

**Work Session, Douglas City Council
November 14, 2022**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on November 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at city hall, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro-Tem, John Bartling; Councilperson Ron McNare; 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:

1. Starting Time for Work Sessions: Councilperson McNare expressed concern that council is unable to get through everything during work session and we should consider starting earlier or starting the regular meetings later, we need to maybe allow more time for the work sessions. Brief discussion followed with direction to wait for more councilmembers to be present and input from onboarding councilmembers in January.

2. Council Updates & Questions: Administrator Cox indicated staff is obtaining quotes for exterior painting, outside work, and electronic signage; the roof will be replaced in the spring. Councilperson McNare expressed concern about painting the existing wood on the exterior of City Hall as a lot of it is rotten, the original plan was to stucco the exterior. Quotes will need to include ensuring the wood is in good condition and replacing if it is not. McNare inquired into if the engineering for Bartling Park Lighting was completed. Public Works Director Harbarger indicated once the design is completed and reviewed it will be put out to bid.

3. Raw Water Irrigation Review: Water/Wastewater Chief Operator/Supervisor Oberlander and City Engineer, Nick Larsen, presented the council with information regarding current water consumption levels and costs of production. There are concerns of not addressing the consumption and production levels as there are times in the summer when we exceed our water cap limit. One option to consider is producing raw water for irrigation purposes to large consumption users such as the city parks, school district properties, and the state fairgrounds, is to utilize the surface water treatment plant for its production, this would separate the largest water users out of the drinking water system. Discussion regarding impacts of future development on water consumption and if this would help meet those demands.

4. Animal Shelter/Alleged Vicious Animal Update: Administrator Cox updated the council on a dog bite situation that occurred at Laramie Peak Human Society and a citation issued to the persons who adopted the animal.

5. Pearson Street:

a. Traffic Speed Study: Chief Byerly provided an overview of the results of a speed trailer placed on Pearson Street. The City was able to borrow one from Glenrock PD. Brief discussion followed.

b. Attendant Infrastructure: Administrator Cox provided an update to council on negotiations with the Pattersons, currently not a consensus on what is considered attendant infrastructure. Discussion followed. Cox will reach back out to Pattersons to continue the conversation so an agreement can be met.

6. Wyoming Community Gas Funding Project Discussion: Not Discussed

7. City Council Transition and Orientation: Not Discussed

8. Building Community – Neighbor and Business Recognition: Not Discussed

9. Establishment of Arts & Culture Board: Not Discussed

10. Upcoming Agendas: Not Discussed

11. City Administrator Updates:

a. **Wulff Road Water:** Administrator Cox inquired into if the council will support moving forward with disconnecting the water tap at Paul Johnson's property on Wulff Road. Discussion regarding the existing water taps, which ones are legally allowed for, and potential taps on additional properties. Direction given to staff to move forward with disconnecting the water tap on Paul Johnson's property.

b. **Truck Parking:** Not Discussed

c. **Lease Agreement – Landfill:** Not Discussed

d. **Christmas Tree Lighting:** Not Discussed

e. **Events Calendar:** Not Discussed

Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:22 p.m.

Chaz Schumacher, *City Clerk*