

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 25th day of February 2020.

Present were Councilmen Carsrud, Lundvall, McLeland, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; Acting Administrator Muzzarelli and City Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole and Henderson; Managers Lt. Deaton, Palazzari, and Toscana; Planners Duvall and Sanders; City Clerk Staskiewicz.

Traveling Vietnam Wall

Paul Woessner presented Council with a preliminary schedule for the September Vietnam Wall events at the Cam-Plex. He explained the process of bringing the Wall to Gillette, and stated that the Fire Department's September 11th ceremony would be held at the Wall, with the expectation of approximately 4,000 people at the event. A meal will follow the ceremony with a projected cost of \$6,000. The event planning committee requested that the City and County evenly share the cost of the meal. Various activities are planned for the 4-day event, including a motorcade of motorcycles to escort the Wall from Rozet through Gillette to the Cam-Plex, live music, a parade, and other activities, with the final ceremony at noon on September 13th. Mr. Woessner invited the Mayor and Council to participate in the events. In addition to paying for 50% of the meal, Mr. Woessner requested that the City provide trash bins and trash collection for the full event. Mr. Woessner stated that the event would be well publicized around the state. The last time the Wall was in Gillette, 42,000 visitors and local citizens, viewed the Wall. Mr. Woessner thanked the Mayor, Council, and the citizens of Gillette for their support of veterans.

Special Olympics

Phil Grabrick and Kathy Kattraba informed Council of the Special Olympic Area 4 Games to be hosted by Gillette on April 16th and 17th, which will include athletes and families from Crook, Weston, and Campbell Counties. Gillette will also host the State Special Olympic Summer Games on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, opening ceremonies, hospitality, venue setup and tear down, scorekeepers, timekeepers, food servers, and medical professionals, to ensure success of the event. Mr. Grabrick requested the assistance of the Police Department for presenting awards to the athletes, stating that receiving an award from a Police Officer is the highlight of an athlete's win. The State Special Olympic Summer Games will be hosted by Gillette for two consecutive years, 2020 and 2021. The committee is requesting matching funds from the City and County in the amount of \$2,500 for each year's event.

Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Update

Planners Duvall and Sanders explained the need to re-write the current zoning ordinance. The presentation included: information on proposed fees, and fee comparisons with other cities; an explanation of zoning district boundary rules, and the combining and renaming of some of the zoning districts to reduce the number of districts; an explanation of accessory dwelling units (ADU); an explanation of the intent of planned unit developments and how they are currently used; an explanation of the creation of a downtown zoning district; and explanations of proposed signage rules and regulations, parking lot paving, and allowed uses of Conex boxes (shipping containers). Mayor Carter-King asked that garage sale signs be addressed in the ordinance. Planners Duvall and Sanders explained the process of gathering information through public "Think Tank" meetings with local professionals. They stated that the Planning Commission will continue to be involved with the ordinance re-write process, which has a proposed completion date of December 2020.

Review March 3rd Council Agenda

The group reviewed the upcoming Council agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor