

Council Work Session – March 25, 2014

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmen Powell, Cathey, Hopkins, Goodenough and Bertoglio. Councilman Schlager was present by telephone. Councilmen Hedquist and Sandoval were absent.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Casper Youth Baseball and the Casper Crush organization to lease a site in Mike Sedar Park for the construction of a baseball field house. City Manager Patterson introduced Jeff George who made the presentation and responded to questions from the Council. Council had questions concerning the location of the structure and the future obligation to make certain that the facility and the field were accessible to other groups. The terms of the lease would be negotiated and could include a provision that if the organization ceased to exist, the building would come back to the City. After a discussion, Council agreed to proceed with the development of a proposed lease for the site.

At 4:55 p.m. Councilman Sandoval joined the meeting.

The second item on the agenda was a consideration of requests from 4 organizations for community promotions support for in-kind and facility use. Fleur Tremel, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the applications and the criteria for approval. Council agreed to provide support for facility use for the Wyoming ASA/USA Men's and Women's State Slowpitch Tournaments for a total of \$340. The request from Safe Kids of Central Wyoming for facility use was approved in the amount of \$325.75. The request from the Casper Housing Authority was denied.

Councilman Hopkins indicated that he would be bringing a request forward for funding to bring the crew of the USS Wyoming to Casper at a future date.

Councilman Powell asked that a discussion be held at a future work session on the criteria to be used for Community Promotions applications prior to the fall round.

Councilman Sandoval reported that the Housing Authority is having issues in moving forward with the project to renovate the Star Apartments. The project budget has been increased and funding is a concern.

Councilman Goodenough requested an update on the contract for programming on Channel 3. It was suggested that Dennis Rollins be asked to come to a future work session and give a report on his plans for improving the mix of programming.

Councilman Goodenough and Councilman Powell asked that a discussion be held at a future work session on the use of the City Council Chambers by political groups.

It was reported that there are currently openings for City appointments to the Casper Convention and Visitors Bureau Board as well as the Amoco Joint Powers Board.

At 5:45 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Bertoglio to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 7:05 p.m., it was moved by Councilman Charlie Powell, seconded by Councilman Paul Bertoglio to adjourn the Executive Session.