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Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

The City's budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 was distributed to Council on May 7, 2013. The Council then reviewed the budget with Department Heads on May 22, 23, 28 and 29, 2013. Public Hearings on the FY 2013 Budget Amendments will be held on June 4, 2013. Public Hearings on the FY 2014 Budget Adoption will be held on June 18, 2013.

The budget includes a focus on public safety, utility and transportation

Recycling

Kindergarten students at St. Anthony Tri-Parish School are the most recent example of popularizing recycling in Casper. Mayor Kenyne Schlager explains, "Every Friday, they collect the recyclables from every class at the school and take them to the City's recycling depot by Rocky Mountain Discount Sports." In 1986, it was a group of students from Kelly Walsh High School who wanted to see recycling available in Casper. They worked with City officials to have the first depot installed in the Kelly Walsh High School parking lot.

Thanks to students' continued enthusiasm, our community demand for recycling continues to grow, and today Casper has nine recycling depots: by Rocky Mountain Discount Sports, along Denis Drive, by Kelly Walsh High School, behind Sunrise Plaza Shopping Center, by Paradise Valley Pool, by Meals on Wheels, at the North Casper Soccer Fields, by Walmart on East



infrastructure, as well as communications and economic development. Service levels throughout the organization have been maintained. The Fire-EMS Department is proposing to increase their level of service through the implementation of the Paramedic Development Program.

The proposed budget was placed online at www.casperwy.gov, and the adopted budget will be online right after it is approved by Council in the month of June, 2013.

2nd Street, and at the Casper Regional Solid Waste Facility. However, due to construction at Kelly Walsh, this recycling depot will be moved to Pineview Elementary next to the tennis courts. All depots have self-serve bins for cardboard, white paper, newspaper, magazines, number one and number two plastic bottles, and aluminum cans, all of which are recycled, as well as for glass, which is reused.

In addition to the depots, grass and yard waste recycling, large metal item recycling, and electronic recycling in Casper are available at the City of Casper Regional Solid Waste Facility. "Recycling and reducing waste are good for our environment; they save landfill space, conserve precious metal and paper, and provide products such as compost," reminds Solid Waste Manager Cindie Langston; "I personally hope these kindergartners and others will be inspired to be life-long environmental stewards."

Golf Fee Changes

Memberships:

- A. Adult (19+)= \$500/year
- B. Youth (13-18)= \$250/year
- C. Child (12& under)= \$125/year
- D. Half-Season (after July 1st) = \$325/season



Greens Fees:

- A. 9 Holes= \$18.00(M-F)
\$20.00(S-S)
- B. 18 Holes= \$30.00(M-F)
\$32.00(S-S)

Recreation Fee Changes

Daily Fitness Class Fee

- A. Drop-In= \$6.00/day
- B. Punch Pass= \$5.50/punch



North Casper Clubhouse Fee Changes

- Rental Fee= \$50.00/day
- Refundable Deposit= \$125.00

Putt-Putt Golf

Great News! This summer the Mike Sedar Putt Putt Miniature Golf Course is open. A big thank you to Grant and Nicole Sybrant for agreeing to operate the course this summer.



Heads up!

City News & Tips

What You Need to Know Regarding Weeds, etc.:

Weeds, tall grass, dandelions and/or noxious vegetation in excess of 8 inches in height constitute a public nuisance and can become a fire hazard. City ordinances require that they be cut below 8 inches or a Notice of Violation may be issued to the property owner/tenant.

Once notified, the property owner/tenant has 10 days in which to comply or the property will be assigned to a contractor to mow and the charges will be assessed to the property owner/tenant. In the alternative, a citation may be issued for noncompliance in Municipal Court. A property owner/tenant will be notified only one time in any calendar year of a weed violation, so it is your responsibility to monitor and maintain your property, which includes the parkway, sidewalk areas, and the alley.

Do your part and maintain your properties free and clear of weeds, tall grass, and dandelions. Let's all pitch in to keep Casper a cleaner and safer place to live, work, and play!



For more information, contact City of Casper Code Enforcement at 235-8254 or at www.casperwy.gov

Garage Sale and Other Sign Restrictions:

Garage sales are an opportunity for one man's junk to become another man's treasure! While garage sales are permitted, the signs advertising the garage sales are not permitted in city or state street, highway or utility right-of-ways.

Garage sale signs cannot be hung on telephone poles, traffic light poles, or power poles in city or state street, highway, or utility right-of-ways. This rule also applies to other signs such as lost animal, work from home or concert advertisements. Signs can create a distraction for motorists as they drive by trying to read the signs. The nails and staples used to attach the signs to the poles create a safety hazard for utility workers that have to maintain the poles, and protruding nails are a hazard to pedestrians that walk by.

So, go ahead and hold that garage sale, advertise in the newspaper or even on the radio, and if you must use a sign, be sure you have permission to place it on private property, to avoid a warning or a possible fine from the City of Casper; and remember to remove the sign immediately following the garage sale. Enforcement of this ordinance is requested by Rocky Mountain Power, WYDOT, City of Casper, as well as the surrounding municipalities. If you have any questions, contact the City of Casper Code Enforcement at 235-8254.



Trails, Paths, and Bikeways Plan

The regional transportation planning group known as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), with representatives from Casper, Mills, Bar Nunn, Evansville, Natrona County and the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), studies what needs to be done to make our system of streets and roads safe and efficient. They are concerned about making our transportation system better for all those who use the streets, not just those in cars but also trucks, buses, bicycles and those on the adjoining sidewalks.

While the needs of motorists are always under review, the MPO only looks at bicyclists' and walkers' needs on a periodic basis. The MPO has decided it is time to do a complete study of our non-motorized transportation facilities and has commissioned a Trails, Paths and Bikeways Plan for the Casper area.



The plan will look at how many people walk or bicycle around town and what changes they would like to see to make it safer and easier to go more places. Riding or walking on paths and trails is safer and more enjoyable than along streets. However, there are places you cannot go on a path; thus, bikelanes and wide sidewalks are needed. This plan will identify improvements that would expand the "reach" of the trails, paths, and bikeways to allow individuals to enjoy some exercise or travel throughout the area.

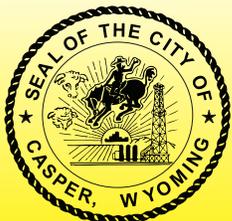
Changes at the Downtown Parking Garage



Over the years a variety of additions or changes to the downtown area have been discussed. One need that has been identified is public restrooms. While temporary restrooms are always moved in for special events like parades, on a regular basis

there are few places where a public restroom can be found. The City of Casper and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have decided to address that problem. Funding is being sought to construct a restroom on the sidewalk level of the parking garage along Center Street. It will be an attractive, accessible, comfortable, and full-service restroom.

Adding restrooms to the parking garage gave the City and DDA a reason to look at other changes to the parking garage that could be made at the same time to make it more inviting. New signs and outdoor lighting will be added to make it more appealing from the outside. The inside will be painted a high gloss white color to make it brighter and more welcoming. Getting more people to use the parking garage will open up on-street parking spaces for those needing to make a quick stop. It will make the downtown a more convenient place for shopping and entertainment.



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