

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

Present were Councilmen Brown, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson; City Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole, Henderson, and Wilde; Managers Schoen, Lt. Deaton, Palazzari, and Toscana; Planner Sanders, Planner Duvall, Grants Specialist Lenz; City Clerk Staskiewicz and Deputy Clerk Crawford.

### **Warm Up Items**

Mayor Carter-King read the following statement:

*“This is certainly another dark day for our community. While there is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding what occurred out at Belle Ayr and Eagle Butte mines, there is one thing that we do know for certain. This community once again is coming together to support our family, friends, and neighbors that have been affected.*

*I would like to thank the Campbell County Sheriff’s Office and Campbell County Fire Department for responding to the mines when called upon. I would also like to thank the Governor and the heads of the state agencies that flew into Gillette today to offer their support and to answer the questions about where we go from here.*

*Gillette is a community that rallies around its neighbors. This is a fantastic community to live in because of that. We will support each other through these tough times and come back stronger than ever. We’ve done it before and we will do it again!”*

### **Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Members**

Mayor Carter-King introduced new Citizen Advisory Board Members, Wes Johnson, Parks & Beautification Board; Jason Linduska, Mayor’s Art Council; and Ryan Conklin, Planning Commission.

### **Parking Maintenance Presentation**

City Administrator Davidson introduced Planners, Clark Sanders and Meredith Duvall, to present Council with options for abating pot hole problems and deteriorating private parking lots throughout the City. Planner Duvall explained the current Ordinance pertaining to existing ambivalent off-street parking and loading requirements. She provided seven (7) reasons for the need to update the parking lot maintenance code, which included 1) preservation of public health, safety and welfare; 2) prevention of damages to citizen and public vehicles; 3) increased valuation of properties; 4) reduction of blight and decay; 5) prevention of loss of private and public revenues; 6) provision of adequate access for emergency response vehicles; and 7) decrease of maintenance cost of police and fire department vehicles. Planner Sanders presented proposed changes to the code, including access and parking lot maintenance requirements, proposed violations and penalties, and issues of enforcement.

Council discussed the options presented, including the possibility of a tiered fine structure based on the level of repairs required, the liability of the City for abatement, and property owner’s rights. Planner Sanders stated on certain occasions there were issues determining ownership of the property, and determining if the property was for public use. City Attorney Reyes advised that the pertinent reason for enforcing repairs would be based on the health, safety, and welfare of the community; the City could not deny access, but could take action to repair the damaged property at the expense of the owner. Planner Duvall explained that the Planning Commission would consider the request to amend the Ordinance, and then the item would be brought to Council for consideration. The Council gave their consent to proceed with the process.

### **Review July 2nd Council Agenda**

Council reviewed the July 2nd Council Agenda. City Attorney Reyes notified Council of the need to postpone items I. 1. “*A Public Hearing to Consider the Transfer of Ownership of Retail Liquor License RTL-26 from Sapporo Wyoming, Inc., d.b.a. Sapporo Japanese Steakhouse, Located at 1000 E Boxelder Road, to Sappor Gillette, Inc., d.b.a. Sappor Sushi Hibachi*”, and I. 2. “*Council Consideration for the Transfer of Ownership of Retail Liquor License RTL-26 from Sapporo Wyoming, Inc., d.b.a. Sapporo Japanese Steakhouse, Located at 1000 E Boxelder Road, to Sappor Gillette, Inc., d.b.a. Sappor Sushi Hibachi*”, until the August 6th Council meeting. The applicant requested time to acquire required documents to meet statutory requirements.

### **Executive Session**

Councilman Lundvall made a motion to move into an executive session to discuss Real Estate; 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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