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Work Session, Douglas City Council
March 25, 2021

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on March 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call; those present on Roll Call: 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; John Harbarger, Director of Public Works; Mary Nicol, Treasurer/Administrative Services Director; Chase Vialpando, Douglas Budget; Daniel York, Paige Hughes, and Tim Pexton, members of The Enterprise Board; Cindy Porter, Executive Director for The Enterprise.

Presentation and Discussion with The Enterprise: Daniel York provided an overview to the Council regarding The Enterprise’s activities, specifically the Façade Grant; they meet with several businesses each month to check in with what is working, what needs improvement, etc.; they are also getting ready to do an online Quality of Life survey and will share those results with the City. Cindy Porter provided the Council with an overview of their Shop Saturday booklet for local businesses, the Visitor’s Center will be opening a Jackalope Junction Gift Shop with profits going towards the Save the Train account, they will also have a new exhibit about Iron Women, women who were instrumental with getting the railroad out west; the daycoach was damaged during the last snowstorm and will need repairs. Paige Hughes provided the Council with an overview of the activities of the workforce committee, with the focus on entrepreneurial options and building the workforce within the community, they are working with local businesses to recognize the work they’ve been doing with the Work Ready Communities program as well as working to provide workshops for the local workforce. Ms. Porter provided an update on Main Street’s activities, they will be adding 9 more planters this year, they are working on the pocket park – Wilson Pocket Park – on Center Street, April’s photography contest is moving forward, the community awards will be presented at a community picnic this year, working with law enforcement and City of Douglas PD to plan the 4th of July Extravaganza activities, farmer’s markets this year may include cook offs. Tim Pexton explained the current committee structure of The Enterprise, he thanked the Council for their time. Discussion followed. **Discussion Regarding City of Douglas Rate Structures:** Administrator Teichert provided a history of how the utility rates were determined that were used in the proposed rate amendments at the March 8, 2021 council meeting, discussion followed. Discussion regarding the reserve accounts, enterprise funds and how they operate, placing a moratorium on new accounts outside the city, and doing a 4% increase across the board without the additional percentage increase for non-city residents. Council concurred that the pool rates should not be increased this year. Discussion regarding the proposed cemetery rates, the Council advised staff to remove the non-city rates column. **Administrator’s Update:** Administrator Teichert provided the Council with his administrator’s report. Councilperson McNare asked if the City is advertising for bids on the old Boys & Girls Club property, discussion followed. Mayor Kemper thanked Administrator Teichert, Treasurer/Administrative Services Director Nicol, Director of Public Works Harbarger for all of their work on the rate proposals. Councilperson Pexton thanked Public Works for all their work after the snowstorm. Teichert informed the Council that the City will be

35 getting just under \$1 million from the new stimulus bill and he believes we can use it on infrastructure so we may be able to put it towards the
36 Pearson Road project, discussion followed. Discussion regarding oil and gas activity within the State and County. Council would like to move
37 forward with updating the strategic plan for the next 2 years. **Adjourn – No further discussion and the Work Session was adjourned at**
38 **approximately 7:53 p.m. No Council Action was taken.**

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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk