

**Work Session, Douglas City Council  
January 7, 2021**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming, and also via a virtual meeting.

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call; those present on Roll Call:**

Mayor René Kemper, Councilperson John Bartling, Councilperson Kim Pexton, Councilperson Ron McNare, Councilperson Monty Gilbreath

**Also Present:** Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; Gary Schwarz, IT Director; Chase Vialpando, Douglas Budget.

**Discussion Regarding Board & Commission Appointments:** City Council members discussed possible appointments for boards and commissions that City Council members sit on, those appointments will be made at the upcoming City Council meeting. **Agenda Review – January 11, 2021 Regular City**

**Council Meeting:** Administrator Teichert reviewed the agenda for the upcoming City Council meeting, there will be a public hearing for a new liquor license, Councilmember McNare intends to recuse himself from the CU for Dollar General. **Discussion Regarding Internet Poll Results for Recycling**

**Survey:** Administrator Teichert presented the numbers from the online survey that was posted during December, not a lot of responses and it wouldn't be statistically valid, but it was good for getting the information out to the public and letting people know there will be a cost associated with recycling services. Discussion followed. **Discussion Regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Construction Projects:** Administrator Teichert updated the City Council regarding

the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project, the City was not awarded the matching \$3 million grant they had applied for, and staff is looking for direction from Council on how to move forward. Discussion followed regarding ways to scale the projects back, involving business owners in discussions, and options for moving forward. *Councilperson Bartling left at approximately 4:42 p.m.* **Administrator's Report:** Administrator Teichert provided the Council with an update of activities, discussion followed. Council discussed advertising to receive proposals for city attorney contracts, the current contract expires at the end of

January. Discussion regarding the governor's order and the guidelines that required bars & restaurants to close by 10 p.m. and how the city may or may not address the issue of businesses that didn't comply to those orders. Discussion regarding the upcoming Council meeting and how public comments are handled, following social distancing requirements and masks. **Council Updates:** Administrator Teichert stated Councilperson Bartling had brought up

the Bartling Park lighting and where we are with the new lights. Teichert explained the budget had included \$400,000 for the lights it did not however include the engineering costs associated with the lighting, to cover those costs we could install one set of lights this year and the second set of lights in the next budget, he is looking for guidance from the Council. Discussion followed. Mayor Kemper expressed her disappointment with the community video tour, discussion followed. Brief discussion regarding the Wyoming State Fair grounds new sign and where it will be placed. The new Senior Center sign looks nice, however they are leaving a trailer out all week that is being used on the weekends for signage about the church service they hold.

**Adjourn** – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m. **No Council Action was taken.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk