

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Casper City Hall – Council Chambers
January 4, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

Casper City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Present: Councilmembers Cathey, Engebretsen, Gamroth, Johnson, Knell, Pollock, Sutherland, Vice Mayor Pacheco, and Mayor Freel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Freel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Gamroth, seconded by Councilmember Pollock, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021, regular Council meeting, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune on December 31, 2021. Motion passed.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Gamroth, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021, executive session. Motion passed.

5. BILLS & CLAIMS

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to, by minute action, approve payment of the January 4, 2022, bills and claims, as audited by City Manager Napier. Motion passed.

Bills & Claims 01/04/22

307CllsnCntr	Services	10,991.29
6HGroup	Goods	187.40
ADeniz	Reimb	120.15
AGrant	Refund	152.00
AMartinez	Reimb	43.88
ASveda	Reimb	90.00
AAALndscpng	Services	160.07
AceHrdwr	Goods	170.60
Adecco	Services	1,392.00
Airgas	Goods	993.68
AllCtrrsVtrnry	Services	68.34
AllOutFireExt	Goods	740.00
Alsco	Services	962.49
AMBI	Services	95.40
AmrcnTitle	Goods	125.00
Amrgs	Goods	209.92
ArrwheadHeat	Services	553.67
ARSFlood	Services	2,000.00
Artcore	Services	562.50

Atlas	Goods	3,663.78
BCoyle	Reimb	1,066.11
BMartin	Reimb	1,387.80
BlkHillsEnrgy	Utilities	21,525.44
BlkmnPrpn	Goods	1,128.48
BobCatOfCspr	Goods	1,367.39
CptlBusnsSystem	Services	60.00
CsprElec	Services	6,000.00
CsprStrTrb	Services	1,338.14
CsprTinShop	Services	227.00
CsprTire	Services	2,517.00
CntryLnk	Utilities	4,195.41
CtyCspr	Services	73,783.38
CMITeco	Services	29,829.48
CommTech	Services	4,825.00
CmprsnLeasng	Services	2,562.40
Cnvrngn	Goods	35,121.70
Core&Main	Goods	8,027.10
CPU	Goods	1,125.00
CrimeScnInfo	Services	671.35
DckrAuto	Goods	4,976.61
DsrtMtn	Goods	17,403.62
Diebold	Services	306.00
DooleyEnt	Goods	32,479.57
DooleyOil	Goods	23,241.89
EcnltSystem	Goods	8,009.00
EnrgyLabs	Services	1,610.00
FHiday	Reimb	63.00
FrgsnEnt	Goods	125.16
1stDataMrchnt	Services	19.95
FIB	Goods	405.00
GSchenfisch	Services	60.00
GEvans	Services	219.00
GCBldgSply	Services	275.00
GeosyntcCnsltnts	Services	5,636.16
GloblSpctrm	Services	76,242.50
GldrAssoc	Services	7,657.51
Grngr	Goods	163.70
GnrMotr	Goods	220,441.55
GrouseMtnEnviro	Goods	5,500.00
HSonnesyn	Reimb	924.47
HrvrdDrugGrp	Goods	463.53
HDREngnrng	Services	1,107.50
HrclsInd	Goods	46.45
Homax	Goods	24,046.37

HonnenEquip	Services	360.00
Hose&RubrSply	Goods	367.20
IME	Services	371.50
IntrmtnMtrSprts	Goods	9,230.77
ITCElctrcl	Services	277,976.15
Itron	Services	1,995.74
Jstowers	Reimb	134.95
JStrickland	Reimb	171.40
JacobsEngnrng	Services	13,787.50
KubwtrRes	Goods	6,558.66
LHubbard	Services	600.00
MHuss	Reimb	1,049.36
MQuirin	Reimb	272.95
MLAuto	Services	105.00
MdrnElctrc	Services	150.00
MonsnJntrlSrvc	Services	5,361.92
MtnStLitho	Services	1,525.54
NCSO	Services	84,869.12
Norco	Goods	351.44
NWstContr	Goods	1,971.34
OlsnAutoBdy	Services	525.00
OvrHeadDr	Goods	1,159.00
PZowada	Reimb	483.30
Pipelogix	Services	14,345.00
PMCH	Services	50,000.00
Ricoh	Services	375.49
RinkSysrms	Services	868.50
RckyMtnAirSltns	Goods	23.00
RckyMtnPwr	Utilities	75,950.56
RootrSwr	Services	436.05
SJensen	Reimb	129.01
ShrwnWlms	Goods	261.02
SftDr	Services	41.25
SummitFire	Services	764.60
TGaines	Reimb	230.83
TGilbert	Reimb	1,027.43
TLewarchik	Reimb	2,413.56
ThreeTrlsAssmnt	Services	32,320.00
TooleDsgn	Services	11,173.49
TopOffc	Goods	195.44
TretoCnstretn	Services	29,146.00
TriStTrk&Eqpmnt	Services	2,750.00
TylerTech	Services	5,326.76
UnitedWayOfNC	Services	1,893.88
UnvrstyOfWyo	Services	19,802.00

UVDctrLmps	Goods	9,075.00
VrznWrIs	Services	347.30
VRC	Services	738.68
WearPrts	Goods	337.94
WstPlainsEngnrng	Services	4,475.00
WLCEngnrng	Services	2,618.00
Wyo1stAid	Goods	72.01
Total		1,327,979.53

6. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilman Gamroth, to, by minute action, appoint Councilmember Pacheco as Mayor of the City of Casper, Wyoming, for calendar year 2022. Motion passed.

