

SPECIAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Casper Events Center, Summit Room

AGENDA

1. Legislative Dinner

The City of Casper hosted a legislative dinner to discuss legislative priorities with State lawmakers. The dinner began at 5:30 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance: Mayor Freel, Public Services Director Andrew Beamer, Representative Bunky Loucks, Councilmember Bates, Representative Art Washut, Police Chief McPheeters, Representative Tom Walters, City Manager Napier, Representative Joe MacGuire, Councilmember Powell, Representative Jerry Obermueller, Councilmember Lutz, Councilmember Huber, Senator Jim Anderson, Councilmember Cathey, Representative Pat Sweeney, Representative Chuck Gray, Councilmember Hopkins, Finance Director Tom Pitlick, Assistant to the City Manager Fleur Tremel, and Assistant to the City Manager Jolene Martinez. City Attorney Henley joined the meeting at 5:57 p.m., Representative Steve Harshman joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m., and Senator Drew Perkins joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Freel thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and then invited City Manager Napier to discuss the City of Casper's legislative priorities for 2020.

City Manager Napier discussed the following priorities:

- Maintain direct distribution.
- Support **HB47**: Optional Municipal Sales Tax
 - This legislation, which was negotiated between counties and municipalities, will give counties and municipalities local revenue options.
- Support **HB0019**: Municipal Right-of-Way Franchise Fees
 - WAM and private companies helped negotiate this legislation. Which is revenue neutral and provides a stable funding source for cities and towns.
- Oppose **SF0026**: limiting State Group Insurance Plan Participation.
 - This health insurance option helps the City have a stable expense budget.
- Support **SF0022**: Surface Water Diversion.
 - This amendment to current statute resolves ambiguity in authority for cities and towns.
- Support **20LSO-0217, v0.5**: Wyoming Gaming
 - The Casper police department needs clear language within this bill to be able to enforce the gaming law.
- Oppose **20LSO-0182 v0.5**: Public Records—Amendments
 - This amendment specifies that names, titles and salary information are printed about public employees and standardizes how public records are managed.

- Oppose **20LSO-0125 v0.7: Budget and Financial Data Reporting**
 - This amendment puts additional expense on the City of Casper. All the information requested in this amendment is already posted on the City of Casper website.

Legislators and Council discussed the various priorities. City Manager Napier concluded the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and Councilmembers thanked legislators for attending.

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING

ATTEST:

A Municipal Corporation

Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Steven K. Freel
Mayor