

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 9th day of January 2018.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; Administrator Davidson; Attorney Reyes; Directors Aguirre, Cole, Henderson, Hloucal, VonEye and Wilde; Managers Palazzari and Toscana; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Boys and Girls Club Funding Request Discussion

Spring Wilkins, Executive Director, explained that the Boys and Girls Club has been working to upgrade their building. There are several projects outstanding that need to be completed in order to finalize the renovation of the space. The expected budget for the remaining projects is a total of \$472,000. She then explained that United Way of Campbell County is facilitating a grant application to the Daniels Fund in the amount of \$320,000. An application requirement for the Daniels Fund is community support and buy-in for any projects they fund. To meet this requirement, they are requesting \$50,000 from the City of Gillette and the County, with the Boys and Girls Club committed to privately raising the remainder. Council asked if this request is in addition to the 1% funding. Ms. Wilkins stated that it is in addition, and went on to say that it could be split up over a period of a couple years. Councilman Kuntz stated that he would like to find the money as the renovation would improve a building that the City owns and will be good for the children of the community. After the discussion, Council looked positively upon the request and directed staff to look at using 1% funds and possibly splitting the funding into two years.

Gillette Main Street Memorandum of Understanding Discussion

Administrator Davidson explained that since the MOU was put into place over a year ago, it has become evident that an amendment to the MOU is needed to allow Gillette Main Street Committee to obtain open container permits and malt beverage permits. Jessica Seders spoke to the Council regarding Gillette Main Street events that required an open container permit or malt beverage permit. She went on to say that an individual had to obtain the permit rather than the Gillette Main Street Committee. General discussion ensued. After the discussion, the Council looked positively on the request. Staff will place this item on an upcoming agenda for Council's consideration.

Private Security Discussion

Administrator Davidson explained that the private security licensing process of Gillette City Code has been in Code since the 1970's, but has never been enforced. Therefore, staff is requesting that this portion of Code be removed. Chief Hloucal stated that, generally, businesses have their own private security firms. The corporations that hire private security firms regulate and oversee their own security practices.

Body Worn Camera Discussion

Chief Hloucal provided background information regarding the differences between vehicle cameras and body worn cameras. The vehicle cameras do not provide the accuracy of a call as body worn cameras do. Staff's recommendation is to renegotiate the contract with Axon, who will buy back the current equipment and replace it with new equipment. The approximate cost associated with removing the car cameras and replacing them with body worn cameras is \$45,000 - \$46,000. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to allow staff to move forward.

Liquor Compliance and Violation Discussion

Chief Hloucal provided the past year's compliance and violation statistics. He added that there were only six failure sting operations for 2017.

Liquor License Pledging Discussion

Administrator Davidson stated that last spring Chapter 3 of Gillette City Code was updated to reflect changes to Wyoming Liquor Laws. One of those changes dealt with the pledging of retail liquor licenses. Council took the step of putting this directly into Code. Recently, the Clerk and Attorney sent a letter to all the retail liquor license holders asking them to report if the retail liquor license they hold is pledged as collateral. Liquor License renewals are quickly approaching and if Council would like to speak with any retail liquor license holder regarding their liquor license, now is the time to do so. Attorney Reyes began by reminding Council that the City owns all the retail liquor licenses and, therefore, the retail liquor license is not assignable as collateral. Per the Ordinance that Council passed in June, the retail liquor license will not be renewed if it is pledged as collateral. On November 30, 2017, the Clerk sent out letters to the retail liquor license holders requesting a response if the license is pledged as collateral. Only 11 retail liquor license holders responded and out of the 11 that responded, five of those are pledged as collateral. Council needs to decide how to proceed. He then stated that Council has options. Council

could take action now regarding those who are not in compliance and move to revoke or suspend the license of those who have the license pledged as collateral; Council could renew the license with a condition that the license holder remedy the violation and come into compliance within a certain time frame; or Council could repeal Section 3-17 that was approved. It's coming to the point where Council needs to address this issue prior to renewal. General discussion ensued. During the discussion, it was suggested that a check box be added to the application as part of the renewal application process, asking if the liquor license is pledged. Councilman Barks asked how can it be determined if a license holder is not providing a truthful answer. Attorney Reyes stated that staff can do research to find that out if that is Council's direction. Administrator Davidson reminded Council that anytime a liquor license is in jeopardy of being revoked, the Council cannot reissue that license until it goes through the legal system, which in some cases can take two to three years. After the discussion, Council directed staff to write a letter to the retail liquor license holders regarding pledged liquor licenses for Council's review.

Review January 16th Council Agenda

The upcoming agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

Executive Session

Councilman Kuntz made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation; seconded by Councilman Carsrud. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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