7. ELECTION OF VICE- MAYOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Moved by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Knell, to, by minute action, appoint Councilmember Freel as Vice-Mayor of the Casper City Council for calendar year 2022. Mayor Freel abstained. Motion passed.

8. ACTING CITY CLERK ISSUES OATH OF OFFICE

Acting City Clerk, Christa Wiggs, issued the oath of office to newly-appointed Mayor Pacheco and Vice-Mayor Freel.

9. BRIEF RECESS – COUNCIL SEATING RESET

Mayor Pacheco called for a brief recess at 6:06 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

10. COMMENTS FROM NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR

Mayor Pacheco introduced members of his family, and expressed appreciation to Council for providing him with the opportunity to serve as Mayor in 2022. Vice Mayor Freel said that he had never seen a harder working, more thoughtful council, and he expressed his appreciation at the chance to have served as their mayor.

11. PRESENTATION TO 2021 MAYOR

Mayor Pacheco presented former Mayor Freel with a plaque of appreciation for his service as Mayor.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

Tracey Lamont, 721 E. 12th Street, addressed Council. He described his concerns about corruption. After five minutes of speaking, Mayor Pacheco informed Mr. Lamont that his time was up. After Mr. Lamont refused to leave, Mayor Pacheco cleared the chambers. At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Lamont exited the chambers, and the meeting resumed.

13. ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARINGS

Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Engebretsen, to, by minute action: establish January 18, 2022, as the public hearing date for the consideration of a zone change of 104 and 110 South Beverly Street, described as portions of Lots 13, 14 and a vacated strip of

former Beverly Street Right-of-Way, Block 2, Beverly Addition; and, an ordinance amending 1.16.010 of the Municipal Code pertaining to City of Casper Ward Boundaries. Motion passed.

14.A PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE

Mayor Pacheco opened the public hearing for the consideration of the vacation, replat, subdivision and zone change for the Eagle Valley Addition.

City Attorney Henley entered two (2) exhibits: correspondence from Liz Becher to J. Carter Napier, dated December 27, 2021 and an affidavit of publication, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune, dated January 4, 2022. City Planner Craig Collins provided a brief report.

Ben Hansel 128 E. 7th Street, said that he and his wife were the property owners that were promoting this development, and he offered to answer any questions that the council might have.

No one spoke against the issue, the public hearing was closed.

Following ordinance read:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-22
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VACATION, REPLAT,
SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND ZONE CHANGE TO
CREATE THE EAGLE VALLEY SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY
OF CASPER, WYOMING.

Councilmember Knell presented the foregoing ordinance for approval, on first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Pollock. Vice Mayor Freel and Councilmember Engebretsen abstained. Motion passed.

14.B PUBLIC HEARING - MINUTE ACTION

Councilmembers Gamrock and Pollock recused themselves from the discussion and left the room. Mayor Pacheco opened the public hearing for the consideration of the transfer of ownership of Retail Liquor License No. 3, 307 Racing Management, Inc., d/b/a 307 Racing, located at 739 North Center Street.

City Attorney Henley entered four (4) exhibits: correspondence from Fleur Tremel, to J. Carter Napier, dated December 21, 2021; an affidavit of publication, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune, dated December 28, 2021; an affidavit of website publication, as published on the City of Casper website, dated December 21, 2021; and the liquor license application filed December 2, 2021. Licensing Specialist Carla Mills-Laatsch provided a brief report.

Speaking in support was Kyle Ridgeway, 400 East 1st Street, CEO of Works, the parent company of the purchasing party. He noted that the operation will be disrupted briefly for some improvements and to add his gaming machines, but the restaurant will remain operational once operations resume.

No one spoke in opposition to the transfer, and so the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Vice Mayor Freel, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to, by minute action, authorize the transfer of ownership of Retail Liquor License No. 3. Councilmembers Gamroth and Pollock, having recused themselves abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Councilmembers Gamroth and Pollock rejoined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

15. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were considered, by consent agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH GRANITE PEAK PUMP SERVICE, INC., FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOCCER COMPLEX IRRIGATION PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT SWI, LLC, FOR THE SOLID WASTE ENTRANCE GATE, PROJECT NO. 21-046.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CASPER AND THE HOGADON BASIN SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL.

Councilmember Engebretsen presented the foregoing three (3) resolutions for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Pollock. Motion passed.

16. MINUTE ACTION— CONSENT

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to, by consent minute action, authorize the designation of the Casper Journal and the Casper Star-Tribune as the City's official newspaper for the calendar year 2022; designation of the following banks as approved depositories of the City of Casper funds for calendar year 2022: First Interstate Bank, Bank of the West, Platte Valley Bank and US Bank; and authorize the appointment of one new member, John Lee, to fill an open position on the Amoco Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board. Motion passed.

17. INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

Councilmember Pollock asked to revisit the issue of parking on parkways. Mayor Pacheco asked the Council if they would be interested in revisiting the issue, and they agreed.

Councilmembers congratulated and offered support for the newly-elected leadership.

Councilmember Knell noted that a project was not awarded to a local firm, and this had gotten some scrutiny from the public, but he reassured the public that this award was made after an open bidding process.

Councilmembers spoke regarding their concerns for mental health issues in Wyoming. Mayor Pacheco described suicide as an epidemic in Wyoming. He called on the State legislature to address the issue, and he implored individuals to seek help from one of the many local mental health agencies.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pacheco noted the next meetings of the City Council will be a work session to be held at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2022, in the Council Chambers; and, a regular Council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers. Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to, by minute action adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Ray Pacheco
Mayor