

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council Pre-Meeting

April 19, 2016

5:30 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 19th day of April 2016, 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: Kevin McGrath, Billy Montgomery, Dan Barks, Tim Carsrud, Ted Jerred, Robin Kuntz, and Mayor Carter-King.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; John Aguirre, Human Resource Director; Pamela L. Boger, Administrative Services Director; Patrick Davidson, Asst. City Attorney; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Jim Hloucal, Chief of Police; Tom Pitlick, Finance Director; Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director; Heath VonEye, City Engineer; Dan Bridges, Electrical Manager; Geno Palazzari, Communications Manager; Patti Davidsmeier, Community & Gov't Relations Manager; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

Warm-Up Items

Councilman Kuntz reported on the recent Western Regional Taxidermy event and its success.

Police Budget Discussion

Chief Hloucal presented proposed cost saving measures regarding the Police Department. He is recommending that two Police Records positions be eliminated and explained that operational efficiencies are being discussed with the City and County Attorneys. Chief Hloucal is not recommending any cuts to the Patrol Division or the Dispatch Division. Currently, there are four (4) vacant sworn officer positions and two upcoming police retiree positions that will be vacant. He is recommending that the four (4) vacant sworn officer positions not be filled which consist of a D.A.R.E. position, School Resource Officer position, and two Narcotic Officer positions.

Reconfiguring Kendrick Avenue Discussion

City Administrator Napier stated that this discussion stems from comments received from citizens regarding Kendrick Avenue and the flow of traffic and diagonal parking in front of the post office. The striping appears as if this is a two lane road, but doesn't operate as such. City Engineer VonEye provided a diagram of the current diagonal parking and the proposed diagonal parking. The new proposal would be a 17' lane and an increase to the parking stall stripes. Painting the new arrows will be completed as well. There is a "Do Not Enter" sign on the corner of 4th Street and Kendrick Avenue, and he will ensure there is a "One Way" sign at the corner of 3rd Street and Kendrick Avenue. After the discussion, Council was in agreement to proceed with the changes, as well as exploring the possibility of a "One Way" sign at the entrance to the alley behind Seconds on Third.

Solid Waste Removal for the NHSFR & Cam-Plex 2016 1st Quarter Update

Due to the content of both the solid waste removal and Cam-Plex's quarterly update, Mayor Carter-King suggested combining both

discussions. Paul Foster, General Manager of Cam-Plex, began by reporting that letters were sent to the City regarding solid waste removal, and the County in regards to waiving the tipping fees. However, he has not received a formal response from the County regarding the request. Councilman Barks suggested that the City waive the fees and in return for this service, the City receive a sponsorship for the rodeo. City Administrator Napier reminded Council that this is an additional donation. He wants to be clear there is not the benefit of saying this is a free service. The general fund actually donates those dollars to the extent of what the costs are; this is a donation, not a waiver. Mr. Napier explained past practices and stated that the dollar amount currently provided is an estimate. Council could approve a "not to exceed" dollar amount, or when all the tipping fees and costs are tallied, consider at that point, what Council would like to do. After some discussion, it was decided to tally up the expenses and present this information to Council, post rodeo, for their evaluation. Mr. Foster then concluded with his first quarter update regarding Cam-Plex.

1st Quarter Updates

First quarter updates were also given by Campbell County Joint Powers Fire Board, Energy Capital Economic Development, and the Gillette Main Street.

Review April 19th Agenda

The group reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

Executive Session

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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