

A City/County/Town of Wright budget meeting was held at the George Amos Building, Gillette, Wyoming, on Wednesday the 23rd day of March 2017.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Napier; Attorney Davidson; Directors Hamilton and Pitlick; Managers Henderson, Palazzari and Davidsmeier; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Absent was Councilman Lundvall.

Others present were County Commissioners Avery, Bell, Kissack and Christensen, as well as County Clerk Saunders and Administrator Palmer. Wright Town Council and staff - Mayor Kingan and Council Members Litaba and Schrader, and Shannon Thompson, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting began with a power point presentation provided by Fleet Manager Byrd regarding the Campbell County Fire Department vehicle depreciation and replacement program. Recommendations were made for the replacement of Engines 12, 13 & 9 and Unit 421 (Tahoe) in FY18. General discussion regarding replacement, depreciation and funding took place. During the discussion, the Board asked to allow the Fire Board and Fleet Manager to continue working together, taking on the task of the depreciation rate and what it should be to come up with the correct formula. Councilman Kuntz asked what happens when the entities are not able to fund the account; he stated this needs to be addressed. Councilman Barks asked where the \$750,000, approved last November, falls into this discussion. Chief Shank explained that the \$653,000 was to purchase four new grass trucks. The Board made the decision to purchase those rather than purchase one engine from the \$750,000. Councilman Barks asked if the vehicles discussed for purchase in FY18 tie into these, or are they above and beyond. Chief Shank replied they are beyond what is on order at this time. Chairman Bell stated that he agrees with Councilman Kuntz that it needs to be memorialized when funding entities are unable to fund the account, along with the new depreciation schedule. Clarification was given that the Board's request is for permission to buy an additional three tender pumpers and a command vehicle that is above and beyond the \$750,000 that was approved in November, for a total of 1.2 million dollars in FY18. Mr. Palmer summarized the multiple questions that need approval: 1. approve the purchase of 1.2 million dollars outlined for vehicle replacement, 2. are the entities going to put any money into that account this year, 3. the operation budget and capital. Mayor Carter-King informed the group that the City is unable to put any money into the fleet or capital accounts this year. The County and Town of Wright concurred. After further discussion, the County and Town of Wright provisionally approved the purchase of replacement vehicles identified by the Fire Board and not fund the vehicle replacement fund. Mayor Carter-King suggested a motion by the City be made to approve \$1,117,494 for the operations budget with no contributions to capital or the vehicle replacement funds for FY18. Councilman Barks made the motion to approve \$1,117,494 for the operations budget with no contribution to capital or the vehicle replacement funds for FY18; seconded by Councilman Kuntz. Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery and Mayor Carter-King voted aye. The motion carried. Discussion of extrication tools for Station 9, thermal imaging cameras, and concrete joint and crack seal at Fire Station #1, took place. These are capital requests for a total of \$67,000. It was suggested that maintenance logs be kept, like the City's, regarding the Fire Department's tools. After the discussion, the County agreed to approve \$33,165 and the Town of Wright approved \$670 towards capital funding.

The group discussed the consensus funding. Mayor Carter-King began by stating that the City of Gillette has held several meetings with the business owners in Winland Park. Approximately a year ago, it was discovered that there was left over consensus funding from the fire station project. During a meeting in Wright, the intention of the City using \$500,000 for the improvements in Winland Park was brought to the attention of the entities and has been reiterated at other meetings since. At no time during any of these meetings did the City hear that there was an objection to use the \$500,000 for the Winland Park project. Administrator Napier explained the process for SLIB and how the money would be used. Chairman Bell agreed that this is a worth-while project and doesn't feel that anyone is denying that. Mayor Carter-King reminded the group that during a meeting in Wright, Council asked if the City could get some sort of guarantee and at no time did anyone seem opposed to the City receiving the \$500,000. Christensen replied that there has been discussion on a number of things regarding how the consensus money was going to be used. Discussion regarding new funding suggestions from the County referred to in a letter, took place, that included a proposed \$300,000 to the City, and \$300,000 to the County for landfill remediation. Council questioned why this was not brought to the City's attention during previous meetings; and why did the County propose changes to the consensus funding split only a few weeks ago. General discussion took place. Council informed the group the more money the City

can obtain will be less assessment for the Winland Park business owners. The County stated that if some of this money is not used for the landfill’s remediation, then tipping fees would need to be increased. Brenda Murphy, Jack Dymond as well as others from Winland Park, shared their concerns and frustrations, as well as how this project would benefit them as a business owner. Discussions regarding the allocation of consensus funds took place. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Barks made a motion that the City be allotted \$400,000 for Winland Park, \$250,000 be allotted for Fire Station #9, \$201,079 be allotted to the County for landfill remediation, \$75,111 allotted to the Town of Wright for street repairs, and any savings from Fire Station #9 and Pine Tree Fire Station projects go back to the County to be used for landfill remediation; seconded by Councilman McGrath. Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery and Mayor Carter-King voted aye. The motion carried. The County and the Town of Wright approved the same distribution of the consensus funding dollars.

Anthony Langone, Campbell County Fleet Manager, provided a power point regarding the Land Board’s vehicle depreciation fund and replacement program. Chairman Bell then opened into discussion regarding the Cam-Plex’s budget. Paul Foster, General Manager, explained the reductions and expenditures for Cam-Plex’s FY17-18 budget. Council asked for discussion regarding the Special Events Funds. Councilman Kuntz stated that he is not opposed to the use of the \$147,700; what he is opposed to is the change in the Resolution. Councilman Kuntz stated if the funds are going to be spent, the use of funds needs to be approved by the funding agencies. General discussion ensued. Chairman Bell stated that he is not sure where to go from here as the Board has already passed the Resolution. Mary Silvernell, Vice Chairman of the Land Board, stated that the Board realizes that the process did not go as well as it could have. There has been discussion with each of the entities and the Board has received good feedback. The Board is hopeful that there will be agreement to move forward with the projects for the National High School Finals Rodeo as there is an urgency to complete the projects prior to the Rodeo. The feedback has been given to Attorney Frank Stevens who is working on the language and possibly incorporating the suggestions that were received, and then the Board will review it. Councilman McGrath made a motion to approve \$147,700 from the Special Events Fund to be used for the National High School Finals Rodeo as outlined in the letter dated March 10, 2017; seconded by Councilman Carsrud. Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery and Mayor Carter-King voted aye. The motion carried. The County approved the same. Councilman Kuntz made a motion to approve the City’s 19% of the Land Board’s budget to be \$631,606 with no funding for capital and no contributions for the vehicle replacement fund; seconded by Councilman Barks. Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, McGrath, Montgomery and Mayor Carter-King voted aye. The motion carried. The County approved 81% of the Land Board’s budget to be \$2,692,635 with no funding for capital and no contributions for the vehicle replacement fund. Ms. Silvernell added that the Board was asked to look at other revenue options. The Board looked at the possibility of a liquor license, but has elected to not pursue it.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk’s Office.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor