

Study Session, Douglas City Council
April 16, 2018

A Study Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 3:30 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; Heather Duncan-Malone, City Attorney; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Ron Casalenda, Chief of Police; Sherri Mullinnix, Planning Technician; Steve Martinez, Streets and Alleys Supervisor; Nick Larsen, City Engineer, CEPI; Jared Fehringer, Landscape Architect, CEPI; Julie Gondzar, WWDO; Cindy Porter, Director, The Enterprise; Deb Gorsuch, Main Street Douglas Chairperson

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO) Weather Modification, or "Cloud Seeding" Project for the State of Wyoming, and to provide an overview of the Downtown Needs Assessment completed by Civil Engineering Professionals, Inc. Julie Gondzar with the WWDO provided a presentation to Council regarding weather modification in the North Platte River Basin and other areas of the state, including the science and history behind this technology; the purpose, which is to improve water supply by increasing snow packs; suspension criteria; methods (ground-base and aircraft); costs and funding available; major areas of design and study; necessary conditions (winter storms) and results; funding partners; and cost-share opportunities. This topic will be further discussed during Council FY2019 Budget Study Sessions. Nick Larsen and Jared Fehringer of CEPI then provided Council with an overview of the draft Downtown Needs Assessment, including the purpose; objectives; and existing conditions and recommended improvements for water lines, sewer and storm sewer collection, streets, intersections, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and landscaping. Detailed costs for improvements centered around downtown city blocks were

presented in order of priority based upon existing conditions. Criteria, amenities, and streetscape recommendations from the Downtown Master Plan, adopted in 2015, were also considered. This assessment will be utilized by Council and staff in determining capital projects in the Downtown Douglas area and will also be further discussed during FY2019 Budget Study Sessions. Following questions and comments from Council on both topics, the Study Session was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk