

1 **City Council Special Meeting Minutes**

2 **May 20, 2019**

3 The Special Council meeting of the Douglas City Council was held on  
4 Monday, May 20, 2019 9:55 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall  
5 at 101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

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

9 Mayor: Rene' Kemper  
10 Council Members: John Bartling  
11 Monty Gilbreath  
12 Kim Pexton  
13 Karl Hertz

14 **Others Present:**

15 City Administrator Jonathan Teichert  
16 City Clerk Karen Rimmer  
17 City Treasurer Mary Nicol  
18 Community Dev. Director Clara Chaffin  
19 IT Director Gary Schwarz

20 **Disclosures by City Councilmembers:** Mayor Kemper asked for  
21 disclosures of any conflicts of interest for Council members.  
22 Councilmembers Gilbreath and Pexton both declared conflicts with  
23 Council Item 4.I. Joint Powers Board Structure and Funding Terms  
24 Determination, Rec Center.

25 **Consent Agenda:** Councilmember Bartling moved to approve the Consent  
26 Agenda as presented: **Item 2.I. Corrections, Additions, and Approval**  
27 **of Agenda for May 20, 2019; Item 2.II. Consideration of Resolutions**  
28 **and Ordinances by Title Only;** Councilmember Hertz seconded; no  
29 discussion and motion approved 5-0.

30 **Public Comments:** None.

31 **Council Items:** Item 4.I. Joint Powers Board Structure and Funding  
32 **Terms Determination, Rec Center:** 1. That the City of Douglas,  
33 **Converse County Commissioners, and Converse County School District #1**  
34 **develop a new joint Memorandum of Understanding of the operation and**  
35 **maintenance of a new Recreation Center in Douglas; 2. That the**  
36 **preferred organization of the new Recreation Center Joint Powers**  
37 **Board be a 7-member board and have a various composition of seats,**  
38 **which will determine the level of compensation to make up the annual**  
39 **shortfall based on the operations model; 3. That the term of the**  
40 **Joint Powers Board funding model be for the length of the bond issue**  
41 **with the agreement ending on that fiscal year, and that review of the**  
42 **funding model occur every third full fiscal year:** Councilmembers  
43 Gilbreath and Pexton stepped down from the Council dais and left  
44 Council Chambers. Councilmember Bartling moved to approve items 1, 2,  
45 and 3 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Hertz. Discussion  
46 followed including concerns regarding the City's ability to fund a  
47 recreation center; the need for this to be a decision made by the

48 voters of the community; and a brief explanation of the process from  
49 here. No further discussion, and motion approved 3-0 with  
50 Councilmembers Gilbreath and Pexton abstaining from the vote.  
51 Councilmembers Gilbreath and Pexton then reentered Council Chambers.

52 **Item 4.II. Discussion of Miscellaneous Capital Project Funding,**  
53 **FY2020:** Councilmember Hertz moved to approve discussion and capital  
54 funding in the amount of \$600,000 to Fire Suppression Authority (FSA)  
55 for a [training] facility; Councilmember Bartling seconded.  
56 Discussion followed including an overview of FSA's entire FY2020  
57 budget request, for which \$600,000 would be specifically for a  
58 training facility; features of the potential training facility; the  
59 benefit of such a facility for both the citizens and firefighters of  
60 our community; that this facility would be utilized as a training  
61 facility by other communities thereby creating an economic impact for  
62 Douglas; that the City cannot afford to commit this type of funding  
63 each year; and that it is the hope of Council that the community will  
64 help support this project. No further discussion; motion approved 5-  
65 0. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to approve \$250,000 for Douglas  
66 Youth Hockey (DYH) for an ice rink facility; seconded by  
67 Councilmember Pexton. Discussion followed regarding the County  
68 Commissioner's prior verbal commitment to also provide \$250,000 to  
69 Douglas Youth Hockey's capital project. Councilmember Gilbreath made  
70 a friendly amendment and Councilmember Pexton agreed to second the  
71 change to include a stipulation that the City's \$250,000 contribution  
72 be contingent upon the County providing \$250,000 to DYH as well.  
73 Discussion followed regarding support for this project; the DYH  
74 organization and how much they fundraise; that this is a one-time  
75 contribution and not an ongoing one; and overall support for this  
76 project. No further discussion and motion approved 5-0.

77 **Adjourn:** Councilmember Pexton moved to adjourn the Special City  
78 Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Hertz; no discussion and  
79 motion approved 5-0. Special Council meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

80 **ATTEST:**

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85 Karen Rimmer, Clerk  
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Rene' Kemper, Mayor