

**Work Session, Douglas City Council
December 13, 2021**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on December 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. **Councilmembers Present:** Mayor René Kemper, Councilperson Kim Pexton, Councilperson Ron McNare, Councilperson Monty Gilbreath, and Councilperson John Bartling.

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; Members of the Douglas Youth Hockey Club.

Discussion Regarding Douglas Hockey Club: Paul Bauder, representing Douglas Youth Hockey Club gave the council an update on their organization's plans for their new facility, they have a number of donors lined up in addition to a fundraiser being done by the bank. The club's plans are to break ground in 2022, depending on the funding received they will begin with a barebones facility that meets the city codes and then complete the facility as funds become available. Discussion followed regarding building requirements per code, location of the proposed facility, and the current arrangement with Wyoming State Fairgrounds for the use of their facility. **Review of Regular City Council Agenda for December 13, 2021:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview of the upcoming agenda items. Discussion regarding the approval of the audit report for FY2021 by January 1st and having the auditors come to a meeting to present their information to the council. **Council Reports:** Councilperson Gilbreath asked if there was an update on the Pearson project. Public Works Director Harbarger stated the application is at DEQ currently, hoping to get it back soon. Councilperson McNare inquired into where we are with the body cameras. Chief Byerly stated the bid info has been submitted to Treasurer Nicol, with Nicol confirming it will be in this week's paper. Administrator Teichert stated we will need to do a budget amendment to fund the purchase. Discussion regarding replacement policies and purchase plans. McNare stated concerns about the proposed community center and it's proposed location at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds. Discussion followed regarding feasibility of a movable floor, location of the proposed community center, and the roles played by each agency involved. Council concurred they would like to discuss further with the other agencies. Mayor Kemper stated there has been public support for using a tree that was pictured in Wyoming Through the Lens, taken by Traci Mark, as the City's Christmas tree, discussion followed. McNare inquired into the status of the dumpsters for Lone Tree, Harbarger stated they have been ordered. Kemper congratulated Chief Byerly on his Executive Leadership Award. Councilperson Bartling stated it was awesome, he was glad to see Letabeth get Employee of the Year. **Administrator's Report:** No discussion. **Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:22 p.m.**

Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk