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Work Session, Douglas City Council
June 4, 2020

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming, and also via a virtual meeting.

Call to Order, Those present on Roll Call:

René Kemper, Mayor; Councilmembers: Monty Gilbreath, Kim Pexton, Karl Hertz; John Bartling was excused.

Others Present:

Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; Cindy Porter, Enterprise Director;

Item 1.a. 1 cent vs. ¼ cent tax: Cindy Porter presented the Council with an overview of the 1 cent vs. ¼ cent tax and what options and opportunities that would provide the communities within Converse County. This could provide funding for things like a new hockey rink, the Boys & Girls Club building, public art, a walking trail - possibly downtown with options of tying the river walk into the downtown area, large events or festivals, business recruitment, façade grants, developing public spaces, for each of the communities. The Council discussed the logistics and possibilities of moving forward with the ¼ cent tax. **Item 1.b. Agenda Review:** Council discussed the upcoming agenda, specifically options available for liquor licensing and the downtown area. Staff was instructed to move forward with an ordinance allowing open containers in the downtown area, modeled after the City of Casper's new ordinance of the same effect. **Item 1.c. Administrator Report:** Administrator Teichert provided the Council an overview of current happenings in the City and at staff level. Discussion regarding the retirement of Chief Casalenda and the incoming of Todd Byerly as our new chief. Water shut-offs have been put off during the COVID-19 pandemic but the City is moving forward with business and usual and has about 40 utility accounts that are delinquent. The waterpark is slated to open June 19th, still waiting on actual exemption from State but it's anticipated soon, Converse County Bank will do as they have in the past and issue passes for children eligible for reduced lunches. Teichert provided updates and pictures of current projects within the City. **Adjourn** - No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m. **No Council Action was taken.**



Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk