

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 27th day of August 2019.

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

Warm Up Items

Councilman Brown stated that he participated in a ride-along with a K-9 police officer, and expressed appreciation to the Gillette Police Department for their respectful attitudes, even in the event of an arrest. Mayor Carter-King asked for a storm update. Utilities Director Cole informed Council of an electrical outage caused by the recent storm, indicating that line crews did a good job in restoring power in the quickest manner possible. Director Cole stated that the Yard Waste Facility hours would be extended through the Labor Day weekend to accommodate storm debris disposal. Public Works Director Wilde informed Council that the storm did not produce as much damage as expected. The obvious damage was to trees and the fence along Lakeway Road; the high winds also tipped portable toilets. Public Works crews worked diligently to clean storm drains to reduce the possibility of flooding. Mayor Carter-King thanked City crews for their efforts during and after the storm.

Energy Capital Sports Complex Buildout

City Administrator Davidson gave a presentation on the history of the Energy Capital Sports Complex, and outlined expansion concepts for inclusion of two multi-purpose fields, a splash park, restroom facility, and the establishment of an ADA/inclusive park. The presentation included a summary of proposed funding sources for the project, and cost estimates for the base bid, which would include proposed parking, two (2) multi-purpose turf fields, water and sewer infrastructure, bathrooms, splash park mechanical, and design and construction management services. Proposed bid alternates were also presented. Bid alternate 1: additional (3rd) turf field. Bid alternate 2: lights for fields 1 & 2. Bid alternate 3: lights for field 3. The Mayor invited citizens to address Council with any comments regarding the proposed complex expansion. Multiple citizens spoke in favor of the expansion of the sports complex, citing the need for more multi-purpose fields in Gillette to support the growing sports activities throughout the community. Additional comments stated that the expansion of the sports complex would allow for large tournaments that would bring local, Wyoming, and out-of-state, participants to the area, and provide additional revenues for the community.

Councilman Lundvall made a motion to authorize Staff to advertise and bid the 2020 Energy Capital Sports Complex Improvement Project to include turf multi-purpose fields with bid alternates; seconded by Councilman Carsrud. All voted aye. The motion carried. Councilman McLeland thanked the youth for participating in the meeting, especially those that addressed Council with their comments.

Review September 3rd Council Agenda

The group reviewed the upcoming Council agenda.

Executive Session

Councilman Neary made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss real estate and Personnel; seconded by Councilman Lundvall. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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