan with respect to infusing 1% dollars into the power fund in order to continue offsetting capital. By the year 2020, if all the annexations occur that have been discussed informally, the City should be in the clear and in a more positive cash direction.

#### Executive Session

It was moved by Council President Carsrud and seconded by Councilman Jerred to move into an Executive Session to discuss confidential matters. Roll was called on the motion with the following results. Those voting aye: Barks, Carsrud, Jerred, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King. The Presiding Officer declared the motion carried and the group moved into an Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Mayor Louise Carter-King

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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