

## **COUNCIL PRE-MEETING**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 5:30 p.m.  
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

### **AGENDA**

1. Distribution of February 5, 19 & 25 Executive Session Minutes
2. Request for “Earth Day Sales Promotion”
3. Former Plains Furniture Properties Request for Proposals (RFP)
4. Agenda Review

Mayor Powell began the pre-meeting session at 5:34 p.m. Present: Councilmembers Bates, Freel, Hopkins, Huber, Johnson, Lutz, Pacheco, Walsh and Mayor Powell.

City Manager Napier asked Council if they would be comfortable with the Mayor signing a letter to the Wyoming Department of Transportation. There being no objections Mayor Powell directed that the letter be sent.

City Manager Napier then spoke briefly on the request for the “Earth Day Sales Promotion” which would provide free loading services for those wishing to purchase wood chips or other materials at the balefill. Cindie Langston, Solid Waste Manager, explained that a large amount of materials have built up, and while these cannot be given away, as the fees are set by ordinance, and changing the fees would require an ordinance amendment, loading assistance can be provided. Councilmembers supported the promotion.

City Manager Napier then shared information regarding the former Plains Furniture properties request for proposals (RFP) and asked Council for feedback. Council decided to reject both proposals and to direct staff to reopen the RFP, with responses due on May 3, 2019. Councilmember Huber shared that because the conditions were not met, this was the only course of action that could be taken.

Mayor Powell asked Councilmembers if they had questions or concerns with the agenda. Councilmember Hopkins spoke regarding the funding source for the North Platte sanitary sewer interceptor rehabilitation project. Councilmember Bates asked for clarification. City Manager Napier indicated that the initial loan with Wyoming State Loan and Investment Board would be paid back through the rate model of the sewer fund. Mayor Powell clarified that the opportunity fund would cover the initial cost and the sewer fund would replenish the opportunity fund eventually. Councilmember Hopkins concurred that there was some liability involved but that the repairs are necessary. Councilmember Bates asked why he might have associated the funding for this with the optional one cent funding. City Manager Napier stated that surplus optional one cent funds may be directed back to the opportunity fund. Mayor Powell asked if staff needed further direction and City Manager Napier stated it could be decided during future rate discussions.

Mayor Powell asked about the proposed amendment to the alcoholic beverage ordinance regarding the malt beverage section. Councilmember Freel asked if the subsection “obviously impaired” would need to be removed. City Attorney Henley supported the removal. Mayor Powell asked if an amendment would be needed and City Attorney Henley indicated that an amendment is needed. Councilmember Freel stated he would make the motion to amend.

Councilmember Freel shared that he had driven the proposed speed limit in the vicinity of the Wyoming Medical Center and asked if changing the entire stretch of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from the hospital to downtown to 20 m.p.h. was reasonable. Andrew Beamer, Public Services Director, indicated that the original proposal to have a segment of the area be 30 m.p.h. is reasonable, and also keeping the whole stretch the same speed (20 m.p.h.) is also reasonable. He also shared that enforcement will be needed. Councilmember Huber asked about the cost for speed warning signs, which Mr. Beamer addressed. Councilmember Hopkins suggested passing the ordinance and revisiting it if needed. Councilmember Walsh also supported the ordinance as-is. Councilmember Bates asked about changing the speed east of Conwell so that west-bound drivers would be going slower before the intersection. Mr. Beamer stated that signage would be visible before drivers entered the intersection, and therefore should already be slowing down.

Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel  
City Clerk

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Charles Powell  
Mayor