

A City/County/Town of Wright budget meeting was held at the George Amos Building, Gillette, Wyoming, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March 2018.

Present were Councilmen Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, Montgomery, Neary and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson; Directors Henderson and Wilde; Managers Palazzari, Toscana, Wasson, and Williams; and City Clerk Abelseth.

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

The meeting began with a power point presentation of the Fire Department's funding request. Chief Shank provided an overview of the Fire Departments goals, plan for increased accuracy, essential programs, technology upgrades, part-time staff, and facilities maintenance. He then went over capital upgrades that included: self-contained breathing apparatus, thermal imaging cameras, communication upgrades for Engine 3 and Rescue 1, technology upgrades for maintenance staff, mobile response and operations. He added that the Fire Department has applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to fund the majority of the upgrade costs for the self-contained breathing apparatus'. He explained the need to develop a five to seven-year replacement schedule for SCBA, radios, technology needs, facility upgrades and ongoing maintenance and other equipment. He then explained the apparatus replacement requests that include replacing the Ladder Truck with an estimated cost of \$1.3 million, and the replacement of three Command Units with an estimated cost of \$300,000. General discussion ensued regarding wages, overtime costs, health care benefits, replacement vs refurbishing costs associated with the Ladder Truck, thermal imaging cameras and extrication tools, and Command vehicles. After the discussion, the Chief was asked to provide a list of priorities regarding the facilities maintenance, look into the County's health care benefits offered and the offset regarding labor costs. Fleet Manager Williamson explained that his main goal is to ensure, when the equipment is ready to be replaced, that the money is available. His plan is to look 10 years out for scheduling, at costs to maintain vehicles and to proceed forward proactively. Administrator Davidson stated, as a placeholder in the City's budget, he is recommending that \$250,000 be set aside for a replacement fund. He cautioned however, that there is no guarantee until after the City's budget process. Chairman Christensen stated that the County would also set aside \$250,000 in its budget.

Mary Silvernell, as well as other Public Land Board Members, provided information regarding the Land Board's budget requests. An explanation of the three-year capital plan was provided. This plan also includes the remodel of the Heritage Center and Energy Hall. A breakdown of the architect's package priorities for remodeling, as discussed with the Land Board and staff, was provided: Package No. 1-Roof, skylights and entrances/stage curtains; Package No. 2-Galleria remodel; Package No. 3-Theatre remodel; and Package No. 4-Energy Hall remodel. General discussion ensued regarding the proposed remodel. Chairman Christensen stated, for planning purposes, the Commissioners have had informal conversations amongst themselves, and the intent of their Board is to appropriate the County's share from the Commissioners short term capital construction account. Further discussion ensued. Anthony Langone, Campbell County Fleet Manager, provided information regarding the Public Land Board's fleet replacement requests.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 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