

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 4th day of February 2020.

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

Warm Up Items

Councilman Neary wished Mayor Carter-King a Happy Birthday. Mayor Carter-King commended the snow plow crews for their work on the recent snow event.

Electronic Wagering Device Ordinance

Attorney Reyes reviewed the proposed provisions of the draft Electronic Wagering Device Ordinance, which included the City's authority to approve or deny a permit, annual permit requirements, application criteria, fees, regulations relating to the use and location of the devices, and non-compliance penalties. Attorney Reyes informed Council of a modification made to the previously presented draft Ordinance, which removed the requirement of financial statements from the application process, in consideration of a comment from Councilman Brown at the previous presentation. The application would still include the requirement of providing proof of the ability to pay out winnings, in the form of insurance, a surety bond, or an escrow account funded with the combined maximum payout.

Attorney Reyes reported that he spoke with a representative of Cowboy Games & Entertainment Experts, a skills game distributor, who made the following suggestions.

- 1) The owner of the devices should be licensed rather than the lessees.
- 2) The City should limit device certification to three (3) companies, specifically, Nick Farley & Associates, Gambling Laboratories International, and BMM Test Labs, and require that the certification results be submitted directly to the City of Gillette.
- 3) The number of devices allowed in each establishment should be limited to five (5).

Council discussed these options and agreed to place a limit on the number of machines allowed in each establishment, but did not want the other suggestions incorporated into the Ordinance. The final suggestion from Cowboy Games & Entertainment Experts was to only allow machines that were fillable electronically, utilizing a "Fill Site System". Attorney Reyes opted to obtain more information on the "Fill Site System" devices before determining inclusion in the Ordinance. Council discussed proposed Legislative bills regarding wagering devices, and decided to proceed with the consideration of the Ordinance, which will be brought before Council for first reading on February 18th.

Text to 911

Lieutenant Chuck Deaton of the Gillette Police Department introduced Dispatchers Roberta Thwreath and Becca Schiefelbein, who gave a presentation on the ability to text emergencies to 911, which was implemented in August of 2019 as a first step in the next generation of 911. They presented statistical information about the number of 911 and administrative calls for 2018 and 2019, and demonstrated the text to 911 process.

Review February 4th Council Agenda

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items.

Executive Session

Councilman McLeland made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation; seconded by Councilman Montgomery. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 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

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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