

## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting Room

### **AGENDA**

1. Council Meeting Follow-up
2. Cedar Springs Wind Energy Project Overview
3. Restricted Parking Areas
4. Annexation Policy/Philosophy
5. Liquor License Ordinance
6. Sanitary Sewer Interceptor State Revolving Fund Loan
7. Agenda Setting
8. Legislative Review
9. Council Around the Table

Mayor Powell called the work session to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Johnson, Freel, Huber, Pacheco, Hopkins, Walsh, Lutz, Bates, and Mayor Powell.

Council discussed having ordinances available for public hearings and directed staff to place hard copies of ordinances at the podium during Council meetings so that they are available to citizens.

Next, City Manager Napier introduced Ryan Fitzpatrick of NextEra Energy Resources to discuss the Cedar Springs Wind Energy project in Converse County. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave a background of NextEra and briefly described the permitting process that they are currently going through for the project. Construction will last from August 2019 to December 2020 and will involve road construction and installing wind turbines. Casper is part of the study area and is entitled to unmitigated impact assistance funds from the sales tax. Casper would need to request this and show how public services are impacted. He then reviewed some of the benefits of the project.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed restricted parking areas. Staff has come to the conclusion that an ordinance does need to be passed in order to implement a restricted parking program. Staff believes they can move forward without legislation. Most of the homeowners did not want any restrictive parking in front of their house. Council gave an okay for staff to move forward handling this issue.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed the City's annexation policies. He explained that this could affect the 2020 census which will impact the sales tax that the City receives. There are some pockets within City limits that are actually County jurisdictions. City Manager Napier suggested annexing areas that have a low expectation of development and high residential counts. He also discussed Council implementing a policy for

residents that would like City services with regards to annexation. He suggested a pre-annexation agreement that would require those residents that would like City services to sign an agreement for annexation at a later date. The pockets that are surrounded do not have an opportunity to object. The contiguous properties that are not surrounded may have more room to object to annexation. Council discussed the possible pushback to pursuing these annexations.

Next, Council discussed the liquor license ordinance. Councilmember Huber brought up concerns regarding dram shop liability. Council discussed concerns regarding liquor license holders being able to drink at their establishment while on the job. Chief McPheeters discussed the justification behind the language in the proposed ordinance. Council asked that a definition section that includes “agent” and “employee” be added to the ordinance and gave their thumbs up to remove the liquor license holder portion from the ordinance. Council directed staff to remove the overserving provision in the proposed liquor ordinance. They also asked that mandatory TIPS training for bar employees within 90 days be required. They asked that a resolution be presented to Council regarding overserving.

Next, Council discussed the sanitary sewer interceptor loan application. This will allow a 25% principal loan forgiveness which would result in \$2M savings. The loan would be paid off by the opportunity fund. The total cost of the project would then be \$6M versus \$8M. Council directed staff to allocate unallocated one cent funds to the opportunity fund, so that unallocated one cent funds could be used for this project.

Next, Council discussed future work session agenda items. Council directed staff to remove the NAPA IBS item. City Manager Napier asked Council to fill out a questionnaire and discussed materials that have been sent to Council in preparation for the Council goals discussion. Staff asked that the questionnaire be emailed before the goals discussion.

Next, Mayor Powell discussed legislative items that are being discussed currently at the state level.

Next, Council went around the table to discuss their respective board and committee meetings and share ideas and concerns related to public matters of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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**ATTEST:**

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**Fleur D. Tremel**  
**City Clerk**

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**Charles Powell**  
**Mayor**