

1 **Work Session, Douglas City Council**  
2 **April 13, 2020**  
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4 A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 4:00  
5 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming, via a virtual meeting.  
6 Those present were:

7 **Mayor and Council:** René Kemper, Mayor; Councilmembers: John Bartling, Monty  
8 Gilbreath, Kim Pexton, and Karl E. Hertz

9 **Others Present:** Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City  
10 Clerk; Gary Schwarz, IT Director; Paul Bauder, Bryan Stone, and  
11 Aundy Luckenbuhl, representing Douglas Youth Hockey; Mary Nicol,  
12 Administrative Services Director/Treasurer.

13 **Item 1.I. Douglas Youth Hockey Update:** Councilmember Gilbreath stated there have been no  
14 updates other than there will now be less revenue. The next steps in the process would be  
15 getting design & construction estimates through an RFP. Council discussed financial  
16 impacts of COVID-19 and decided to table further discussion on the matter until May 15,  
17 2020, to allow more time for impacts to be known. **Item 1.II. Bike Share Program:**

18 Councilmember Pexton stated there are 10 bikes to begin with, racks will be placed at  
19 Jackalope Square and the Chamber, and should be here by June 1, 2020. The racks are  
20 solar-powered. If positive feedback is received they hope to put out more bikes. The  
21 Tourism Board will put information out about how to use them. Council discussed bike path  
22 options for keeping pedestrians and bikers safer; possible to paint lines on the existing  
23 bike path, and more signage to keep dogs on leash. **Item 1.III. Stimulus**

24 **Funding/Proposals:** Council and staff discussed options for helping the community through  
25 the economic impact COVID-19 has caused. Discussed delaying the utility rate increase  
26 until January 1, 2021; offering grants to non-profits who have had an increased burden,  
27 discussing it with current Community Service Grant applicants at the April 23, 2020  
28 meeting to better assess what their needs are, additional monies granted would require a  
29 budget amendment for FY2020. **Item 1.IV. Council Agenda Review:** Councilmember Pexton  
30 expressed concern over the resolution for delivery of alcohol; staff and council  
31 discussed limiting the resolution to the duration of the Governor's current order

32 regarding liquor licenses. **Item 1.V. Board Updates:** Mayor Kemper stated the Joint Justice  
33 meeting was cancelled. Council discussed events around the community that could be  
34 impacted by social distancing. **Item 1.VI. Administrator Updates:** Administrator Teichert  
35 stated he had been informed by Ryan Mackey that the high school graduation ceremony has  
36 been cancelled and the school district is purchasing banners of each senior, and with the  
37 City's permission, hang them from light poles throughout the community, more brackets  
38 would need to be purchased. Teichert noted the first COVID-19 death in the State, there  
39 are 8 cases in Converse County. Current Census reporting for Douglas is at 44%, Converse  
40 County is at 36.1%, we are not one of the top communities. No further discussion and the  
41 Work Session was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk