

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 9th day of April 2019.

Present were Councilmen Brown, Carsrud, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; Administrator Davidson; Attorney Reyes; Managers Deca Wasson, Palazzari and Toscana; and City Clerk Staskiewicz.

### **Warm Up Items**

Mayor Carter-King commented on the impending snow storm, and informed Council that Public Works planned to utilize limited scoria and Ice Slice, due to the amount of time and effort spent on street cleaning in recent months. City Administrator Davidson announced that a Level I would be declared at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10th, which would require the removal of all vehicles from the emergency snow routes.

Councilman Carsrud inquired about the schedule for road striping. Administrator Davidson affirmed that the striping was needed, and stated that scheduling would be established after the snow season. Councilman Montgomery informed Council that Sunburst Park is ready for summer.

Administrator Davidson explained the Agency Funding Request process. He informed Council that discussion of how to distribute the 1% Funds for the Agencies would take place at the April 16th Pre-Meeting.

### **Agency Funding Requests**

Campbell County Healthcare Foundation representatives appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for funding of the Vaccines for Influenza Prevention (VIP) Project. Nachelle McGrath explained that the project provides vaccinations for school-age children in all schools within Campbell County. The project benefits the community by providing influenza vaccinations for students who may not otherwise be vaccinated, and improving attendance in the Campbell County School District, and in Campbell County businesses, by reducing absences due to influenza.

Campbell County Parks & Recreation representatives, Darla Cotton and Adam Gibson, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for funding. They explained that the \$4,000 request would help offset costs for the annual 4th of July celebration at Bicentennial Park and help keep the events free of cost to participants.

Council of Community Services representatives, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for additional funding. Mikel Scott, Executive Director, informed Council of 11 programs geared toward helping hungry and homeless people in the community. Ms. Scott explained that the additional funding request would be utilized to purchase and install additional cameras around their facilities, and the balance of the funding would help with general operations.

Personal Frontiers representative, Donna Morgan, Executive Director, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for additional funding. Ms. Morgan provided information regarding their programs, achievements, and the benefits their services provide to the community.

Visitation and Advocacy Center for the 6th Judicial District (VAC) representatives, Pamela Hyde and Karen Littleton, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for additional funding. They explained the funds would be utilized for general operating expenses, supplies, and salaries for staff that will be implementing various programs, including two new programs, the "Under Dog" program and the Forensic Interviewing program. Mayor Carter-King asked if their request was for start-up money, or if the request would need to be sustained in future years. The response was that they were looking for supplemental funding now, with the possibility of future VOCA grant funding.

Campbell County Economic Development representative, Phil Christopherson, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for additional funding. Mr. Christopherson explained the mission of their program, and stated that the additional funding would be utilized for the salary of an administrative assistant position, which was previously filled by a volunteer.

Gillette Main Street representatives, Megan Nelms, Karen Cook, Cathy Schuh, and Molly Wiesner, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for additional funding. They explained that the additional funding would be utilized for promoting the Main Street events, recruiting volunteers,

seeking matching grant funds, and helping downtown businesses. Mayor Carter-King reminded the committee that the initial funding was agreed to be a 3-year commitment of \$40,000, with the plan of the program becoming self-sufficient. The discussion continued with information about neighboring City’s downtown organizations, and discussion of known frustrations with the availability of the City’s downtown restroom facility.

Campbell County Conservation District representatives, Jaime Tarver and Rich Hauber, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for funding. They explained their programs and plans for partnering with the City. They stated that the funding would be utilized to focus on improving and conserving the natural resources in the City of Gillette and Campbell County, and for staffing time used to seek matching grant funding.

Youth Emergency Services, Inc., representatives, Sheri England, Tom Roberts, Deb Proctor, Matt Avery, Clark Fairbanks, and Linda Gerbitz, appeared before Council to provide an explanation of their request for additional funding. They explained that the funding would be utilized to obtain state and federal matching grants, support mentorship, transitional living, day treatment, residential treatment, education, and the Group Home/Crisis Shelter.

City Administrator Davidson explained that the agency funding process will continue with discussion at the April 16th Pre-meeting to determine the 1% funding and assess staff recommendations.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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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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