

Study Session, Douglas City Council

July 23, 2018

A Study Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Douglas Visitor's Center and Railroad Interpretive Center/Train Museum, 121 Brownfield Road, 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:

Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Karen Rimmer, City Clerk; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; and Cindy Porter, Bill Truitt, and Helga Bull of The Enterprise

City Council and staff toured the City-owned Visitor's Center to see the train cars and view the new look of the historic depot building, converted into a Train Museum to look more like the depot may have appeared at the turn of the century. New features include historic tool display; train graffiti photography and local artwork display; historic Converse County and Douglas display; Cole Creek train wreck display; professional video promotions; audio tour for train cars (not yet complete); new artistic metal sign from the 2018 University of Wyoming Leadership Class; multiple train photographs and pieces of artwork; an operational electric train; and "Jackalope Corner". A report prepared by Howie Samelson, Thermopolis, summarizing train car conditions and preservation recommendations was provided to all present; each train car was toured and discussed. The report concluded that this is one of the nicest train displays in the country, in part because they are accessible and can be toured, but also due to the overall good condition each is in. Various needs for each car were examined, including specific repairs for each car as well as necessary repairs applicable to all the cars (e.g. new paint). Multiple fundraising ideas were presented by Cindy Porter as part of her campaign to "Save the Trains"; all ideas were well received by Council and City staff. Following much discussion and appreciation for what The Enterprise is doing, the Work Session was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk