

**COUNCIL PRE-MEETING**  
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:30 p.m.  
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Work Session/Council Meeting Date Changes
2. Financial Policy Guidelines
3. 2021 Casper Municipal Golf Course Rates
4. Agenda Review

Mayor Freel began the pre-meeting session at 5:35 p.m. with Councilmembers Cathey, Engebretsen, Gamroth, Johnson, Knell, Pacheco, Pollock and Mayor Freel in attendance. Absent: Lutz.

City Manager Napier provided an overview of the overlapping times of the County Commissioners' meeting with the City Council meetings and asked for feedback from Council. Council discussed concerns about changing the Council meeting time because of other scheduling conflicts, the typically short length of the County meetings, and the relatively few meetings that overlap. Mayor Freel asked if he should speak with the Chairman of the Commission or if Carter should do so. City Manager Napier suggested it may be more appropriate for the Mayor to do so. Mayor Freel indicated that he would speak with the Chairman.

City Manager Napier explained the need to carry out the last phase of changes to the financial policy guidelines and asked for a further explanation from staff. Tom Pitlick, Finance Director, further explained the updates to the policy. Councilmember Knell asked about our compliance, which Mr. Pitlick addressed. Council had no further questions or comments.

City Manager Napier introduced the topic of changing the rates at the Casper Municipal Golf Course for the upcoming season. Tim Cortez, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the reasoning for the rate increase. Mayor Freel asked if this would change the green fees. Mr. Cortez shared that this only increased the season pass rate, not the daily green fees. Council had no further questions or comments.

Mayor Freel moved on to agenda review. City Manager Napier asked if Council would like to discuss the ordinance regarding the sale of nicotine. Vice Mayor Pacheco reported on the meeting of the ad hoc committee and their focus on helping educate youth to prevent nicotine use, rather than focusing on punishment for offenses. He shared that Police Chief McPheeters, youth diversion agencies, and prevention agencies are in favor of the changes. Councilmember Pollock, also a committee member, explained that work is needed to adapt the ordinance language to meet the new state requirements. City Attorney Henley shared that more information will be provided in a memo at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will clarify the technical information and the ordinance language which will blend our requirements with the State of Wyoming Statutes.

Mayor Freel adjourned the pre-meeting at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur Tremel  
City Clerk

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Steven K. Freel  
Mayor