

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Agenda Review
2. GETAC Computers – Sole Source Purchase
3. NEA Grant Application for the Old Yellowstone District
4. PAX Water Storage Tank Mixers – Sole Source Purchase

Mayor Freel began the pre-meeting session at 5:30 p.m. with Councilmembers Bates, Cathey, Hopkins, Huber, Johnson, Lutz, Pacheco, Powell and Mayor Freel in attendance.

Mayor Freel asked for questions about the agenda. Councilmember Bates asked about restrictions on Retail Liquor License No. 6. City Manager Napier indicated that stipulations could be addressed after the renewals occurred. Councilmember Powell indicated that owners must request the removal of a stipulation before Council can remove the restriction.

City Manager Napier requested that Police Chief McPheeters address the sole source purchase request for GETAC computers. Chief McPheeters and Scott Hoffman, Technologies Manager, addressed the need to continue with the proprietary system for the police camera system, and emphasized how successful and useful the program has been. Council provided a thumbs up to bring this purchase forward to a Council meeting for approval.

Liz Becher, Community Development Director, spoke about a grant offered by the National Endowment for the Arts, which could be used in the Old Yellowstone District. The theme for the project would be “Life is a Highway” and would be a storytelling partnership of history in the vicinity of the West Yellowstone Highway. Ms. Becher mentioned that the Historic Preservation Commission as well as the Disabilities Council could be involved in the project. She indicated that if Council wished this to move forward a subcommittee would be organized prior to the submission of the grant application. Councilmember Powell requested that Casper’s Council for People with Disabilities be contacted about this project. Council provided a thumbs up to moving forward.

Andrew Beamer, Public Services Director, described the need for the sole source purchase of PAX water storage tank mixers, which matches the existing infrastructure. Councilmember Bates asked several questions which Mr. Beamer addressed. Council provided a thumbs up to bring this purchase forward to a Council meeting for approval.

Mayor Freel stated that Wyoming Downs was looking into buying the former Elevations business location but the zoning on the location would not allow gaming/gambling on-site. He stated that changing the allowed uses would need to come before Council at a future work session. Councilmember Hopkins asked if it was currently zoned C-4. Mayor Freel replied that it is zoned as C-4.

City Manager Napier stated that a citizen may come forward to address Council regarding a small claims suit and requested that Council allow the natural course of the suit to move forward accordingly. Councilmember Huber asked if the suit had been filed and if it should be treated as pending litigation. City Attorney Henley indicated yes to both questions.

Councilmember Cathey asked about the press conference held on Facebook earlier in the day. City Manager Napier shared that a press conference was held to address some questions about the recent passing of City municipal court employee Deidra Rowe and the impacts on court functions. He also stated that the topic of domestic violence was addressed and that some of the media questions could not be addressed at this time because of the ongoing investigation into the incident.

Mayor Freel adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor