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Work Session, Douglas City Council
January 21, 2021

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on January 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming, and also via a virtual meeting.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call: those present on Roll Call:

Mayor René Kemper, Councilperson Kim Pexton, Councilperson Ron McNare, Councilperson Monty Gilbreath; Councilperson John Bartling was absent.

Also Present: Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Todd Byerly, PD Chief; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Nick Larsen, City Engineer w/ CEPI; Jared Fehringer, CEPI; Scott Bauman; Mark Horr; Chase Vialpando, Douglas Budget; Annette Cooper; Jacque Pollock; Paige Hughes, CCSD#1 Superintendent; Jen Goodwin, Enterprise; Shane Stinson, Rec Board.

Discussion Regarding 2nd & 3rd Street Project: Administrator Teichert provided an overview of the timeline involved with the 2nd & 3rd Street Project, a Downtown Masterplan was developed and also a Downtown Needs Assessment, both were used in developing options for the development of the downtown area. The City was not awarded the \$3 million grant from the EDA as was anticipated and so options for scaling back the project are being considered. The downtown business owners have been invited to the work session to be involved in the discussion for the project. Discussion with business owners in attendance followed. Consensus was to move forward with a scaled back version of the project, focusing on fixing the water and sewer systems, cleaning up the existing bump-outs, addressing ADA parking accessibility, and removal of some trees to resolve drainage issues and some property damage that is occurring from them. The parts of the project that are more aesthetic in nature will have to wait until a future date, functionality needs to be addressed first. Discussion regarding a potential second meeting with business owners and a timeline for the revised project, followed. **Agenda Review – Regular City Council Meeting: January 25, 2021:**

Administrator Teichert provided an overview of the agenda for Monday night’s meeting; there are a number of Planning & Zoning resolutions, the final reading on two ordinances, and the anticipated approval of the 2020 Audit Report. Brief discussion followed. **Administrator’s Report:** Administrator Teichert reviewed current projects and happenings in the City. There has been another continuation of the Governor’s order with some modification to gathering sizes; anticipate payroll reimbursement information for CARES Act Funding to be submitted by week’s end; City Hall project should begin soon, pre-construction meeting is being set up. Interior Department has temporarily suspended new leases and permits on federal lands for the next 60 days, unsure if or how that will affect our community. Brief discussion regarding the online bill-pay system for utilities. **City Council Updates:** Councilperson McNare informed the Council that the Joint Justice Center is looking into closing Mesa Drive by the back parking lot in an effort to limit access to that area. There have been a number of occurrences where the public is accessing the back area of the building and it’s of concern, discussion followed. **Discussion with Recreation District Regarding Bartling Park Lighting:** Mayor

33 Kemper stated the City Council is looking for feedback regarding the lights at Bartling Park and if it's something that is needed right now.
34 Councilperson Gilbreath stated the issue is that evening soccer and baseball practices are running out of daylight and the soccer program has
35 their biggest participation since it began a few years ago. It's difficult to use other parks or fields as they are either in rough shape or the school
36 sports programs are using them. Discussion followed regarding costs to install the lights, use of the fields, and alternate timeline options for
37 installing lights. CEPI will be drafting an estimate so the Council can use it in making a decision regarding the lights. **Adjourn** – No further
38 discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at approximately 5:18 p.m. **No Council Action was taken.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk