

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 3rd day of September 2019.

Present were Councilmen Brown, Carsrud, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; City Administrator Davidson and City Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole, Muzzarelli, and Wilde; Managers Monahan, Bowman, Lt. Wasson, Harder, and Toscana; Senior Water Systems Operator Stefanick; City Clerk Staskiewicz and Deputy Clerk Crawford.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Neary informed Council of the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration for the Gillette College.

Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Member

City Administrator Davidson introduced Evin B. Sanders, a new appointee to the Campbell County Joint Powers Lodging Tax Board, serving a partial term, expiring December 31, 2019.

Edible Prairie Project

Megan McManamen and Erin Galloway presented Council with information regarding the Edible Prairie Project. The project goal is to provide locally grown, fresh foods to local community members in need of food. The project would utilize a “pay what you can” model, which would allow those that can pay more to offset the costs of those that need to pay less. The program also provides small food pantries (re-purposed newspaper vending machines), located in parks throughout the City, that would be stocked with food, personal care items, and household items donated by community members, which would be utilized on a “take what you need” and “leave what you can” basis. The program would host a Garden Planting Day to help the Council of Community Services plant their vegetable gardens each spring. Beginning with the summer of 2020, the program would produce summer weekend food bags for children during summer break. Blessings in a Backpack provides weekend meals for children during the school year and Edible Prairie Project would provide that service during the summer break. Mayor Carter-King asked about funding for the project. Ms. McManamen stated that funding sources include payment for the prepared baskets, donations, fundraising events, and funding from community members. The program is in the process of completing their 501C3 status, which would allow for the possibility of grant funding.

Swimming Pool Debrief

Diane Monahan, Water Service Manager, informed Council of statistics and events for the 2019 swimming pool season. The 2019 summer usage was down because of cooler weather in June. Accomplishments included the addition of a shade structure, modification of the electrical wiring in the mechanical room, replacement of broken umbrellas, and the addition of a toddler play area with toys. The water department also had a leaking gas regulator replaced, fixed the whale blow hole, added a concrete driveway, and upgraded the parking lot and lighting. Goals for next pool season include cleaning out the sand filter and replacing the media, building more toys, performing a pool study, and finding a solution for the wasp situation. Water Service Manager Monahan praised the non-profit organizations for smooth operation of the concessions for the season, reporting net concessions totaling \$14,767, which allowed a net profit for each group, ranging from \$850 to \$3,000 per week. The season closed out with a pooch plunge, sponsored by the Pet Fur Foundation, which profited \$1,232.

Review September 3rd 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; seconded by Councilman McLeland. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 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