

**City Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL: Mayor Kemper called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following were present:

Mayor:	Rene' Kemper
Council Members:	John Bartling
	Monty Gilbreath
	Kim Pexton

Others Present:

City Administrator	Jonathan Teichert
City Attorney	Heather Duncan-Malone
City Clerk	Karen Rimmer
City Treasurer	Mary Nicol
Chief of Police	Ron Casalenda
Public Works Director	John Harbarger
Community Dev. Director	Clara Chaffin
IT Director	Gary Schwarz

Disclosures by City Councilmembers: Mayor Kemper asked for disclosures of any conflicts of interest for Council members; there were none.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Bartling moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: **Item 2.I. Corrections, Additions, and Approval of Agenda for February 11, 2019; Item 2.II. Consideration of Resolutions and Ordinance by Title Only; Item 2.III. Warrant Register, January 2019; Item 2.IV. Minutes, Regular City Council Meeting, January 28, 2019; Item 2.V. Minutes, City Council Work Session, January 28, 2019; Item 2.VI. Minutes, City Council Work Session, January 31, 2019; Item 2.VII. Financial Disclosures 2019.** Councilmember Gilbreath seconded; no discussion and motion approved 4-0.

Public Comments: Lisa Thalken, Executive Director of the Converse Hope Center, approached Council and presented an overview of services provided to clients in 2018 including the total number of victims; the type of victimization; special classifications; demographic data; emergency shelter usage data; and referral sources. She thanked the Douglas Police Department for their support and referrals, as well as being very good to work with. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Thalken for the efforts and job well done at the Converse Hope Center. Next, Douglas Upper Elementary 4th Graders Corbin Hubert, Leah Ewing, Tristin Rinn, Sidney Silzell, Bray Morrell, and Kinleigh Melchor, all

48 with "Destination Imagination", approached Council and presented
49 their "Service Learning Project", for which the goal is to
50 assist seeing-impaired citizens of Douglas. They expressed their
51 areas of concern: non-auditory pedestrian signals at traffic
52 lights around Douglas and sidewalks that are uneven, not
53 shoveled, and have low-hanging branches above them. Through
54 concession stand sales, the group raised money for safety items
55 for two seeing-impaired residents of Douglas; they also
56 contacted WYDOT and set up a meeting to address auditory
57 crossing signals. Following discussion, Director Harbarger
58 addressed what the City is doing about some of these concerns,
59 and Chief Casalenda stated he had also been in discussions with
60 WYDOT since this group contacted them regarding auditory signals
61 on N. 2nd, N. 3rd, and N. 4th Streets at Center Street. He
62 explained where existing audible signals are located as well,
63 and that there was much support for the efforts of this group of
64 young people. Mayor and Council applauded the efforts of these
65 "Destination Imagination" members and commended them for an
66 excellent presentation.

67 **Council Items: Item 6.I. Bid Recommendation, New Specified**
68 **Midsize Crossover SUV (City Pool Car):** Councilmember Gilbreath
69 moved to approve the bid from Fremont Motors Casper as
70 recommended in the amount of \$24,314.00 and further authorize
71 the City Administrator to execute all associated documents;
72 seconded by Councilmember Pexton; no discussion and motion
73 approved 4-0. **Item 6.II. Letter of Support for the Born to Reign**
74 **Documentary, American Doorstop Legacy Project 2019:**
75 Councilmember Pexton, a member of the Converse County Tourism
76 Board, explained that the Tourism Board is interested in paying
77 for one half of an ad in the amount of \$2,500, but that board
78 won't meet until February 20, 2019; she has contacted the rest
79 of the board regarding this and believes the Tourism Board had
80 previously discussed this with Administrator Teichert. Following
81 discussion, Councilmember Pexton moved to approve the letter of
82 support as presented and further authorize the expenditure of
83 \$2,500.00 for a full-page ad to be placed within marketing
84 materials for the documentary; Councilmember Bartling seconded.
85 Discussion followed regarding Council's support of this, and
86 Melody Dobson, American Doorstop Co-founder, expressed her
87 appreciation of Council and excitement of this project. No
88 further discussion and motion approved 4-0. **Item 6.III.**
89 **Cooperative Agreement Between the Wyoming Department of**
90 **Transportation and the City of Douglas, Welcome Sign:**
91 Councilmember Gilbreath moved to approve the cooperative
92 agreement as presented; Councilmember Bartling seconded.
93 Administrator Teichert provided an overview of this item, which
94 is to allow a welcome sign to be built along Highway 59 when

95 WYDOT completes that particular road project. No further
96 discussion and motion approved 4-0.

97 **Adjourn:** Mayor Kemper thanked everyone for their support,
98 prayers, and positivity towards her and her family as she
99 continues to fight cancer. She received applause and a standing
100 ovation from all present. Councilmember Bartling moved to
101 adjourn the regular Council meeting; Councilmember Pexton
102 seconded; no discussion and motion approved 4-0. Regular meeting
103 adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

104 **ATTEST:**

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109 Karen Rimmer, City Clerk
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Rene' Kemper, Mayor