

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:00 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Municipal Court Update
2. Open Container Area
3. Agenda Review

Vice-Mayor Lutz began the pre-meeting session at 5:03 p.m. with Councilmembers Bates, Cathey, Hopkins, Huber, Powell and Vice-Mayor Lutz in attendance. Absent: Councilmembers Johnson, Pacheco and Mayor Freel.

Municipal Court Judge Lund provided Council with an update on Municipal Court operations, staffing, software changes, their COVID-19 response, and goals. Mayor Freel joined the meeting. Councilmembers had questions regarding parking citations, software compliance, and social media processes. Judge Lund addressed these concerns.

City Manager Napier provided information about the open container area resolution. Council discussed the matter. Councilmember Johnson joined the meeting. Vice Mayor Lutz asked about the insurance and liability of having an open container area. City Manager Napier stated that the insurance of individual participating businesses would cover any liability and City Attorney Henley confirmed that. Councilmember Pacheco joined the meeting. Mayor Freel asked how to add this item to the agenda for consideration. City Manager Napier suggested making an amendment on the floor to allow the resolution to be considered.

Mayor Freel moved on to agenda review. City Manager Napier stated that six (6) proposed amendments had been drafted for the animal care and control ordinance, and he recommended further review of these amendments. City Attorney Henley provided further information on each of the proposed amendments. Councilmember Bates shared his opinions on some of these proposed amendments. City Manager Napier asked for clarification on the proposed amendment about feeding feral dogs and cats, which Councilmember Bates addressed. City Manager Napier shared concerns about protecting the property of those adjacent to places where feral animals would feed, should it be allowed.

Council discussed several animal care and control matters including: vaccinations and logistics for the Trap, Neuter, Release program; ducks; further discussion at a work session; when ordinance changes take effect; and language banning cruel or abusive tethering. Councilmember Powell asked about allowing the public to speak on the third reading of the ordinance, should Council table the item. City Attorney Henley stated that Council could take public comment from those in attendance regarding the animal care and control ordinance during the agenda item "Communications from Persons Present", should Council decide to table or postpone the third reading of the ordinance. City Attorney Henley and City Manager Napier addressed questions posed by Councilmember Huber regarding the language involving tethering.

Mayor Freel adjourned the pre-meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Steven K. Freel
Mayor