

Work Session, Douglas City Council
April 24, 2023

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on April 24, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at city hall, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Kim Pexton; Councilperson Ron McNare; Councilperson Matt Schmidt; Councilperson Perry Hershberger; Councilperson John Bartling.

Also Present: JD Cox, City Administrator; Chaz Kokesh, 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. Aid to Others Presentations:

a. Outdoor Enthusiasts of Converse County: Toby Spence, Founder of the Outdoor Enthusiasts of Converse County (OECC), was joined by Michael Kusiek (virtually), Executive Director of Wyoming Pathways, and Bryce Harrington, Public Relations Manager for OECC, to present their proposals for their Aid to Others requests. The requests include funding for improvements to their existing archery range and funding towards a bike park installation within the city. Discussion followed.

b. CCSD#1/Douglas Rec Center: Monty Gilbreath, Representing the Douglas Rec Center and Converse County School District #1, presented their request for Aid to Others funding. Their organization has added programming over the last year and continues to look for ways to better serve the community. Discussion followed.

Mayor Pexton took a moment to explain the public meeting process, specifically the time reserved for public comments. Discussion followed.

2. City Organization Chart: City Administrator Cox presented council with the City Staff Organization Chart and noted an updated staff directory with pictures will be provided as part of the budget.

3. Crushed Asphalt Discussion: Councilperson Hershberger led the discussion regarding the crushed asphalt materials at the landfill and what is done with the materials. Discussion followed regarding the reuse of the materials and if it's sellable.

4. Events Calendar: Clerk Kokesh reviewed upcoming events.

5. Upcoming Agendas: Brief discussion regarding the Pearson Road Mill Overlay Project. Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 1021 and the Sign Code. Consensus to ensure the sign being donated in memory of René Kemper is of a permanent nature.

6. Council Updates & Questions: Discussion regarding doing a monthly free pass into the landfill and the financial impacts of doing so. Discussion regarding signage at City Hall and façade improvements.

7. City Administrator Updates: City Administrator Cox informed the council the EDA grant for EWC expansion was approved for \$2 million. Cox explained the Strategic Doing schedule and how it will work with the budget process, council will be meeting with directors and supervisors on April 28th.

8. Recap Action Items: Not Discussed.

Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 4:51 p.m.



Chaz Kokesh

Chaz Kokesh, City Clerk