

**Study Session, Douglas City Council**

**July 26, 2018**

A Study Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order. Those present were:

**Mayor and Council:**

Bruce A. Jones, Mayor; Councilmembers John Bartling and Rene´ Kemper

**Others Present:**

Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Karen Rimmer, City Clerk; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Aundy Luckenbuhl, Douglas Youth Hockey President; and several board members, coaches, and volunteers for the Douglas Youth Hockey Association

City Council, staff, and representatives of Douglas Youth Hockey Association (DYHA) discussed the current lease agreement between the City and DYHA; plans to build a new ice hockey rink; and requirements to build a new building. After lengthy discussion, the following was determined: a long-term lease is the best option. The City is fully in favor of this project and is willing to enter into a long-term lease (e.g. 99-year) with DYHA to include a reversionary clause should DYHA cease operation of their ice rink. This project would be a Type B Development and therefore subject to approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council; Council would have the ability to alter and/or waive certain requirements pertaining to parking, landscaping, and other aspects of the project. The Fire Chief would have to approve evacuation and secondary evacuation. DYHA could act as its own General Contractor; sub-contractors would have to be licensed by the City of Douglas. Other items discussed included allowed septic system for the building due to distance from any sanitary sewer line; need for an easement across county property; continued open skating for the public; available grants and other sources of funding for DYHA; and an overview of the DYHA program and successes such as increased enrollment, various programs and classes offered, and championship teams. The expected timeline for completion of the project was discussed; the lease agreement will be presented to Council at the August 15, 2018 regular Council meeting. Following final comments and questions, the Work Session was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk