

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 14th day of January 2020.

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

Fire Department Presentation

Fire Chief Bender presented Council with information and recommendations from their 2019 Staffing and Deployment Study. The key recommendations included the addition of three (3) Battalion Chiefs, the adoption of a national standard for deployment performance (NFPA 1720), and the addition of one additional firefighter to Station 9 in Wright. Chief Bender explained NFPA 1720 criteria, population demand, current staffing deployment, and the goal of reaching critical task staffing levels, creating an optimum effective fire force. He compared the current fire force with an optimum effective fire force, which reflected a much quicker incident response time from a fully staffed station. Chief Bender stated that Gillette has one (1) fully-staffed fire station, while other Wyoming cities, comparable in population and area-size, have three (3) fully-staffed fire stations. The Gillette Fire Department's goal is to increase their staffing levels over the next three (3) years to fully-staff Fire Station 3, which would establish two (2) fully-staffed fire stations in Gillette.

2020 Census Presentation

Communication Manager Palazzari presented Council with the history and importance of the United States Census, and provided local statistics from the 2010 census. He explained the U. S. Census Bureau's challenges, changes, rules, and operations. April 1, 2020, will be observed as National Census Day; by that date, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Responses can be online, by phone, or by mail. The Gillette area census outreach will include social media posts, radio advertising, Gillette News Record and County 17 publications, GPA-TV advertising, movie theater billboards, meetings with civic organizations, NEWCA Home Show booth (partnering with the Gillette Animal Shelter), Gillette News Record editorials, the City's website, and a proclamation by Mayor Carter-King.

Review January 21st Council Agenda

The group reviewed the upcoming Council agenda.

Executive Session

Councilman Brown made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss litigation 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 7:21 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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