

Work Session, Douglas City Council
September 23, 2021

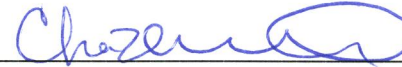
A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on September 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

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

Also Present: Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; John Harbarger, Director of Public Works; Paige Fenton Hughes, Converse County School District; Matt Adelman, Douglas Budget; Joe Burkholder, Citizen.

Discussion Regarding Recreation Master Plan: Administrator Teichert introduced the discussion regarding community recreation planning, the conversation started as a result of discussions about the easement from Richards Street to the lift station and the school's plans for additional soccer fields on their property. The discussion today is about how we can best serve the community and their recreational needs, Teichert met with Superintendent Fenton-Hughes and the County earlier this week to determine everyone's protentional level of support. Councilperson Gilbreath referenced the challenges of having the recreation center inside the school, stating he's hopeful the study will provide options for moving forward so we can better serve the community. Gilbreath thanked Paige for the information she provided, the rec mil won't generate enough to do anything significant which is why we must partner with the school and county to move forward, we are missing out on an opportunity to use recreation as a contributing economic driver. Discussion followed regarding options for moving forward, in an effort to provide options that meet the community and school's needs, the best options for doing so, and the next steps in the process. Discussion regarding economic impacts of having facilities that could host regional tournaments, potential private donations towards facilities, and possible locations. Consensus was to move forward with a study to determine the best options for the needs of the community and the school and phases for doing so. **Discussion Regarding North Antelope Drainage:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview, stating the City had budgeted 2 years ago to fix the drainage issues but had run into issues with easements and ultimately didn't complete the project. Joe Burkholder, a property owner directly impacted by the flood plain of the North Antelope drainage, thanked Teichert for his responsiveness to the situation. Burkholder stated cleaning the drainage would help out others too, he's unable to get flood insurance because there is no way to meet the requirements to do so, he would like to have it cleaned out. Discussion followed regarding previous drainage clean up and how to move forward. **Discussion Regarding Passenger Rail/Greater Northwest Working Group:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview of discussions that are occurring regarding a possible passenger rail through Wyoming and South Dakota, they are currently the only two states not served by one. **Discussion Regarding Redistricting:** Administrator Teichert provided council an update on the redistricting process and current proposals, discussion followed. **Review of Regular City Council Agenda for September 27, 2021:** Administrator Teichert provided an overview of the upcoming agenda items. Discussion regarding show cause hearing date and consensus to move it to the first meeting in October. Discussion regarding an ordinance for establishing the budgetary process, staff will look into similar ordinances in other cities. Discussion regarding alcohol

33 training ordinance and guidance to include language requiring first time offenders be present before council for a show cause hearing. **Council**
34 **Reports:** Councilperson McNare inquired into vendor payments previously authorized, specifically payments to Bambii and for the railcar roof
35 repair. McNare inquired into the status of sanitation needs for Lone Tree, brief discussion followed. **Administrator's Report:** Administrator
36 Teichert provided an overview of updates within the community, brief discussion followed. Discussion regarding possible safety hazard of a tree
37 located by McDonald's and if it can be trimmed or removed, a similar concern at 4th and Walnut was stated, brief discussion followed. **Adjourn –**
38 **No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:52 p.m.**

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