

Work Session, Douglas City Council
October 10, 2022

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on October 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at city hall, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

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

Also Present: JD Cox, 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; Mike Armstrong, City Attorney.

The following items were discussed:

- **Pearson Street:** Discussion regarding concerns of speeding vehicles, possible additional traffic control methods. Chief Byerly will follow up with school regarding concerns.
- **Plaque at Veteran's Walkway:** Discussion regarding request from Ron Casalenda for the city to pay for the installation of signage at the Veteran's Walkway, the expected costs being less than \$1,000. Consensus to approve with the proposed language on the plaque to be approved by city council.
- **Community Engagement:** Discussion regarding methods for involving the community and encouraging their engagement with the city. Specifically youth participation in the Pledge of Allegiance at city council meetings, a monthly award for recognizing individuals and groups within the community, consensus to move forward with plans for electronic sign boards at city hall, input for the monthly community events informational meeting, a potential arts & culture task force, volunteer recognition for city boards, community leadership program, possible review of facilities within the city.
- **Upcoming Agendas:** Administrator Cox reviewed the regular meeting agenda. Discussion regarding the short-term rental application and Attorney Armstrong's recommendation to approve it then reviewing approval of an ordinance change. Review of the work session agenda for October 24, 2022, discussion regarding Paul Johnson's water tap and truck parking on Brownfield. Agenda review for the October 24, 2022 regular city council meeting, there is a show cause hearing for Coopers Arena, expected land vacations, transfer of liquor license for Chutes.
- **Council Updates:**
- **City Administrator Updates:** Discussion regarding the of agreement with Art Patterson, staff will be meeting with Patterson and his associates on October 13, 2022. The 5th penny tax informational campaign is moving forward, electronic signs are up, penny signs are going up, and the table tents are being made soon. Continuing to work with CGI for a banner program, will work with the Enterprise and staff to develop a plan and then bring forward to Council for approval. Updates on discussions regarding: possible trails on the old 'D' hill; possible public/private partnership for recycling services; staff continues to review water usage and our ability to treat surface water. Job postings for the IT position closed at the end of September and staff will review the applications received. Administrator Cox would like to discuss current staffing with the council at a future meeting.

Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

Chaz Schumacher, *City Clerk*