

Work Session, Douglas City Council
July 11, 2022

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on July 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of city hall, 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: JD Cox, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; John Stearns, Utility Supervisor; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer/Administrative Services Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Todd Byerly, Douglas Police Chief.

Projects Discussion: City Administrator Cox provided the city council with updates on current projects: IT advertisement has been delayed due to staff being out of the office; had anticipated having an update on economic development but presentation isn't ready yet, Cox would like everyone to be on the same page; staff met with Riverside RV Park owners regarding a potential agreement staff was comfortable with, which they declined and requested a follow up meeting, once staff has an agreement they're comfortable with it will be brought forward to council for approval. Discussion followed. Cox provided an overview of upcoming agenda items including the slurry seal bid and fuel bid, and an application for a second Dollar General. Discussion followed regarding the Dollar General application. Staff is in the process of sending out notifications for a water tap requirement on Hilltop Court for an unmetered green space water tap. Chief Byerly, Lt. Matthews, Administrator Cox, and Clerk Schumacher met with Courtney Conkle regarding alcohol compliance plans for the state fair and intends to meet with PD in 2 weeks again to review those written plans. Discussion followed. Code compliance will begin pulling campaign signs in the right of way. All city employees will be attending their first TEAM meeting on July 11th, staff has expressed interest to have council members attend those meetings as a way of getting to know them. Discussion regarding the format for future council work sessions and consensus to have them on the same day as regular city council meetings at 4:00 p.m. Discussion regarding the swimming pool hours and the need to better communicate their hours to the public, nobody was aware they were open on July 4th, if the public had known there may have been better attendance the July 4th Celebration. Discussion followed regarding fireworks within the city limits over the holiday and methods for communicating their prohibition to the public. Discussion regarding special districts, specifically for fire, landfill, and cemetery, and the city's desire to move forward with their creation. Discussion regarding economic development within the City and options for diversifying it's implementation. Community Development Director Chaffin provided a brief update and overview of current grants. **Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:07 p.m.**

Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk