

**Work Session, Douglas City Council**  
**June 23, 2022**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on June 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of city hall, 101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor René Kemper, Councilperson Kim Pexton, Councilperson Ron McNare, Councilperson Monty Gilbreath, and Councilperson John Bartling.

**Also Present:** Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; John Harbarger, Director of Public Works; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer/Administrative Services Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Todd Matthews, Douglas Police Lieutenant; Courtney Conkle, Wyoming State Fair Director.

**Discussion with Wyoming State Fair Director, Courtney Conkle – Alcohol Permit:** Ms. Conkle provided an overview of what the Wyoming State Fair is proposing for alcohol consumption and service areas during the dates of the fair. Councilperson McNare expressed concern that alcohol wasn't to be in the carnival area in 2020 and it was there, then in 2021 it was allowed in the carnival area, and he doesn't agree with that. McNare stated he wants a section of the grandstands to be non-alcohol so that its family friendly, discussion followed regarding an alcohol-free area in the seats with Conkle expressing concerns regarding enforcing the non-alcoholic section. Councilperson Bartling expressed concern that alcohol is allowed throughout the fairgrounds as it increases minors access to it, discussion followed regarding the use of security and law enforcement to mitigate underage drinking and the pros and cons of having alcohol at large rather than in a confined beer garden type setting. Discussion continued regarding a non-alcoholic area for families, the number of drinks that should be allowed for purchase at one time, and the involvement of law enforcement when situations involving underage drinkers occur. Ms. Conkle informed the council an RFP would be going out in September for the alcohol sales at the fairgrounds. Council requested a debriefing in the fall after the fair is over to discuss the impacts to the city. **Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 4:53 p.m.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk