

**Study Session, Douglas City Council
February 26, 2018**

A Study Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order. Those present were:

Mayor and Council: Bruce A. Jones, Mayor; Councilmembers Leroy Kingery; John Bartling; Rene´ Kemper; and Monty Gilbreath

Others Present: Karen Rimmer, Interim City Administrator/City Clerk; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Brandon Frye, Parks & Recreation Supervisor

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Douglas Skate Park project; a new recreation model for the Douglas community; and the wayfinding signage project. Brandon Frye provided an overview of the skate park project, including staff and committee discussion; proposals received and reasoning for the recommendation; size and scope of the project and design concepts; next steps; and estimated completion date. Fundraising, in-kind contributions, cost, and potential design changes were also discussed. This is an action item on the following regular Council meeting. Directors Chaffin and Harbarger then discussed the wayfinding sign project, including using galvanized posts versus painted posts; WYDOT lettering requirements and an example of the required changes; next steps; and anticipated completion, which is before the end of this fiscal year. All concur to use the galvanized break-away sign posts and everyone liked the design changes needed to comply with lettering requirements in WYDOT areas. The next item for discussion was an idea to change the overall recreation model in Douglas. Councilmember Gilbreath provided an overview and explained the changing role of the Douglas Youth Recreation Commission and the idea to make the existing Douglas Rec Center the central point for rec in Douglas. He explained the concept for the youth and adult programs; provided an example of a printed program to include city park areas; and explained the need to create two new positions. Interim Administrator Rimmer also provided input on the discussions held with staff, the County Commissioners, and the Converse County School Board members. She also explained the need to make this a joint effort between the three entities as the City

currently has unfilled positions and cannot fund a new position for the Rec Center in exchange for the Rec Center to operate the Municipal Pool for the 2018 season. It was further determined that the model, although not an option this year, is a positive change and something to be investigated further; it also follows the City's 2017 Strategic Plan. The creation of a Recreation Joint Powers Board was also discussed at length as a potential option. The Study Session was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk