

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 2nd day of April 2019.

Present were Councilmen Brown, Carsrud, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson; City Attorney Reyes; Directors Henderson, Muzzarelli, and Wilde; Managers Harder, Molder, and Toscana; City Engineer Schoen; Lt. Wasson and City Clerk Staskiewicz.

### **Warm Up Items**

Councilman Carsrud expressed concerns regarding large pot holes on Hwy 59 in the area of 6th Street to 8th Street. City Administrator Davidson advised that Hwy 59 is a State highway and commented that the State would be contacted regarding the matter. Councilman Carsrud also expressed concerns regarding the condition of the parking lot behind Dairy Queen. Administrator Davidson commented that because that is private property, letters would be sent requesting actions to repair the parking lot. Mayor Carter-King stated that in a past similar situation, the City closed a street leading to the property until the owner repaired the parking lot.

Councilman Montgomery announced the “Empty Bowl” fundraiser for the Council of Community Services, which will be held next week. He also commended Governor Gordon for the events held throughout the State on March 29th in honor of National Vietnam Veterans’ Day.

### **Lottery Resolution Discussion**

City Administrator Davidson informed Council that the upcoming Lottery Funds Resolution would replace Resolution 2619, which earmarked the lottery funds for Campbell County Economic Development, Gillette Main Street, Northeast Wyoming Growth Alliance, and the Campbell County Predator Board. The Resolution on the April 2nd agenda would include both lottery funds and pari-mutuel funds, which would be earmarked for Energy Capital Economic Development, Main Street Gillette Program, New Growth Alliance, air service and other outside, non-one percent (1%) funded entities. The Predator Board was removed as a recipient, because the City no longer utilizes their services.

### **Quarterly Updates**

Gillette College: Janell Oberlander, Vice President of Gillette College, introduced the Gillette College Wyoming All-State Academic Team and their advisors, and explained the achievements of the group. Ms. Oberlander informed Council that the college is gathering data to seek information about the type of Bachelor of Applied Science degree that would best benefit Gillette College students. The College hopes to begin the degree program in the fall of 2020. She also announced that Gillette College will offer Wyoming Works, which was established by a legislative action for colleges to offer courses geared toward the adult work force for both accredited and non-accredited classes. Ms. Oberlander also mentioned that the College President will be retiring in July.

Cam-Plex: Jeff Esposito, General Manager of Cam-Plex, informed Council that Van Ewing Construction was awarded the Construction Manager at Risk contract for the upcoming remodel of the Cam-Plex. The SLIB Board agreed to a loan amount of two million dollars for the project; Mr. Esposito will be attending the Wyoming Business Council meeting in May, and the SLIB Board meeting in June. Phil Christopherson, CEO of Energy Capital Economic Development, recommended that Board Members, and Council Members accompany Mr. Esposito to the Wyoming Business Council meeting in Riverton in May. Mr. Esposito stated that the Cam-Plex construction project is on track, and marketing will begin with PowerPoint presentations to community groups. He mentioned future Cam-Plex events of a National Curling competition in April of 2020 and the Republican Convention in May of 2020.

Campbell County Fire Department: Interim Fire Chief J.R. Fox offered appreciation to Council Members that attended the Fire Department’s banquet. Interim Chief Fox and Firefighter Cory Bryngelson updated Council on activities and events of the first quarter of 2019, which included the completion of a staffing assessment, compiling the budget, and participation in a grant-funded Trench Rescue Tech class. They informed Council that Wright Fire Station No. 9 will lease space to the Forest Service, which could prove to be a 3-to-5-year lease to allow the Forest Service time to construct a new facility. Interim Fire Chief Fox stated that wild land firefighters have been hired, and that over 70 applications were submitted for the open Fire Chief position. He also commented that part-time firefighter staffing and recruiting is currently a nationwide issue.

Energy Capital Economic Development: Phil Christopherson, CEO of the Energy Capital Economic Development, updated Council on economic development progress made throughout Campbell County within the first quarter of 2019. Mr. Christopherson reminded Council that the mission of the ECED is to stimulate and facilitate a diverse economy through business retention, expansion, and recruitment. The intent of the mission is to keep Gillette strong. Mr. Christopherson gave information about Clean Coal Technologies and the FUEL program, which stands for “Fostering Upstanding Entrepreneurial Leaders”. He also updated Council on

the incubator programs and mentioned that the ECED is currently seeking a full-time administrative assistant position.

**Review April 2nd Council Agenda**

The group reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

**Executive Session**

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk’s Office.

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ATTEST:

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Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk

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Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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