

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 16th day of April 2019.

Present were Councilmen Brown, Carsrud, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson; City Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole, Henderson, Hloucal, Muzzarelli, and Wilde; Managers Toscana and Palazzari; City Engineer Schoen, Grants/Payroll Specialist Lenz, and City Clerk Staskiewicz.

**Warm Up Items**

Parks and Beautification Board Members, Rollo Williams and Robin Voigt, presented Council with information regarding the upcoming annual Trash-A-Thon event scheduled for May 11th. They thanked Council for their past support and requested their participation in a Trash-A-Thon challenge between the County Commissioners and the City Council.

Mayor Carter-King addressed the use of scoria on the roads in conjunction with snow removal. She expressed deep concern with the appearance of the City with dirt covering all the streets and sidewalks, and acknowledged that the Public Works Department did not have much opportunity to sweep the streets with winter’s continuous snow storms and freezing temperatures. She asked Council to consider discontinuing the use of scoria for future snow seasons. Councilman Brown requested a cost analysis before committing to a decision. Councilman Neary requested expert information regarding the potential effects of Ice Slice on vehicles and cement.

**Agency Funding Follow-Up Discussion**

City Administrator Davidson explained the agency funding requests and Staff’s recommendations for the upcoming budget year. Mayor Carter-King explained that in 2012, Council determined that a cap of 5% of the 1% Tax funding would be utilized for social agencies, but the economy dictated fluctuation of the percentage over the past few years. Council reviewed the current agency requests that would be paid out of 1% Tax funding, and determined that the funding recommended by Staff was acceptable and would allow the funding to remain within the set level of 5% of the 1% Tax revenue. Council agreed with Staff’s recommendations for funding the agencies that were not subject to the 5% cap, which included the Donkey Creek Festival and the Gillette College. Council then discussed the funding requests for agencies funded from the general fund. Mayor Carter-King suggested that the Gillette Main Street receive \$20,000 in funding this year with the caveat that their funding would decrease by \$5,000 each subsequent year, with the expectation that the organization would be self-funded after four (4) years. She reminded Council that five years ago the organization’s initial request was to be funded for two (2) years to help them hire a director. Council agreed to the funding level of \$20,000 for the upcoming budget year and the caveat of decreasing the funding by \$5,000 for the next four (4) years. Council also agreed to fund Energy Capital Economic Development with \$130,000; fund the Campbell County Conservation District with \$30,000; fund Northeast Wyoming Growth Alliance with \$40,000; fund County Judicial Services for Urinalysis Testing with \$14,000; and fund County Judicial Services for a Community Service Supervisor with \$82,449. Administrator Davidson informed Council that Staff would continue to fine-tune the budget to reflect the figures addressed by Council. Finance Director Henderson informed Council that preliminary letters would be sent to the agencies, followed by final letters upon approval of the budget.

**Review April 16th Council Agenda**

The Council Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to allow Council time to attend the reception for the High School Champions. 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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