

A Pre-Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 7th day of July 2020 in the 2nd Floor Community Room.

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

### **Warm Up Items**

Councilman McLeland expressed disappointment with the outcome of the college trustee meeting in Sheridan. Gillette advocates provided a great showing of support, but were not able to change the trustees' decision regarding reinstating athletic programs.

City Administrator Davidson informed Council of a request from Fire Chief Bender regarding the addition of a new position for a trainer for wildland fires. The position would offer command and oversight for seasonal wildland firefighters and serve as a floater for filling-in as needed. The position could prove to be a funding issue in future years, but their budget currently has sufficient funds for the position. Staff's recommendation would be to allow the fire department to move forward with the new position.

Introduction of new Citizen Advisory Board Members, Penny Stahla and Miranda Miller – Mayor's Art Council; Noamie Niemitalo – Personnel Review Board; Chris Wooten – Regional Water Panel Joint Powers Board; and Jessica Seders – Planning Commission. Mayor Carter-King expressed thanks for volunteering their time to serve on their respective boards.

### **Campbell County Health Update**

Colleen Heeter, new Campbell County Health CEO, introduced herself and gave an update of the hospital's activities. CEO Heeter also provided updated COVID-19 information and the impacts on the hospital.

### **Lodging Tax Resolution**

Jessica Seders, Executive Director of Campbell County Convention and Visitor's Center, and Curtis Burdette, Lodging Tax Board Chairman, presented a video of their annual report, explaining current lodging tax use. Director Seders explained the requirement of using most of the lodging tax funding for marketing Campbell County, which in turn benefits local businesses by drawing travelers to the area. A Resolution must be approved by the City of Gillette, Campbell County Commissioners, and the Town of Wright, which would allow Campbell County voters to determine if the lodging tax should be raised from 2% to 4% on the 2020 general election ballot.

### **Review July 7th Council Agenda**

City Administrator Davidson reviewed the upcoming agenda items with the Mayor and Council.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk's Office.

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Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk

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Louise Carter-King, Mayor