

A City/County/Town of Wright budget meeting was held at the George Amos Building, Gillette, Wyoming, on Tuesday, the 28th day of March 2019.

Present were Councilmen Brown, Carsrud, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson; Directors Henderson and Wilde; Managers Palazzari, Toscana, D. Wasson, and Williamson; and City Clerk Staskiewicz.

Others present were County Commissioners Christensen, Maul, Shelstad, and Reardon, as well as County Clerk Saunders, County Administrative Director Palmer, and County Vehicle Maintenance Manager Langone. Town of Wright Councilmen Litaba and Phipps were present for the Fire Department's presentation.

**Campbell County Public Land Board – 5:15 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.**

Jeff Esposito, Cam-Plex General Manager, gave an overview of the proposed Cam-Plex 2019-2020 budget. Anthony Langone, Campbell County Vehicle Maintenance Manager, gave a presentation, which first reviewed the accomplishments achieved with the 2018-2019 budget, including the development of a vehicle depreciation/replacement account, and the transfer of a vehicle from the County, along with the creation of a usage agreement for Cam-Plex to utilize County vehicles. Mr. Langone reported that the 2018-2019 budget allowed the Cam-Plex to purchase a new wheel loader and two (2) new mowers. He explained the 10-year replacement schedule in detail, and reported that it was developed to maximize vehicle and equipment usage and maintain a cost-effective fleet. Mr. Langone outlined the FY2019-2020 goals, which included auctioning two (2) John Deere mowers in the fall of 2019. He reported that they are reviewing the usage of current vehicles and equipment to ensure proper equipment is available and working toward reducing fleet size and costs. Mr. Langone stated that the Cam-Plex would like to replace a theater pick-up with a used vehicle from either the County or the City fleets.

Commissioner Christensen reminded City Council that due to past downturns in sales tax revenues, the City was not able to contribute their share of funding to the Fire Department vehicle depreciation fund, which continued to be fully funded by the County. He stated that the City is \$455,000 in arrears on the account. Mr. Christensen asked if the City would be able to get caught up on the contributions over the next few years. He asked if the City would commit to the currently requested amount of \$54,000 for FY2019-2020 and contribute additional funding over the next few years to bring the City's portion of the fund up to the fully funded amount. It was also requested that the City offer a used vehicle from the City's fleet to the Cam-Plex.

**Fire Board Budget Review – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Interim Fire Chief, J.R. Fox, and Fire Department Comptroller, Juli Pierce, gave an overview of the FY2019-2020 Fire Board budget. They explained proposed additional budget expenses, including the EFSA Insurance coverage for wild land fires that was previously unfunded, which would now be included as a funded item. Interim Chief Fox also advised that there is an arrangement in place for the County Public Works Department to assume the fire department's building maintenance, which would result in an increase to the budget, along with benefit increases, a salary increase for the Chief's position, and the addition of an Administrative Assistant II position.

Mayor Carter-King asked who would have control over the Capital and Replacement funds. Comptroller Pierce stated that policies would be created to establish the monetary levels that would require approval from respective governing bodies. Mayor Carter-King inquired about hazmat funding. Interim Fire Chief Fox informed the assembly that Homeland Security funds were utilized for hazmat equipment, but local entities fund the vehicles used for hazmat situations. Interim Fire Chief Fox stated that the department intends to replace two hazmat trucks with one new truck; the fire department does not have the staffing to operate two hazmat trucks. The plan is to sell one truck at auction and the other truck would be returned to the State of Wyoming.

City Vehicle Maintenance Manager, Jim Williamson, gave a detailed presentation on FY2019-2020 proposed fire department fleet changes, and explained the vehicle replacement schedule.

Commissioner Christensen suggested the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City, County, and Town to address the Fire Department's Fleet Depreciation Fund. County Administrative Director Palmer expressed gratitude to Anthony Langone, Jim Williamson, and Michelle Henderson for their hard work and efforts in reviewing and updating data on the Fire Department's fleet.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk’s Office.

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Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk  
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor