

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Casper City Hall – Council Chambers
December 21, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

Casper City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Present: Councilmembers Cathey, Engebretsen, Gamroth, Johnson, Knell, Pollock, Quest and Mayor Freel. Absent: Vice Mayor Pacheco.

Moved by Councilmember Knell, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to, by minute action, excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Pacheco. Motion passed.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Gamroth led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Engebretsen, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021, regular Council meeting, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune on December 17, 2021. Councilmembers Johnson and Pollock abstained. Motion passed.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Engebretsen, seconded by Councilmember Quest, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021, executive session. Councilmembers Johnson and Pollock abstained. Motion passed.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Pollock, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, special Council meeting, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune on December 19, 2021. Councilmember Johnson abstained. Motion passed.

6. BILLS & CLAIMS

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to, by minute action, approve payment of the December 21, 2021, bills and claims, as audited by City Manager Napier. Motion passed.

Bills & Claims 12/21/21		
3DSpclts	Services	12,776.98
6HGroup	Goods	347.50
71Const	Goods	388,749.03
ABaedke	Reimb	27.30
AAALndscpng	Services	1,280.25
AccntPckgng	Goods	2,229.51
AceHrdwr	Goods	1,460.23
Adecco	Services	1,392.00
Airgas	Goods	888.18

AlSCO	Services	1,534.11
AltdVtrnry	Services	432.72
AMBI	Services	1,313.46
AmrTech	Goods	25,197.25
Amrgs	Goods	374.89
APISystms	Services	3,500.00
AT&T	Services	692.21
Atlas	Goods	1,407.89
AumaActrs	Goods	6,131.91
BdgrDylghtng	Services	4,370.64
BarDSgns	Services	738.37
BrgnEllngsn	Goods	378.18
BlkHillsEnrgy	Utilities	18,843.32
BlkmnPrpn	Goods	2,123.18
BobCatOfCspr	Goods	1,090.72
BrtlCnstrctn	Services	627.00
CsprAreaCnvntn	Services	2,545.00
CsprStrTrb	Services	2,186.76
CsprTire	Services	590.00
CDWGvrnmnt	Services	1,129.40
CWRWS	Goods	334,573.69
CntryLnk	Utilities	14,560.87
CtyCspr	Services	127,539.68
CivilEngnrng	Services	20,173.58
CMITeco	Services	3,739.89
CoastlChmcl	Goods	190.47
CocaCola	Services	7.75
CommTech	Services	2,722.72
CmprsnLeasng	Services	585.64
Cmtrnx	Services	1,935.00
Cnvrng	Goods	2,795.58
CPSDstrbtrs	Goods	175.11
CPU	Goods	2,046.99
DKpnr	Services	740.00
DvdsnFxdInc	Investments	3,895.55
DytnTrnsmsn	Services	2,418.19
DnnsSply	Goods	121.07
DsrtMtn	Goods	14,148.75
DblDWldng	Services	510.00
DPCIndstrs	Goods	16,783.20
EdgEngnrng	Services	1,395.80
EnrgyLabs	Services	1,043.00
EngnrngDsgn	Services	1,185.00
EnvrnmntlSystms	Services	60,500.00
FlcnEnvrnmntl	Services	2,364.38

FrgsnEnt	Goods	57.41
FIB	Goods	71.48
Galls	Goods	336.33
GameTime	Goods	1,894.04
GeosyntcCnsltnts	Services	8,107.90
GldrAssoc	Services	10,279.56
Grngr	Goods	1,232.79
Hach	Goods	1,447.91
HDREngnrng	Services	7,962.71
HLP	Services	2,880.00
Hollnd&Hart	Services	430.00
Homax	Goods	34,193.33
IndstrlMntnc	Services	1,728.00
ITCElctrcl	Services	1,492.50
JSherman	Services	11,000.00
JStrickland	Reimb	100.00
JRitchie	Reimb	100.00
JKCEngnrng	Services	4,442.00
KiwanisClb	Dues	228.00
KnfRvr	Services	52,064.34
KubwtrRes	Goods	6,558.66
LawsnPrdcts	Services	900.00
Lisa'sSpcNSpn	Services	260.00
LongBldgTech	Services	2,871.30
LumStudio	Services	2,809.45
MButcher	Services	875.00
MxwlPrdcts	Goods	23,872.59
Mead&Hunt	Services	2,050.14
MidlndImplmnt	Goods	202,186.22
MidwstLbrtrs	Services	388.00
MiletSftwr	Services	65.00
MLAuto	Services	260.00
MdrnElctrc	Services	6,472.00
Motn&FlowCntrl	Goods	1,991.16
MtnStLitho	Services	340.23
MtnWstTech	Services	49.95
Myrs&Sons	Services	100,754.99
Napa	Goods	120,882.36
Nlson/NygrdConsult	Services	23,596.74
Nckrsn	Services	9,999.95
Norco	Goods	3,587.59
NWstContr	Goods	3,458.80
NtchSpelts	Goods	1,227.93
OneCall	Services	760.50
OvrHeadDr	Goods	180.00

PaceAnlytclSrvcs	Services	3,418.00
Pedens	Goods	1,490.50
PepprTnk&Cntrctrs	Goods	1,570.00
Pepsi	Goods	2,016.36
Pipelogix	Services	2,500.00
PrfsnlCIng	Services	1,395.00
RKing	Goods	59.85
RailrdMgmt	Services	6,668.53
RJsCrpetCIng	Services	1,260.00
RckyMtnAirSltns	Goods	4,097.34
RckyMtnPwr	Utilities	97,115.94
RootrSwr	Services	623.87
SDunnuck	Reimb	312.85
SWallace	Goods	209.70
SheetMetlSpec	Goods	544.23
SkylneRnchs	Services	626.30
Smrsh	Services	1,922.50
SmthPsych	Services	4,900.00
SftDr	Services	18.00
SpareLabs	Services	750.00
StOfWyo	Services	6,111.18
StrlngInfosystms	Services	425.01
SummitElctrc	Goods	150.00
SWI	Services	753.50
TheWash	Services	16.23
ThomsnReutrs	Goods	991.99
TKElvtr	Services	230,836.40
TopOffc	Goods	546.08
TrnstnsCnsIng	Services	75.00
TriStOilReclm	Services	616.50
TriStTrk&Eqpmnt	Services	1,375.00
Unifrms2Gear	Goods	2,598.00
UnitedWayOfNC	Services	946.94
UVDctrLmps	Goods	8,150.00
VrznConnct	Services	1,622.17
VrznWrsl	Services	2,637.16
WardwlWtr	Goods	32.27
WsteOilFurncs	Services	250.00
WyneColemnConst	Services	14,459.00
WstrnRsrch	Goods	5,068.44
WstlndPrk	Services	4,880.80
WLCEngrng	Services	1,160.00
WyoMchnry	Services	1,256.25
Wyo1stAid	Goods	207.45
WyoLowVltge	Goods	80.00

WyoSteel&Recyng	Goods	1,050.00
Xerox	Goods	264.76
Total		2,175,015.86

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

Individuals addressing the Council were: Tracy Lamont, 721 E. 12th. Mr. Lamont provided an exhibit to the City Manager, regarding police staffing, which will be distributed to Council for their reference.

8. ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Pollock, to, by minute action: establish January 4, 2022, as the public hearing date for the consideration of transfer of ownership for Retail Liquor License No. 3, 307 Racing Management, Inc., d/b/a 307 Racing, located at 739 North Center Street. Councilmembers Gamroth and Pollock abstained. Motion passed.

9.A.1 PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE

Moved by Councilmember Engebretsen, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to, by minute action, cancel the public hearing for the consideration of the partial vacation, plat, vacation of public parkland and a zone change for the North Platte River Park No. 2 Subdivision.

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Quest, to amend the motion to cancel the public hearing, discuss the matter at a work session, and to establish and hold a public hearing at a later time. Motion to amend passed. Council then voted on the motion, as amended. Motion passed.

9.A.2 PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to, by minute action, cancel and re-establish January 4, 2022 as the public hearing date for the consideration of vacation, replat, subdivision agreement and zone change for the Eagle Valley Addition. Motion passed.

9.B.1 PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION

Mayor Freel opened the public hearing for the Utility Rate Changes.

City Attorney Henley entered two (2) exhibits: correspondence from Andrew Beamer, dated December 15, 2021; and correspondence from Andrew Beamer, dated December 9, 2021. City Manager Napier provided a brief report.

There being no one to speak for or against the issue, the public hearing was closed.

Following resolution read:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-178
 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SETTING FORTH RATES
 FOR WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE, RETAIL WATER
 SERVICE, AND SEWER SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF
 CASPER, WYOMING, AND RESCINDING 19-246.

Councilmember Knell presented the foregoing resolution for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Pollock. Councilmembers spoke in support of the rate increases and explained the necessity of the changes. Motion passed.

Following resolution read:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-179

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL AT THE CASPER REGIONAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-137.

Councilmember Knell presented the foregoing resolution for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Councilmembers Knell and Gamroth had questions, which City Manager Napier addressed. Motion passed.

9.B.2 PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION

Mayor Freel opened the public hearing for the transfer of Tennis Courts.

