

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday the 5th day of July 2017.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; Interim Administrator Davidson; Attorney Reyes; Directors Aguirre, Cole, Hamilton, Hloucal, Pitlick and Wilde; Manager Palazzari; City Clerk Abelseth.

### **Warm Up Items**

Mayor Carter-King extended her gratitude to City staff involved with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade; Councilman Montgomery reported a phone call he received from a citizen regarding another citizen walking his dog and carrying a baseball bat and complaining that other dogs were attacking his dog. Chief Hloucal advised that he will request directive patrol for the area; Councilman Barks reported that the Senior Center was very appreciative of the van that they purchased from the City; Councilman Carsrud reported that Ms. Cundy had left a voice mail stating that she was impressed with the quick response of City staff and Councilman Montgomery addressing speeding vehicles; Councilman Lundvall reported that he received a call from a concerned citizen that asked if options for traffic control could be looked into in front of the Children's Development Center; Councilman Kuntz reported that he was experiencing water issues and was impressed with the water department's quick response; Interim Administrator Davidson reported that he needs Council's signatures to finalize the consensus funding grant; he then reported that the City has been working with the School Board and the Sleepy Hollow Homeowners Association to possibly give one of these entities some old traffic indicator lights for crossings. This will be on an upcoming agenda. He added that the City would not be responsible for the installation.

### **Power Generation Update**

Electrical Manager Bridges gave a wholesale power update on WyGen III and CT II. He informed the Council that there is a transformer showing signs of failure. The City's portion would be 23% of the cost, and estimated that cost to be 1.5 million dollars.

### **Telecommunications / Cell Tower Discussion**

Director Hamilton gave a presentation on telecommunication towers & antennas, and wireless communication facilities. He stated that the City has been approached by cell phone companies who would like to establish cell towers in the city's rights-of-way. This topic was discussed at the recent WAM Convention because of a recent state-wide phenomenon. Staff believes that modifications are necessary to address this topic. He stated that River Oaks Communications has assisted the City of Cody with ordinance modifications, and they are experts in Federal Communications Law regarding such facilities. Staff recommends pursuit of an agreement with River Oaks Communications to assist with re-writing a telecommunication tower and antenna ordinance. The cost would be approximately \$15,000. He added that, in the Planning Budget, there are consulting fees identified for proposed upcoming annexations and if there are savings in this budgeted line item, funds could be used to help with the costs; or a budget amendment could be considered. Mayor Carter-King asked what would happen if the City doesn't address this issue. Mr. Hamilton stated that there are federal guidelines in place that would allow them the ability to place their facilities in the rights-of-way. If there are no provisions in our ordinance to address how they are placed, then we will be at their mercy. This will give us an opportunity to dictate if the facilities will be placed in our rights-of-way. General discussion ensued. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to allow staff to proceed forward with an agreement with River Oaks Communications.

### **Warlow Drive Pathway Discussion**

Director Wilde provided information regarding the removal of the Warlow Drive Pathway. He informed Council that this could be done in-house. General discussion ensued. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to allow staff to move forward with the removal of the Warlow Drive pathway.

### **Review July 5th Agenda**

The group reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk's Office.

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk  
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor