

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – JUNE 11, 2013

Mayor Schlager called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. with all members present.

The first item on the agenda was an update on the Alcohol Court from Joshua Bake, Municipal Court Manager, and Andrew Nelson, Case Coordinator. Judge Nachbar was also present to answer questions.

The next item was a presentation from the OLC Consulting Engineers on the proposed design for the new Mike Sedar Swimming Pool. Bob McDonald and Dave Sprague reviewed the work they had done on securing community input into the design of this pool. They reviewed the budget for the construction and explained that the package would include a base bid for the main pool features with three alternates to include a water slide, a splash pad and a separate splash pad treatment system. They also reviewed the proposed schedule for this project which is intended to have the pool constructed and open by Memorial Day, 2014. Council expressed support for the proposed design and directed the consultants to move forward with final design and bid documents.

Liz Becher, Community Development Director, and Craig Collins, Associate Planner, presented a report on the proposed growth boundaries for the City of Casper and the Town of Mills. There were five changes from the original proposal which was presented in 2010. Council reviewed the changes and directed staff to move forward with the final document after checking on the status of the property owned by 71 Construction. Liz also asked Council to provide some direction in response to the development company for the Salt Creek Heights Industrial Site and their proposal to continue to develop this project in the County. Council had concerns regarding the future annexation of the property and noted that they wanted the Amoco Reuse Joint Powers Board to support a requirement that the site be developed according to the City standards so that at the time of annexation we would not be required to accept substandard streets or an unattractive development that is so visible to the community. They suggested that this property could be annexed and developed under the PUD guidelines in the City's code, which would facilitate a faster approval time under the City's direction, and assure all of the entities that development would meet the current community standards.

Police Chief Chris Walsh and Fire Division Chief Tim Cortez presented a report outlining the costs of construction versus leasing for a new Public Safety Communication Center. This report also addressed the pros and cons of each approach regarding timing, technological requirements, space needs, security needs and location. After reviewing the proposal and requesting that certain requirements be built into the lease agreement which would protect the public safety investment in the existing building, Council members indicated their support for moving forward with negotiations on the proposed lease. Councilman Goodenough indicated that he was not in support of the lease proposal and wanted that opposition to be noted. Funding for this project would have to come from a combination of available depreciation reserves and other capital funds. All of the entities who utilize the Center will contribute to the depreciation of the new capital investment and the increased operational costs through their annual contract for services.

At 8:15 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Goodenough, seconded by Councilman Bertoglio to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the sale of City-owned property and personnel matters. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 8:55 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Powell to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.