City Attorney Henley entered two (2) exhibits: correspondence from Pete Meyers to J. Carter Napier, dated December 8, 2021 and publication in the Casper-Star Tribune, December 19, 2021. City Manager Napier provided a brief report.

There being no one to speak for or against the issue, the public hearing was closed.

Following resolution read:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-180

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A PORTION OF HIGHLAND PARK, INCLUDING EXISTING TENNIS COURTS, FROM THE CITY OF CASPER TO THE NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Councilmember Pollock presented the foregoing resolution for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Quest. Councilmember Knell raised concerns of guarantee that years down the road that the City will be able to use the property and insurance issues, which City Attorney Henley addressed. Councilmember Pollock asked if there was discussion regarding the public access of the tennis courts and provisions for reservations of courts. City Manager addressed these concerns and spoke about the economic advantages of having the courts used for a variety of tournaments. Councilmember Cathey asked if the deed for the land would guarantee public access. City Attorney Henley described how access is guaranteed.

Councilmember Gamroth asked about the necessary parking for the tennis courts. Steve Elbogen, Executive Director with the Natrona County School District, shared that the adjacent Casper Classical Academy parking, and possibly the Senior Center would meet the needs for parking additional buses and vehicles. Councilmember Gamroth asked about the funding for the project, and Mr. Elbogen clarified. Motion passed.

9.C PUBLIC HEARING - MINUTE ACTION

Councilmember Pollock recused herself from the discussion and left the room.

Mayor Freel opened the public hearing for the consideration of the transfer of Retail Liquor License No. 26 from Brenton Properties, LLC d/b/a Frank's Butcher Shop and Liquor, located at 2024 CY Ave to FBS Casper, LLC d/b/a Frank's Butcher Shop and Liquor, located at 2024 CY Ave.

City Attorney Henley entered four (4) exhibits: correspondence from Fleur Tremel, to J. Carter Napier, dated December 1, 2021; an affidavit of publication, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune, dated December 14, 2021; an affidavit of website publication, as published on the City of Casper website, dated December 1, 2021; and the liquor license application filed November 22, 2021. City Manager Napier provided a brief report.

Speaking in support was Thomas Shanor, attorney for the applicant.

There being no others to speak for or against the issues involving Retail Liquor License No. 26, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Knell, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to, by minute action, authorize the issuance of Retail Liquor License No. 26. Councilmember Pollock, having recused herself abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Councilmember Pollock rejoined the meeting.

10. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were considered, by consent agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-181

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF POLICE VEHICLE RESPONSE LIGHTING, COMMUNICATIONS AND POWER ACCESSORIES EQUIPMENT TO INSTALL IN TO NEW POLICE VEHICLES.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-182

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF POLICE VEHICLE RESPONSE LIGHTING, COMMUNICATIONS AND POWER ACCESSORIES EQUIPMENT TO INSTALL IN TO NEW POLICE VEHICLES.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-183
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CASPER
AREA MPO' S BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE
FOR THE CASPER METROPOLITAN AREA.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-184
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF LOCAL
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LAD) LIEN, LAD 156, REGARDING
1842 KEARNEY AVENUE, CASPER, WYOMING.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-185
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
OUTSIDE-CITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE WITH
CURTIS C. DAY.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-186
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH AMUNDSEN
ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CPU
WATER GARAGE ADDITION.

Councilmember Johnson presented the foregoing seven (6) resolutions for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Engebretsen. Motion passed.

11. MINUTE ACTION– CONSENT

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to, by consent minute action, reappoint Larry Madsen and Terry Lane to the Amoco Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board. Motion passed.

12. INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

Councilmembers spoke on meetings and events they attended.

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to, by minute action adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

13. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:59 p.m., it was moved Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Motion passed.

At 7:13 p.m., it was moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adjourn the executive session. Motion passed. Council opened the meeting to the public.

14.A RESOLUTION

Following resolution read:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-187

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING THE ONEWYO OPIOID MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - A DISTRIBUTION PLAN TO RESOLVE CERTAIN CLAIMS OF THE CITY OF CASPER IN THE LAWSUIT REGARDING THE NATIONAL OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

Councilmember Pollock presented the foregoing resolution for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Quest. Councilmember Johnson stated he finds it unfair that the pharmaceutical companies are shouldering 100% of the blame when there are others who were involved. Motion passed.

14.B RESOLUTION

Following resolution read:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-188

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS ATTACHED FOR THE CITY OF CASPER TO PARTICIPATE AS PROVIDED IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS DESIGNATED AS THE "JANSSEN SETTLEMENT" DATED JULY 21, 2021 AND "DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT" DATED JULY 21, 2021.

Councilmember Knell presented the foregoing resolution for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Pollock. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 p.m., it was moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to adjourn the regular Council meeting. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Steven K. Freel
Mayor