

**City Council Minutes**  
**March 28, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Kemper called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Also Present:** Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk; Todd Byerly, PD Chief; Mary Nicol, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; John Harbarger, Director of Public Works; Gary Schwarz; Members of City of Douglas Police Department; Lowell & Becky Smylie, Citizen; Randy Harrop, Citizen.

**Disclosures by City Council Members:** None.

**Consent Agenda:**

***Item 2a. Corrections, Additions, and Approval of Agenda – March 28, 2022***

***Item 2b. Minutes, City Council Work Session: February 10, 2022***

***Item 2c. Minutes, Regular City Council Meeting: February 14, 2022***

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

**Public Comments:**

**Lowell Smylie** – Mr. Smylie expressed his concern regarding the property owner of the RV park located by his property, attempting to tap into the city water line. Public Works Director Harbarger stated staff will be meeting with the property owner and his engineer to go over a potential new agreement addressing use of city services and annexing into the city. Discussion followed regarding the property in question.

**Becky Smylie** – Mrs. Smylie expressed concern about the previously mentioned campground, its use of chemicals for landscaping and the potential impact on her orchard, and the proximity of camp sites to the river and the danger present to children playing near it. Community Development Director Chaffin stated that if the property were to annex into the city, camp sites would not be permitted in the flood plain. Discussion followed.

**Randy Harrop** – Mr. Harrop introduced himself and briefed the city council on the proposed EV (electric vehicle) charging stations that are being proposed throughout the state, he feels Douglas would be a prime location and that the city council should make efforts to be considered. Brief discussion followed.

**Presentations:**

***Item 4a. Introduction of City of Douglas Patrol Sergeant – Avery Cowardin***

Police Chief Byerly provided an overview of the process used to hire the department's patrol sergeant, stating Sgt. Cowardin's was excellent. Byerly reviewed Cowardin's achievements and experience history and formally introduced Sgt. Cowardin to the city council. City Council members congratulated Sgt. Cowardin on his appointment to the position.

45 **Proclamations:**

46 ***Item 5a. Kids in the Park – May 22, 2022***

47 Councilperson Gilbreath read the proclamation into the record

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49 ***Item 5b. Recognizing Tanya Seeds & Corey Davidson – March 25, 2022***

50 Councilperson Gilbreath read the proclamation into the record

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52 ***Item 5c. National Service Recognition Day – April 5, 2022***

53 Councilperson McNare read the proclamation into the record

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55 **Council Action Items:**

56 ***Item 6a. Bid Recommendation: Mesa Street Mill and Overlay Project***

57 Councilperson Pexton moved, seconded by Councilperson Gilbreath to approve the bid  
58 recommendation for the Mesa Street Mill and Overlay Project to ISCO as presented, in the bid amount  
59 of \$203.850.00, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

62 ***Item 7a. Treasurer's Report – February 2022***

63 ***Item 7b. Dashboards – February 2022***

64 ***Item 7c. Quarterly Reports – Aid to Others***

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66 **Executive Session:**

67 Councilperson McNare moved, seconded by Councilperson Bartling to Recess into Executive Session  
68 for the purposes of considering the appointment, employment, right to practice, dismissal, complaints  
69 or charges against a public officer, professional person or employee, in accordance with W.S. §16-4-  
70 405(a)(ii), no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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72 The City Council went into Executive Session at approximately 5:58 p.m.

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74 Councilperson Bartling moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to reconvene into Open Session at  
75 approximately 7:11 p.m., no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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77 **Discussion and Possible Action:**

78 ***Item 9a. Interim City Administrator***

79 Councilperson Pexton moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to continue discussions regarding  
80 the interim City Administrator contract, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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82 Councilperson Bartling moved, seconded by Councilperson McNare to designate City Clerk Chaz  
83 Schumacher as the designated city signatory until an interim or contracted city administrator is in  
84 place, no discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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86 **Adjourn:**

87 Councilperson Pexton moved, seconded by Councilperson Gilbreath to adjourn the March 28, 2022  
88 Regular City Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m.

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**ATTEST:**



Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk  
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René Kemper, Mayor

