

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 20th day of August 2019.

Present were Councilmen Brown, Carsrud, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson and City Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole, Henderson, Hloucal, Muzzarelli, and Wilde; Managers Schoen, Williamson, Palazzari and Toscana; City Clerk Staskiewicz and Deputy Clerk Crawford.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Montgomery reported complaints of speeding on Teepee Street, which nearly resulted in a child being hit by a car; he requested that Staff evaluate the signage in the area. Councilman Carsrud commented that the PGI event was a success.

Campbell County Joint Powers Fire Board Quarterly Update

Chairman Cory Bryngelson introduced Chief Jeff Bender. Chairman Bryngelson and Chief Bender updated Council on fire department activities, including the planning and execution of fire safety for the recent PGI event, and fire department data updates. Chairman Bryngelson asked Council if they needed more details regarding the purchase of an F250 truck, that was originally requested with the budget, and through the flow of the budget was missed, which would replace the Chief's command vehicle. Chief Bender stated the truck would be a replacement vehicle, and the specs would be in line with previous vehicles, with the exception that this would be a ¾-ton rather than a one-ton chassis. The Mayor asked if the vehicle that is being replaced would go back into the fleet. Chief Bender stated that the previous vehicle would be sold at auction. Mayor Carter-King asked for clarification as to what funding would be used for the vehicle purchase. Chief Bender stated that the money was in the current vehicle program with an approved budgeted amount of \$73,000. Chairman Bryngelson stated that the County and Town of Wright approved the vehicle purchase during the budget process, and the Fire Board is asking for the City's official approval before utilizing the funds. Chief Bender gave a quick update of the status of one of the fire engines currently being manufactured. Chief Bender also informed Council of impending invitations for a City Official to speak at the upcoming September 11th event. Chief Bender informed that there are currently no fire restrictions for Campbell County; City Council will be notified of any changes, following re-evaluation within the next week. The Mayor welcomed Fire Chief Bender to Gillette.

Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Update

Director Nate Grottrian and Tom Jasiak updated Council on the programs and activities of the Boys & Girls Club. Director Grottrian stated that they are looking for opportunities to reach out to children within the community. Programs will be offered to help youth identify ways to abstain from drugs and alcohol, along with programs to train staff, parents, and youth (ages 14 and older) in suicide prevention. Efforts will be made to increase teen programs to offer activities that will keep teens involved and out of trouble. Board Member Jasiak stated that the Boys & Girls Club is seeking board members, financial donors, and supporters. Director Grottrian invited the Mayor and Council to come to the club for a tour of their facility.

Energy Capital Economic Development Quarterly Update

Director Phil Christopherson gave Council an update of the activities of the Business Incubator, New Growth Alliance, and the Advanced Carbon Products Innovation Center. Director Christopherson informed Council of the possibility of establishing a revolving project fund for project loans to small businesses. The fund would potentially involve an investment of \$100,000 from both the City and County, along with investments from private businesses and industries.

Review August 20th Council Agenda

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items.

Executive Session

Councilman Montgomery made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Real Estate; seconded by Councilman Neary. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk's Office.

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor