

SPECIAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 27, 2013
Immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Council Work Session
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL.

2. RESOLUTION

Authorizing Grant Application to Wyoming Business Council in the Amount of \$1,000,000, for the Reconstruction of Portions of West Yellowstone Highway and Midwest Avenue.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

August 23, 2013

MEMO TO: John C. Patterson, City Manager 
FROM: Fleur Tremel, Assistant to the City Manager 
Jessica Tresch, Intern to the City Manager 
SUBJECT: Wyoming Business Council Community Readiness Grant Application –
Funding for Street Reconstruction on West Yellowstone Highway &
Midwest Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

That council approve the submission of the City of Casper's Community Readiness Grant Program Application.

SUMMARY:

In order to secure funding for the street reconstruction of the final block of West Yellowstone Highway and segments of Walnut Street and West Midwest Avenue, Fleur Tremel and Jessica Tresch, with aid from Liz Becher, Community Development Director, have completed a Community Readiness Grant application through the Wyoming Business Council's Business Ready Community program. The deadline to submit the application for the Community Readiness grant is September 1, 2013. If approval is granted we will submit this application next week. By applying for the grant, the City may have an opportunity to save money by using City funds already committed to engineering fees for design work, which is already in progress.

The Community Readiness grant recipients receive a grant of up to one million dollars, when combined with a 15% City match. The City match can be met by eligible costs, such as in-kind services and engineering fees. The City has already committed to \$250,000 in engineering fees, thus the City has already met its match and no other City funds are needed. The Community Readiness Grant program also includes a loan option which can provide an additional one million dollar loan to interested applicants. The City has not pursued the loan option at this time.

The purpose of the application is to obtain funding to provide adequate infrastructure, such as sidewalks and gutters. In addition to addressing surface level issues such as drainage, pavement and streetscaping, the reconstruction will also address inadequate sewer and storm sewer lines. In rectifying these issues, the City will provide economic development and job creation to an area within our urban renewal district. Recently reconstructed blocks of West Yellowstone Highway have demonstrated the positive economic growth that can occur when adequate infrastructure is provided.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-219

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR A \$1,000,000 COMMUNITY READINESS GRANT TO RECONSTRUCT PORTIONS OF WEST YELLOWSTONE HIGHWAY AND MIDWEST AVENUE IN THE OLD YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, the City has identified the need to replace and update the street and utility infrastructure along West Yellowstone Highway and Midwest Avenue in the Old Yellowstone District; and,

WHEREAS, positive economic growth can occur when adequate infrastructure is provided; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Business Council Community Readiness grant is designed to assist municipalities with public projects such as infrastructure upgrades and replacements; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Readiness grant can provide up one million dollars, when combined with a 15% City match; and,

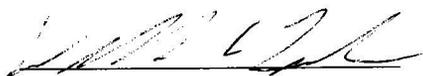
WHEREAS, the City match can be met by eligible costs, such as in-kind services, and engineering costs; and,

WHEREAS, the City has already committed \$250,000 in engineering costs to the West Yellowstone Highway and Midwest Avenue street reconstruction project, and has met its match, and no other City funds are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING: That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and the City Clerk to attest, an application to the Wyoming Business Council for a Community Readiness grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the above-described project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

V. H. McDonald
City Clerk

Kenyne Schlager
Mayor