

**Work Session, Douglas City Council
February 25, 2019**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, February 25, at 4:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. Mayor Kemper called the meeting to order. Those present were:

Mayor and Council: Rene' Kemper, Mayor; Councilmembers John Bartling, Monty Gilbreath, Kim

Pexton, and Karl E. Hertz

Others Present: Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Karen Rimmer, City Clerk; Colin

Tiernan, Reporter, Douglas Budget

Council members were provided documents for review including a recreation center questionnaire; a draft design concept of the proposed Douglas Community Center; and a draft Operation Plan with a focus on comparison of expenditure and revenue scenarios. Councilmember Gilbreath provided an update and overview of several items including the Rec Center Committee members, comprised of representatives from the City of Douglas, Converse County, and Converse County School District #1 Recreation Board (CCSD#1). A brief history of the existing Rec Center was discussed, as was the rec mil; uses of the rec mil; and the 2015 Special Election. He stated that the City needs to determine whether to move forward or not; if so, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) would be needed between the City, County, and CCSD#1; any such agreement would need to be approved by Council. Recreation in Douglas and the City's role in rec was examined. A Joint Powers Board would be created consisting of members representing the City, County, and CCSD#1; funding obligations would be linked to the number of board positions held meaning the entity with the most control would provide the most funding. The questionnaire was reviewed and discussed at length, as was the expenditure and revenue comparison. The operation of the potential rec center was considered including employees; furnishings; membership fees; priority of public rec versus school rec; and examples of other rec centers around the state. Council concurred that this is not something they would wish to pursue without a public vote. Council also concurred that their preference would be for a seven-member Joint Powers Board consisting of four members from CCSD#1, two members from the City, and one member from the County (4-2-1). Primary concerns of Council members include cost of the project and sustainable funding; there is not a firm cost of the project at this time. Following final discussion and comments, the Work Session was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

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Karen Rimmer, City Clerk