

1 **Work Session, Douglas City Council**
2 **February 25, 2019**

3 A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, February 25, at 4:04 p.m. in
4 the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. Mayor Kemper called the meeting to
5 order. Those present were:

6 **Mayor and Council:** Rene' Kemper, Mayor; Councilmembers John Bartling, Monty Gilbreath,
7 Kim

8 Pexton, and Karl E. Hertz

9 **Others Present:** Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Karen Rimmer, City Clerk;
10 Colin

11 Tiernan, Reporter, Douglas Budget

12 Council members were provided documents for review including a recreation center
13 questionnaire; a draft design concept of the proposed Douglas Community Center; and a draft
14 Operation Plan with a focus on comparison of expenditure and revenue scenarios. Councilmember
15 Gilbreath provided an update and overview of several items including the Rec Center Committee
16 members, comprised of representatives from the City of Douglas, Converse County, and Converse
17 County School District #1 Recreation Board (CCSD#1). A brief history of the existing Rec
18 Center was discussed, as was the rec mil; uses of the rec mil; and the 2015 Special Election.
19 He stated that the City needs to determine whether to move forward or not; if so, a memorandum
20 of understanding (MOU) would be needed between the City, County, and CCSD#1; any such
21 agreement would need to be approved by Council. Recreation in Douglas and the City's role in
22 rec was examined. A Joint Powers Board would be created consisting of members representing the
23 City, County, and CCSD#1; funding obligations would be linked to the number of board positions
24 held meaning the entity with the most control would provide the most funding. The
25 questionnaire was reviewed and discussed at length, as was the expenditure and revenue
26 comparison. The operation of the potential rec center was considered including employees;
27 furnishings; membership fees; priority of public rec versus school rec; and examples of other
28 rec centers around the state. Council concurred that this is not something they would wish to
29 pursue without a public vote. Council also concurred that their preference would be for a
30 seven-member Joint Powers Board consisting of four members from CCSD#1, two members from the
31 City, and one member from the County (4-2-1). Primary concerns of Council members include cost
32 of the project and sustainable funding; there is not a firm cost of the project at this time.
33 Following final discussion and comments, the Work Session was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. **No**
34 **Council action was taken.**

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Karen Rimmer, City Clerk