

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
April 26, 2013

MINUTES

Casper City Council met in work session at 7:00 a.m., Friday, April 26, 2013. Present: Councilmen Goodenough, Hedquist, Hopkins, Meyer, Powell, Sandoval and Mayor Schlager. Absent: Councilmen Bertoglio and Cathey.

City Manager Patterson updated the Council on discussions regarding potential annexations and agreements on the growth boundary for the City of Casper. Natrona County and the Amoco Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board have indicated an interest in having the City annex the Salt Creek Heights area, which will include the annexation of other properties to the north and west of the current City core. Some of these properties already receive water and sewer service from the City of Casper, and have signed agreements to annex when they become adjacent to the City limits.

Councilman Hedquist warned against annexation of areas that have been developed outside the City limits and do not meet City standards for construction. The City Manager noted that the jurisdictions around Casper have been engaged in these discussions as well, since we have not signed a formal growth boundary agreement since the early 1980's.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has requested an opportunity to visit with them about the possibility of establishing a plaza at the corner of David and East 2nd Streets. The area would include the land occupied by a building owned by the State of Wyoming. The Governor has indicated a willingness to work with the City, once a location can be identified for moving all of the state employees currently working in downtown Casper. The reason the DDA wants to come now is because they would like to see the property recently purchased by the City from Adbay used for the plaza. Since Council had discussed selling the Adbay building, it might be a good time to see if there is interest in reserving this site for development of a gathering place for downtown. Council agreed to allow the DDA to come and present their proposal.

Staff released a request for proposals for professional services for providing additional programming on Channel 3, and only one proposal was submitted from Wolf Gang of Wyoming, a private company that has been doing productions for Wyoming PBS for several years. They have other references that support their ability to provide programming, and staff will be bringing forward a contract for Council's approval.

Costs for moving forward with the golf maintenance building to include demolition of the old clubhouse and construction of new bathrooms on the site, seem to indicate that an additional \$200,000 would be sufficient to handle the entire project. Council agreed to increase the budget for this project from \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million.

Rick Harrah, Public Services Director, provided an update on the signing of school zones in response to a request from Councilman Goodenough.

At 7:40 a.m. it was moved by Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Meyer, to adjourn into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Powell excused himself from the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

At 8:50 a.m., it was moved by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Hopkins, to adjourn the executive session and work session. Motion passed unanimously.