

## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, July 14, 5:00 p.m.

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

### AGENDA

1. Community Promotions
2. Noisy Motorcycles & Smoky Diesels
3. Ownership of Sewer Lines West of Airport
4. Greenhouse Feasibility Study
5. Additional Liquor Licenses

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Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmen Cathey, Hopkins, Johnson, Mundell, Pacheco, Sandoval and Schlager. Councilman Hedquist was absent.

Mayor Powell requested that Council sign up for a meeting time with Strategic Government Resources (SGR), and passed an appointment sheet around. He explained that SGR needs to meet with Councilmembers as well as community members to determine what characteristics are desired in the new City manager. Mayor Powell will gather names of community members that are suggested to him, and provide that information to SGR as well.

Tanya Johnson, Special Projects Coordinator then addressed Council regarding the Community Promotions voting results. Council then discussed the use of monies left from the previous year or keeping the funding at the original amount budgeted. Council indicated that staff should proceed with the necessary contracts for Community promotions funding and that cash awards be adjusted accordingly to keep the funding at the original amount budgeted.

Police Chief Wetzel and City Attorney Luben then presented information on a smoky diesel and motorcycle noise ordinance. Together they drafted an ordinance based on research of community ordinances from around the country, as well as litigation involving these issues. The ordinance was designed to be enforceable, objective, and simple. Chief Wetzel and City Attorney Luben provided more information and addressed questions and concerns Councilmembers had regarding the proposed ordinance. These issues included standards of unreasonable behavior (unnecessary acceleration/peeling out/etc.) that would warrant police involvement, the impracticalities of measuring decibel levels, and the enforceability of this ordinance. Staff also indicated that both police officers and citizens would need to be educated in this process in order to make a difference in the noise on the streets. Chief Wetzel also stated that the language proposed for the smoky diesels was similar to the Wyoming State Statutes, and would be enforceable.

Councilman Schlager stated that there had been a successful motorcycle public relations campaign previously and she introduced a citizen that had been involved in that process. Council indicated that the ordinance should proceed to a Council meeting for further consideration and possibly for a public hearing. Although a public hearing is not required in this case, it can occur if Council wishes further public input.

City Manager Patterson stated that the next item of business is a request by the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance for the extension of a sewer line west of the Natrona County Airport.

Noelle Reed and Carrie Gomez, of the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance (CAEDA), as well as Lewis James, of JKC Engineering, were present to provide information about the project. Noelle Reed presented an overview of the project which would provide sewer service to an area not presently being served. CAEDA intends to apply for a Business Ready Community Grant from the Wyoming Business Council to construct the sewer system, and would then turn the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the system over to the City of Casper once constructed. The project would be built to City standards and would not require any City funding to carry out the construction.

Councilman Cathey inquired about the supervision of construction and the level of involvement the City should have during the project. David Hill, Public Utilities Director, described a similar situation in which the Casper Logistics Hub was also developed using a grant from the Wyoming Business Council and involved different entities. He stated that the City was involved throughout the project and everyone was very comfortable accepting the final product.

Councilman Sandoval asked if the line would be designed for potential growth. David Hill began to describe the design, and Lewis James provided further information using a map for reference. Mr. James also stated that because the line would be overbuilt initially, FabTech would likely need to periodically flush the lines with water to prevent corrosion.

Mayor Powell asked if those that tied into the line after the completion would be annexed. City Manager Patterson indicated that they would not, unless the location was contiguous to the City. David Hill stated that an outside-City sewer agreement would be necessary for those receiving service.

Councilman Cathey also asked about water service in the area and the significance of adding this line to the system. David Hill said that the businesses being added are already receiving water from different water systems and that the amount of sewage received from the new line would be negligible.

Mayor Powell clarified that once the grant for this project has been approved, the City will need to agree to take ownership of the line (once completed). Council supported placing this on a future agenda.

City Manager Patterson introduced Jesse Miller to present an update on the local food hub model. Mr. Miller presented information on a study of the local food system, the food potential in Wyoming, and the feasibility of a local food hub. His presentation emphasized the need for partnerships and a plan going forward, as there is a need for improvements in the current distribution system in Wyoming. Council thanked Mr. Miller for his update.

City Manager Patterson presented information on the Bar and Grill Liquor License and the Retail Liquor License that are now available for issuance based on the recent census update. He stated that the Retail Liquor license could be issued at a later time, much like what had been previously done in the Old Yellowstone District, when a redevelopment project or other location could be incentivized. He then stated that proposals for the Bar and Grill Liquor License could be accepted and evaluated based on the criteria in the ordinance, and then a random drawing from eligible businesses could be conducted.

Council discussed at length the options for proceeding and the possibility of future legislative changes to the licensing system. Much of the discussion focused on the goal of promoting the downtown area and the timing of issuing the Bar and Grill license. It was decided that the selection process would not be left to chance and that Council would choose a business without accepting proposals. Council then further discussed waiting to issue the Retail Liquor license, and how to best ensure that when it is issued, the incentivized area would continue to retain the benefits of the license.

Council gave their support to have the Bar and Grill Liquor License applicant, located in the Old Yellowstone District at 319 West Midwest Avenue, come forward with an application and directed staff to bring that application to a Council meeting for further consideration.

City Manager Patterson presented Council with review of the future agenda requesting input from Council on any items that need to be removed from consent. After further review, Council did not wish to remove any items from consent.

Council went around the table reporting updates for each of their respective board meetings and news.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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V. H. McDonald  
City Clerk

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Charlie Powell  
Mayor