

1 **Work Session, Douglas City Council**
2 **February 18, 2021**
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4 A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on February 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas,
5 Wyoming, and also via a virtual meeting.

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

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

9 **Also Present:** Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; Todd Byerly, PD Chief; John Harbarger, Director of Public
10 Works; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director – via phone; Gary Schwarz, IT Director; Mary Nicol,
11 Treasurer/Administrator Services Director; Chase Vialpando, Douglas Budget; Perry Hershberger, Citizen.

12 **Discussion Regarding City of Douglas Rate Structures:** Administrator Teichert presented the proposed rate structures for utilities, cemetery
13 fees, and the swimming pool fees. Teichert gave an overview of the history of previous rate increases, the likely loss of state funding for
14 infrastructure related projects, and the decision to do a rate study before doing another rate increase. The last rate increase was in 2017.

15 Discussion followed. **Discussion Regarding Bartling Park Lighting:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview of the estimates received for the
16 Bartling Park lighting stating that depending on what the Council decides, we would be looking to put the project out to bid. Discussion followed.

17 **Discussion Regarding Pearson Road Extension:** Administrator Teichert reviewed the options for moving forward with the development of
18 Pearson Road, the agreement with the landowner, and the agreement with TLC Development. Discussion followed. Council supported moving
19 forward with the extension of Pearson Road and extending the deadline with Patterson. **Discussion Regarding Building Permit Process:**

20 Councilperson McNare expressed concerns with the current workload in the Planning Department and the consideration of doing something to
21 help staff with the review process. Discussion followed. Community Development Director Chaffin stated she had spoken with Wilson &
22 Associates and that they would be willing to contract with the City for commercial reviews and that would in turn help to free up staff's time.

23 **Agenda Review – Regular City Council Meeting: February 22, 2021:** Administrator Teichert reviewed the agenda for Monday night. Liquor
24 License renewal hearings will take place that night. **Administrator's Update:** Administrator Teichert provided an update to the Council. He noted
25 that concerns have been raised regarding trucks parking within the City and potentially carrying explosive or hazardous materials, brief
26 discussion followed. Teichert stated he would like to open City Hall after next week to allow for the current construction to be completed.

27 Councilperson McNare expressed concerns regarding lot splits and the fees associated with combining them into one property when building on
28 them, discussion followed. Discussion regarding a proposed change order for the installation of cameras in the basement of City Hall. **Adjourn –**
29 No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m. **No Council Action was taken.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk