

**Work Session, Douglas City Council
September 10, 2018**

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, 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: Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Karen Rimmer, City Clerk; Kendall Hutchinson, Wyoming Smart Capital Network (WSCN)

Kendall Hutchinson provided an overview and update of the WSCN program (formerly State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) through the U.S. Treasury), including overall history and revisions to the original agreement; changes in the governing board (Executive Council vs. Board of Directors); other municipalities involved; number of projects funded and total expenditures by WSCN; local projects and local financial institutions involved; total defaults to date; and eligibility requirements. City Council will need to appoint a new Executive Council member as Mayor Jones is the current member. Council also discussed the 2020 Census Counting Committee and upcoming resolution to appoint members to this committee. Administrator Teichert provided an update and explanation of what this committee would do, which is to educate the public of the importance in participating in the 2020 Census. Following discussion, it was determined that this should be a nine-member committee as follows: two City of Douglas and two Converse County School District representatives; and one representative from each of the following organizations: Converse County Aging Services; Helping Hands; KKTY; Converse County Tourism Board; and The Enterprise. Administrator Teichert will contact individuals to determine interest, and members will be appointed at a subsequent Council meeting. A committee for the City Hall Remodel project was also discussed; the architectural firm requested that Council choose two members to represent them versus all Council members being present at each committee meeting. Councilmembers Bartling and Kemper agreed to represent Council on this working committee; no official appointment is necessary. Administrator Teichert also discussed Resolution 1976, which authorizes application for an EDA Grant, and is part of the September 10, 2018 Council agenda for official action. He explained

that this 50% grant, if approved, would be for a one and one-quarter inch, seven-way micro-duct fiber loop through Douglas; that Douglas could market as a "gigabit" community; the City could own the ducts and lease them; and other great opportunities with this project. Other discussion included Converse County Joint Justice Center updates; the upcoming Wyoming Community Gas meeting in Fort Laramie; and various potential industrial projects located within the county. Following final comments and questions, the Work Session was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk