

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Wyoming Business Council Grant - River Project (Jolene Martinez)
2. Animal Care and Control Ordinance (John Henley)
3. 6th Cent Funding Discussion (John Henley)
4. Legislative Agenda (Carter Napier)
5. Council Leadership Nominations
6. Agenda Review
7. Council Around the Table

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Powell, Laird, Humphrey, Johnson, Hopkins, Huber, Walsh and Mayor Pacheco. Councilmember Morgan was absent.

City Manager Napier began the discussion on an application to the Wyoming Business Council for funding for the river restoration. Jolene Martinez, Assistant to the City Manager, then explained what the application seeks and commitments from private partners. She discussed how the grant will be used to leverage more money and that no City money will be used for the project. She also discussed an environmental study being done right now and how the project has helped save infrastructure in that area. Staff will bring forward an item at a future Council meeting to formally approve the application for a Wyoming Business Council grant.

Next, City Attorney Henley discussed the ordinance for animal care and control. He stated that the City has been receiving public input and the input has been incorporated in the proposed changes to the ordinance. The changes included modifying the portion for at large animals to no longer include unfenced front yards and more lenient language for reckless animal owners. The service animal provision was also tied to federal law for disabilities. Council discussed the proposed language permitting at large animals in parks for certain hours. Council decided to remove this and instead directed staff to explore opening more dog parks and/or fencing off areas of parks specifically for dogs to be off-leash. Council also discussed allowing animals to be in their front yards without a fence, and decided to leave the provision as is and reevaluate it if needed. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with having the public hearing for the amended ordinance, including the discussed changes, on January 8, 2019.

Next, City Attorney Henley discussed what would be needed in order to pursue a sixth cent tax. He explained some of the requirements for the sixth cent and that it is a special purpose tax utilized for one time purposes or projects. He state that there would need to be a concurrence with the County and the majority of other municipalities within the County.

Next, City Manager Napier reviewed the City's legislative agenda. He discussed some of the items that are prioritized by the City for the State Legislature to discuss including stormwater enterprise utility, special taxation districts, school safety, oversight of collection of sales tax, and allowing municipal employees to be part of the State's health insurance pool. Council then discussed the process for introducing a bill and drafting language and discussed asking legislators at the legislative dinner to sponsor bills that are important to Casper. City Manager Napier then discussed local government financing and the options that could replace direct distribution to municipalities. Councilmember Powell stated that the agenda mirrors the Wyoming Association of Municipalities legislative agenda. Council gave their thumbs up in support of the possible replacement options and for the legislative agenda that staff prepared to be moved forward for a formal vote at the next Council meeting.

Council leadership nomination forms for 2019 were passed out to Council to be filled out and turned in by next Tuesday.

Next, Council went around the table to discuss their respective board and committee meetings and share ideas and concerns related to public matters of interest.

The work session was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel  
City Clerk

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Ray Pacheco  
Mayor