

1 **Work Session, Douglas City Council**
2 **July 9, 2020**
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4 A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the
5 Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming, and also via a virtual meeting.
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7 **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call; those present on Roll Call:**

8 René Kemper, Mayor; Councilmembers: Monty Gilbreath, Kim Pexton,
9 Karl Hertz (arrived at 4:05); John Bartling.
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11 **Others Present:**

12 Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City
13 Clerk; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Todd Byerly, Police
14 Chief; Representatives for WYDOT; Jim Willox, Converse County
15 Commissioner; Macey Moore, Owner of LaBonte Bar; Perry
16 Hershberger, 366 South Riverbend Drive, Douglas; Chase Vialpando,
17 Douglas Budget.

18 **Item 1.a. Property Flooding Concerns: Perry Hershberger and WYDOT Representatives:** Administrator
19 Teichert began the discussion, providing an overview of the property and the information provided
20 by the City engineer. Perry Hershberger, property owner for 366 South Riverbend Drive, presented
21 his complaint to the City Council, provided pictures and videos for the Council to review and to
22 demonstrate the flow of water from the Muirfield Court development and how it continues to
23 negatively impact his property down the road, due to poor drainage planning/design. Mr.
24 Hershberger provided that his building is below grade and that flooding issues arose prior to the
25 development in the Muirfield Court area, but that it has gotten worse with the continued
26 development of that area. Discussion followed. Council recommended Mr. Hershberger to work with
27 staff towards a resolution. **Item 1.b. Open Container Ordinance & Corresponding Resolution:**
28 Administrator Teichert provided the Council with an overview of the ordinance and opened the floor
29 for discussion of any concerns or issues. Clerk Schumacher stated there hasn't been a lot of
30 feedback but was given was in regards to how to deal with extra trash, would businesses be able to
31 'opt out', and if additional districts would be allowed outside of the downtown area. Macey Moore,
32 owner of the LaBonte Bar thanked the council and staff for their hard work on finding solutions,
33 she asked if the hours for the open container could be modified to include more weeknight hours in
34 addition to extended weekend hours. Discussion followed. **Item 1.c. Discussion Regarding Possible**

35 **Noise Ordinance:** Mayor Kemper inquired into how we would do a noise ordinance, currently the race
36 track is being used and the noise has caused some concerns with citizens, she is concerned how PD
37 would be able to enforce a noise ordinance. Administrator Teichert stated that normally there
38 would be exceptions, a number of complaints were from shift workers, making it more difficult to
39 determine hours for the ordinance. Jim Willox, County Commissioner, stated the County was
40 approached about 3 weeks ago regarding use of the track for a racing show that wanted to use it
41 for practicing, the County expanded the existing lease with Central Wyoming Motorsports to allow
42 them to manage the use of the track and insurance coverages. Councilmember Bartling stated his
43 frustration with the noise created by the racing, the impacts it's having on citizens, and the
44 complaints he has received in regards to it. Councilmember Pexton stated the use of the track
45 caught most of the community off-guard and raised concerns because they felt unaware the races
46 were occurring. Discussion followed. Council expressed no desire to move forward with a noise
47 ordinance at this time. **Item 1.d July 13, 2020 City Council Agenda Review:** Administrator Teichert
48 provided an overview of the agenda, indicating that the process for public comments may need to be
49 addressed and that staff is reviewing options. Discussion followed. **Item 1.e. Administrator's**
50 **Report:** Administrator Teichert provided an update on projects within the City. Councilmember
51 Pexton asked if Windriver would be completed by the first of the year, Teichert stated the concern
52 with that time of the year is getting the asphalt down before it's too cold, but staff knows it's
53 a priority and they are pushing it along. Mayor Kemper stated there has been a lot of positive
54 feedback and citizens saying they want a stop light. Councilperson Gilbreath reminded everyone
55 that the Bowlin Memorial opening ceremonies are at 6:30 p.m. **Adjourn** - No further discussion and
56 the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:24 p.m. **No Council Action was taken.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk