

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, June 23, 4:30 p.m.

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Community Promotions
2. Chickens
3. Event Sponsorships
4. Library Options
5. Future Agenda Review
6. Council Around the Table
7. Executive Session – Personnel Issue

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Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmen Cathey, Hedquist, Hopkins, Mundell, Pacheco, Sandoval and Schlager. Councilman Johnson was absent.

Mayor invited Tanya Johnson, Special Projects Analyst to present. Ms. Johnson stated that 23 applications were received and after Council's vote, 19 would continue on to Round 2 of considerations. At this time Mr. Patterson asked for information regarding a late applicant. Fleur Tremel, Deputy Assistant City Manager, stated that due to the change in application period and the fact that the Casper Figure Skating Club was off season, they missed the deadline, but asked that Council still look at their application. Mayor asked Council whether the application should be allowed to continue on. Council indicated that Casper Figure Skating Club's holiday show should move forward.

Ms. Johnson then stated that Council could change their votes at this time. No members had any changes. Ms. Johnson stated that she would e-mail Council on Wednesday morning with Round 2 voting information, which would be due Friday afternoon.

Next Mayor invited Tory Cutrell, Manager at Metro Animal Services, to present information on urban agriculture. She gave an overview of the benefits and concerns involved with allowing chickens within City limits. She also shared her findings regarding restrictions and practices other communities have to manage urban agriculture. A few of the restrictions that could be considered are: not allowing roosters, limiting the number of chickens, setbacks, and the handling of strays.

Council then discussed why this topic is being brought forward, the feedback they have received from citizens, concerns about whether this is a reasonable change for the community, and how problems might be best addressed. Council expressed support for City staff to draft and bring forward an ordinance allowing chickens in the City limits.

V.H. McDonald, Assistant City Manager, presented information from the City Council handbook regarding the support or sponsorship of local events by the City. The policy does require that three provisions be met to justify public funds being spent on a private event. City Attorney Luben clarified the matter and addressed questions presented by Council. The general decision by Council was that individual requests be directed to apply for community promotions funding or Optional One Cent funding.

Mayor then introduced the concerns with the library and the involvement of the City in improvements or replacement of the building. Council had a lengthy discussion about the role of the City in this process, the need for library services, the previous failures to approve funding for the project, about the length of time needed to address the issues, what issues need to be corrected or if a new building is needed, how funding might be arranged, and how to best involve the community in the overall process. Much of the discussion involved the need for community support in order to proceed, as funding of this magnitude would likely require the majority of voters to approve. At this time Council agreed to continue to work with the County Commissioners and the public to resolve this issue.

Due to the timing of meetings, City Manager Patterson did not have a future agenda to review with Council. City Manager Patterson did bring up the Friday morning City Manager updates, and asked Council if these meetings are still needed. Council indicated that these meetings no longer need to be scheduled.

Councilman Schlager indicated that she had been approached to research assisting citizens with the removal of dead trees. Mayor Powell gave a brief review of the most recent meeting about the Eclipse event.

At 6:45 p.m., it was moved by Councilman Mundell, seconded by Councilman Schlager, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed.

At 8:05 p.m., it was moved by Councilman Schlager, seconded by Councilman Cathey, to adjourn the executive session and work session. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
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V. H. McDonald
City Clerk

Charlie Powell
Mayor