

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – November 26, 2013

Mayor Schlager called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Meyer, Hopkins, Cathey, Goodenough, Sandoval, and Powell. Absent: Councilmen Hedquist and Bertoglio.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by City Attorney Bill Luben regarding a proposal to accept warranty deeds on property originally platted in the Mesa Addition for a City drainage area. Due to several replats of the area, the property lines have become clouded. This process will clean up the ownership lines and the titles. The City will only have to convey a small piece along the southern edge by a Quit Claim Deed to Ricor Corporation. Council agreed to move forward with the deeds.

The next item was a presentation by Andrew Nelson, MPO Supervisor, regarding required changes in provisions of the City's purchasing language to comply with Title VI nondiscrimination requirements with regard to FTA funding. Council agreed to move this proposal forward for formal adoption.

Police Chief Chris Walsh presented an update to the City Council on the new Dispatch Center which is being constructed in a building owned by NERD Enterprises on the east side of Casper. The project has been moving forward, and much of the technology issues have been addressed and purchases of equipment will be coming to City Council. The last big purchase will be the new radio equipment which will allow the Center interoperability with all of the emergency personnel in the State. The sole source vendor for the radio equipment is Motorola, and they are currently working on the design of the installation that will connect the Center to the data and communication networks that will support the work of the dispatchers. Lt. Steve Freel has been working as Project Manager for this project and he discussed some of the changes which have been made in the original design of the Center and the EOC. Fire Division Chief Tim Cortez responded to questions about the LiveWall technology which will be incorporated into the EOC.

Council questioned the incorporation of the new telephone system which was recently purchased for the dispatch center. Captain Mark Trimble with the Police Department explained that the phone system will be moved to the new Center by the vendor who installed it in the old center. It will have to be done carefully to avoid having to completely reprogram and reconfigure all of the systems and will probably be moved as a single unit during a low traffic time.

Council thanked staff for the presentation and indicated their support for moving the project forward.

Doug Follick, Leisure Services Director, presented a recommendation from the Leisure Services Advisory Board regarding increases in fees at the Municipal Golf Course. The Board considered a fee schedule which would allow the operation of the course to break even but chose to move forward with a recommendation for a much smaller increase. Decisions regarding spending levels and subsidies for the golf course will be part of the FY15 Budget Proposal. Council agreed to move forward with the proposed changes in the fee schedule.

Councilman Cathey asked about the definition of “Family” for the purpose of selling passes at Hogadon. Staff has agreed to change the requirement from two adults and two children per family pass to four persons per family pass, which could be one adult and three children.

Councilman Hopkins asked if the City Council would consider a special recognition for Scott Ayers who is retiring and selling his business after 94 years of operation in downtown Casper. Council asked staff to follow up with this suggestion.

Currently there is only one applicant for the vacant position on the Leisure Services Board. Council reviewed the application and agreed to make the appointment without having to interview the individual.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.