

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 29, 2013

### MINUTES

Casper City Council met in work session at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2013. Present: Councilmen Bertoglio, Cathey, Goodenough, Hopkins, Meyer, Powell, Sandoval and Mayor Schlager. Absent: Councilman Hedquist.

The first presentation was a discussion of the FY14 Capital Projects and Capital Equipment budgets by Linda Witko, Assistant City Manager. Council questioned the allocation of 1% funds and how those amounts were tracked in the projects' cost center.

Councilman Bertoglio joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

City Manager John Patterson reviewed the City Council budget and asked for direction on the allocation of funding for Council Goals.

Council reviewed the option of setting aside specific amounts for Community Promotions, after allocating \$15,000 to fund travel expenses for the Fire Combat Team and \$2,500 for Topsy Taxi. The amount remaining above the General Fund reserve limit was \$266,845. Council decided to wait on designation of Community Promotions funding until they had a discussion regarding how to address the requests from social service agencies in a fair manner, while also addressing the highest community needs.

Mayor Schlager asked staff to prepare an inventory of the current allocations for social service programs in the FY14 budget. She also asked if the report from Community Action Partnership which identified areas of unmet needs in the community could be brought forward again and possibly updated for current impacts to help determine the priorities for funding.

Council discussed the proposed upcoming Council retreat to discuss the City's role in addressing social service needs. Mayor Schlager also asked that information on prior allocations of excess optional 1% sales tax funds to infrastructure versus community projects be provided. An overall review of the history of optional 1% sales tax funding allocations would also be a good background for this discussion.

If Council members have specific questions or concerns on funding of social services in Casper, it might be beneficial to seek input from Community Action Partnership and the Department of Housing and Urban Development about where they see this issue going in the future.

At 5:20 p.m., it was moved by Councilman Cathey, seconded by Councilman Goodenough, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion passed unanimously.

At 5:51 p.m., it was moved by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Cathey, to adjourn the executive and work sessions. Motion passed unanimously.