

**Work Session, Douglas City Council
November 18, 2021**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on November 18, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. **Councilmembers Present:** Mayor René Kemper, Councilperson Kim Pexton, and Councilperson Ron McNare; Councilperson Monty Gilbreath and Councilperson John Bartling were absent.

Also Present: Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; John Harbarger, Director of Public Works; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer/Administrative Services Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Todd Byerly, Douglas Police Chief; Cindy Porter, CANDO; Heidi McCullough, Douglas Historical Preservation Commission and Friends of Fort Fetterman member.

Discussion Regarding Joint Federal Grant Application with CANDO, Wyoming State Fair, and County: Administrator Teichert introduced this item, stating he is working with Cindy Porter on an application under the “Build Back Better” program’s Travel & Tourism section. They both met with Cortney and Reba with Wyoming State Fair and discussed the fairground’s master plan and potential areas of the property that could be upgraded with joint funds and efforts in order to create a community facility open to the public but also accessible for special sporting events such as state meets. Discussion followed regarding different options available within the state fairgrounds, funding options, and potential facility management. **Discussion Regarding Resolution No. 2016, Support of Designation of Bozeman Trail:** Administrator Teichert introduced Heidi McCullough, representing the Historic Preservation Commission and the Friends of Fort Fetterman board. Ms. McCullough provided the council with a history and overview of the Bozeman Trail and it’s proposed dedication as a National Historic Trail. Discussion regarding how to move forward and a concurrence to support the feasibility study and to amend the resolution language to reflect the same. **Review of Regular City Council Agenda for November 22, 2021:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview of the upcoming agenda items. Councilperson McNare inquired into the body cameras and if the grant isn’t awarded, would we find a way to fund them, discussion followed. **Council Reports:** Councilperson Pexton invited everyone to the tourism board’s open house on December 14th. Discussion regarding the tourism tax followed. Discussion regarding a fire district and the fire department followed. **Administrator’s Report:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview of current happenings within the city. He anticipates the Pearson project to be ready to bid in January. Teichert inquired into if the Council wants to take the snow removal bid recommendation to the joint powers board, concurrence to approve it at council level. Councilperson Pexton inquired into the cancellation of the December 27, 2021 meeting, concurrence to have on the agenda for cancellation. **Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.**

Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk