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**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 22, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Douglas City Council was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming, and virtually as well.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Kemper called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call was taken with the following City Council members present:** Mayor René Kemper; Councilperson John Bartling; Councilperson Kim Pexton; Councilperson Ron McNare; Councilperson Monty Gilbreath.

**Also Present:** Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; Todd Byerly, PD Chief; Gary Schwarz, IT Director; Heather Duncan-Malone, City Attorney; Perry Hershberger, Citizen; Gurwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Chutes Restaurant & Bar.

**Disclosures by City Councilmembers:** There were none.

**Consent Agenda:**

***Item 2a. Corrections, Additions, and Approval of Agenda – February 22, 2021***

***Item 2b. Minutes, Regular City Council Meeting – February 8, 2021***

**Councilperson Bartling moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Public Comments:**

Perry Hershberger – 516 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, WY: Mr. Hershberger inquired as to how the Pearson Street project went from \$700,000 to \$2.8 million. Councilperson McNare stated the \$700,000 was for Windriver Drive, perhaps Mr. Hershberger was thinking of that project. Administrator Teichert stated it's twice the length of the Windriver Drive project but we won't know the costs until it goes out to bid. Hershberger stated his agreement that Pearson Street should be completed at one time, it might help with traffic on Windriver Drive. Hershberger stated the intersection of Richards and Riverbend is bad. In regards to the City Hall updates and the cameras, Hershberger asked if we had an IT department because according to his research he could put cameras in for less than \$3,000. Hershberger stated he has been researching utility costs in other communities and we already pay the highest rate for water, sewer, and trash/landfill. Rates were raised in 2017, Hershberger stated there are other ways to raise money rather than charging more for utilities, maybe not install the lights in Bartling Park and use the money towards utilities costs instead. Hershberger stated the citizens elect the Council to make wise decisions based on wants versus needs.

**Public Hearings:**

***Item 4a. Liquor License Renewal Applications, License Term April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022: Licensee Applicants with No Violations During 2020-2021 License Term: 1. Beggar LLC DBA The Liquor Cabinet (Retail); 2. CIB LLC DBA College Inn (Retail); 3. The Depot LLC DBA The Depot (Restaurant); 4. Douglas Liquors LLC DBA Douglas Discount Liquors and Tobacco (Retail); 5. Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant DBA Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant (Restaurant); 6. Friendz LLC DBA Friendz (Restaurant); 7. GMRG ACQ 1 LLC DBA Pizza Hut 035922 (Restaurant); 8. H-4-U Inc. DBA Plains Trading Post (Retail); 9. Homax***

45 *Oil Sales Inc. DBA Sunset Liquor (Retail); 10. House of Pinz Inc. DBA House of Pinz (Retail); 11. Kota LLC*  
46 *DBA White Wolf Saloon (Retail); 12. Los Espinos Inc. DBA La Costa Mexican Restaurant (Restaurant);*  
47 *13. Moose Lodge no. 602 DBA Moose Lodge (Limited Retail "Club"); 14. P & Z Inc. DBA Double D*  
48 *Liquors (Retail); 15. Round Rock Entertainment LLC DBA LaBonte Bar (Retail); 16. Samuel Mares Post*  
49 *No. 8 DBA American Legion (Limited Retail "Club"); 17. Sapporo WY II LLC DBA Sapporo Steak & Sushi*  
50 *(Bar & Grill); 18. TBK Club LLC DBA Douglas Community Club 19<sup>th</sup> Tee (Retail); 19. Coopers Arena LLC*  
51 *DBA The Arena (Retail); 20. Three Boys Inc. DBA The Waterhole (Retail); 21. Underwood Ventures Inc.*  
52 *DBA Northgate Liquor & Lounge (Retail)*

53 Mayor Kemper opened the Public Hearing at 5:41 p.m. Clerk Schumacher provided an overview of the  
54 liquor license applicants, all were without violations in the current license term, including three  
55 compliance checks throughout the year, all forms and documents have been provided as required for  
56 renewal. Schumacher commended the Police Department for their efforts in communicating with  
57 license holders throughout the last year regarding COVID guidelines and restrictions. She also  
58 commended the license holders for taking steps to adhere to those guidelines as they were issued by  
59 the State. Public Hearing closed at approximately 5:43 p.m.

60 **Councilperson Pexton moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to approve all liquor license**  
61 **renewal applications as presented for the next license term of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 for**  
62 **those licensees with no violations.** Mayor Kemper commended all the those that followed the COVID  
63 rules, she knows they took great financial hits in order to do so. Councilperson Bartling stated his  
64 agreement and thanked those business owners. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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66 ***Item 4b. Liquor License Renewal Applications, License Term April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022: Licensee***  
67 ***Applicants with Violations During 2020-2021 License Term: 1. Gurwinder Singh Dhaliwal DBA Chutes***  
68 ***Restaurant and Bar (Retail)***

69 Mayor Kemper opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. Clerk Schumacher provided an overview of the  
70 liquor license application, stating the applicant had one sales tax violation during the current license  
71 term and the issue was taken care of immediately upon notification to the licensee, staff has no  
72 concerns with issuance of the renewal license. Public Hearing closed at approximately 5:46 pm.

73 **Councilperson McNare moved, seconded by Councilperson Bartling to approve all other liquor license**  
74 **renewal applications as presented for the next license term of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 for**  
75 **those licensees with violations.** Mayor Kemper thanked the applicant for taking care of the issue so  
76 quickly. Councilperson McNare also thanked the applicant for taking care of the issue quickly. **Motion**  
77 **carried 5-0.**

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79 **Council Action Items:**

80 ***Item 5a. Bid Recommendation for Slurry Seal Project***

81 **Councilperson Gilbreath moved, seconded by Councilperson Pexton to accept the bid from**  
82 **Intermountain Slurry Seal Inc. for the City of Douglas Slurry Seal Project, as presented for a price not**  
83 **to exceed the budgeted amount of \$200,000, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.**

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85 ***Item 5b. Pawnbroker Application, Douglas Pawn, Annual Renewal***

86 **Councilperson Bartling moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to approve the pawnbroker**  
87 **application for Douglas Pawn for a term from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022, no discussion.**  
88 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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**Council Information: Non-Action Items:**

*Item 6a. Dashboards – January 2021*

*Item 6b. Treasurer’s Report – January 2021*

**Executive Session:**

*Item 7a. Considering the appointment, employment, right to practice, dismissal, complaints or charges against a public officer, professional person or employee, in accordance with W.S. §16-4-405(a)(iii) – 2021 Attorney Search: Letters of Interest*

Councilperson McNare moved, seconded by Councilperson Bartling to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, right to practice, dismissal, complaints or charges against a public officer, professional person or employee, in accordance with W.S. §16-4-405(a)(iii) – 2021 Attorney Search: Letters of Interest, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0. City Council moved into Executive Session at approximately 5:49 p.m.

Council Reconvened into Open Session at approximately 5:57 p.m.

Councilperson Pexton moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to appoint Mike Armstrong as the City of Douglas Attorney, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn:**

Councilperson Bartling moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to adjourn the Special City Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:59 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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René Kemper, Mayor

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk  
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