

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 25th day of April 2017.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; Administrator Napier; Attorneys Davidson and Reyes; Directors Boger, Glover, Hamilton, Pitlick, and Wilde; Managers Palazzari and Davidsmeier; City Clerk Abelseth; and other City staff.

Warm Up Items

Mayor Carter-King reported a phone call she received complimenting the Wastewater staff for their professionalism; Councilman Barks reminded the group that they will be meeting on May 3rd for trash collecting efforts.

Action Item:

ORDINANCE 17-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE, WYOMING, FOR TRACTS B4 AND B5, LEGACY POINTE SUBDIVISION, FROM R-4, MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO ALL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

Councilman Carsrud made a motion to approve the foregoing Ordinance on second reading; seconded by Councilman McGrath. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Little League Capital Request

Chris Leisy, Little League Board Member, provided background information regarding the Little League fields and the Board's goal for improving the fields. Mr. Leisy explained projects that have already been completed and reported on projects in progress. The Little League is requesting funding assistance from the City of Gillette for overhead netting and dirt.

CIP Budget Review

Fire Chief Shank addressed the Council regarding an idea that could generate revenue for the Fire Department. The idea would be the purchase of a tank to store fire retardant. There is a company that has a tank for purchase, in the amount of \$10,000; this amount would be split between the funding entities. There would be maintenance and upkeep costs, but could generate \$150 per day depending on fire activity, plus a per gallon charge for the retardant. The 2nd option would be that the company keep possession of the tank and maintenance. They would charge, approximately, \$500 per ton and the fire department could turn around and sell the retardant at a higher price. Chief Shank's recommendation would be to purchase the tank, and allow the Fire Department the ability to implement a special revenue fund. Revenues from retardant sales could be put into this fund in order to make this program self-sustaining. General discussion ensued. After the discussion, Council supported Chief Shank's recommendation.

Utility Project Manager Jensen, Electrical Engineer Muzzarelli, Water Services Manager Monahan, Electrical Services Superintendent Wolf and Wastewater Manager Molder provided information regarding their respective capital improvement requests for FY18.

Development Services Director Hamilton, Public Works Director Wilde and Utility Engineering Manager Peterson provided information on 1% project capital improvement requests for FY18. Council supported staff's CIP requests for park improvements, street enhancements, bridges, drainage projects and water and sanitary sewer mains. The Council requested further discussion, however, regarding requests for street & major road extensions.

City Administrator Napier provided information on community contributions for FY18. A summarized funding request spreadsheet was provided. Staff is recommending a 5% allocation of \$665,000 based upon a total receipt of sales tax dollars of 13.3 million over the next fiscal year. Discussions within the Financial Committee, brought forth a recommendation of removing the \$4,000 funding request for the Campbell County Parks & Recreation-4th of July Parade, and the City provide in-kind donations from this point forward. The \$4,000 would then be distributed among the other social agencies. Councilman Barks stated that there is a severe need within the social agencies and proposed the possibility of increasing the 5% cap to 6% for the upcoming FY. A 1% increase would be approximately \$125,000. Mayor Carter-King is hesitant to increase the funding cap. Once the bar is set, it is tough to go back. General discussion ensued. Councilman Carsrud stated this issue is high on the community's list and is not opposed to the increase. Councilman Kuntz stated that the agencies funded from the General Fund did not make reductions last year, and suggested that these agencies make 18% reductions for the

upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Napier provided an explanation regarding past funding for these agencies. After the explanation, Mayor Carter-King asked the group if they are in favor of the 1% increase. It was the consensus of the Council to increase the social service agency funding percentage to 6% for the upcoming fiscal year. A Resolution detailing the increase, and termination date will be prepared, requiring another Resolution next year if the 6% funding is to be continued. Councilman Carsrud requested that Sunrise Wellness and Recovery be re-considered for funding. It was the consensus of the Council not to fund Sunrise Wellness and Recovery.

Wyoming Lottery Program Allocation of Funding for Outside Agencies and Special Projects

City Administrator Napier stated that there have been informal discussions in other communities on how to use lottery funds as reinvestment tools in their communities. This could pose a policy question for Council to consider; using lottery dollars for funding the other agencies in the general fund. These dollars are being projected to be in the amount of \$220,000 for FY18. Mr. Napier is only proposing, however, that \$200,000 be used to fund the agencies and the other \$20,000 be used elsewhere. General discussion ensued. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to allow staff to move forward and prepare a Resolution that proposes the use of lottery dollars for the other agency funding requests.

Liquor Law Discussion

Attorney Davidson provided information on the upcoming liquor law changes.

Review May 2nd Agenda

The group reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 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