

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Casper City Hall – Council Chambers
October 5, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

Casper City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Present: Councilmembers Cathey, Engebretsen, Gamroth, Johnson, Knell, Pacheco, Pollock, Quest and Mayor Freel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Freel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021, regular Council meeting, to be published in the Casper-Star Tribune on October 6, 2021. Councilmembers Cathey and Pollock abstained. Motion passed.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Moved by Councilmember Knell, seconded by Councilmember Engebretsen, to, by minute action, approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021, executive session. Councilmembers Cathey and Pollock abstained. Motion passed.

5. BILLS & CLAIMS

Moved by Councilmember Pollock, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to, by minute action, approve payment of the October 5, 2021, bills and claims, as audited by City Manager Napier. Motion passed.

Bills & Claims 10/05/21		
307CllsnCntr	Services	237.80
307Wndws	Goods	70.00
6HGroup	Goods	356.00
71Const	Goods	3,047.90
ABaedke	Reimb	59.82
AMartinez	Reimb	150.00
AceHrdwr	Goods	270.60
AMBI	Services	991.99
Airgas	Goods	388.18
AlliantInsrnc	Services	321.00
Alsco	Services	1,131.59
AmrTech	Goods	7,426.75
AmrcnTitle	Goods	125.00
Amrgs	Goods	5,083.05
AT&T	Services	200.20
AtlcElec	Services	3,100.00
Atlas	Goods	4,908.92

Bmarshall	Reimb	126.42
B&BSales	Services	123.60
BBurgess	Services	45.00
BigHrnTire	Services	12,586.76
BigWndMedia	Services	30.00
BlkHillsEnrgy	Utilities	7,809.04
BldrnLmbr	Goods	280.43
Boys&GirlsClub	Services	28,745.50
BrntagPac	Goods	107,300.70
CptlBusnsSystem	Services	52.00
CsprStrTrb	Services	916.58
CsprTire	Services	145.00
CsprYouthBsbl	Services	1,230.41
CWRWS	Goods	14,952.00
CntryLnk	Utilities	1,631.93
CtyCspr	Services	562,776.39
CMITeco	Services	816.55
CoastlChmcl	Goods	161.87
CommTech	Services	481.89
Cmtrnx	Services	1,317.00
Cnvrgn	Goods	16,534.06
CowboySplyHse	Goods	414.18
CPU	Goods	23,337.88
CrwnCnstrctn	Services	8,243.61
DckrAuto	Goods	381.97
DnnsSup	Goods	290.45
DvrgncCrtv	Goods	1,200.00
DPCIndstrs	Goods	7,514.64
E&FTowng	Services	240.00
EatonSl&Svc	Services	1,231.54
EdgEngnrng	Services	1,725.00
EmntEntrprs	Services	5,623.80
EnrgyLabs	Services	912.00
ExpSvcs	Services	2,430.72
1stDataMrchnt	Services	19.95
GCBldgSply	Services	1,998.00
Galls	Goods	346.50
GameTime	Services	354.23
GloblSpctrm	Services	152,485.00
GldrAssoc	Services	8,903.76
Grngr	Goods	907.39
GnrMotr	Goods	61,862.00
Hach	Services	512.69
HamptonLawOfc	Services	2,200.00
HrvrdDrugGrp	Goods	563.08

HDREngnrng	Services	21,098.08
Homax	Goods	56,292.32
HonnenEquip	Services	5,009.99
HubIntlMtn	Goods	2,087.00
IndstrlScrn	Goods	440.00
Instltn&Svc	Services	81,031.69
ITCElctrcl	Services	4,587.33
Itron	Services	1,008.00
JGall	Reimb	410.29
JJohnson	Reimb	135.00
JEdberg	Reimb	29.69
JNLDsgns	Services	1,260.50
KndlCncrt	Services	292.00
KnfRvr	Services	16,391.10
KnowB4	Services	360.18
KnoxAssoc	Goods	24,826.00
LongBldgTech	Services	2,055.31
Lower&Co	Services	2,000.00
LUMStudio	Services	9,686.23
MLAuto	Services	210.00
Mead&Hunt	Services	15,038.46
MillsPD	Services	652.00
MdrnElctrc	Services	1,856.00
MtrlSltns	Goods	158,479.89
MtnStLitho	Services	74.59
MtnWstTech	Services	1,705.97
MtnWstVltn	Services	2,500.00
Napa	Goods	91,630.57
NCOfc	Services	550.00
NCSO	Services	7,602.00
Norco	Goods	4,514.18
NWstContr	Goods	1,571.73
PeakGeosltns	Services	1,250.00
Pedens	Goods	121.00
PstlPros	Services	6,104.18
Pwrphn	Services	129.00
Prntwrks	Services	1,401.83
RJsCrptClng	Services	725.00
RckyMtnAirSltns	Goods	978.58
RckyMtnPwr	Utilities	151,685.25
RootrSwr	Services	4,355.59
SDaley	Reimb	370.35
SCogdill	Reimb	79.99
SftyKleenSysms	Goods	1,795.00
ScottVntrs	Services	1,480.00

ShrwnWlms	Goods	462.84
SmthPsych	Services	1,600.00
SftDr	Services	48.10
SolidWstAssoc	Dues	223.00
SolsbryHill	Goods	888.23
StOfWyoNtry	Goods	120.00
SummitElctrc	Services	1,116.74
SWI	Services	1,606.00
TenEPckgng	Goods	2,280.00
Thtchr	Goods	17,206.21
TopOffc	Goods	3,581.29
Trihydro	Services	9,368.72
TwoBrothrsLawnSrv	Services	195.74
UpslopeMedia	Services	1,350.00
VrznWrsls	Services	187.99
VRC	Services	55.13
WyneColemnConst	Services	46,333.88
WellbrnSulvn	Services	5,000.00
WLCEngnrng	Services	32,085.40
WWCEngnrng	Services	14,523.77
Wyo1stAid	Goods	85.57
WyoPwrWash	Services	330.00
Xerox	Goods	204.35
XylmWtrSoltns	Services	11,943.58
ZonrSystms	Services	8.60
Total		1,906,297.33

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

Dennis Steensland, 533 S. Washington, addressed the Council. Mr. Steensland spoke on the following: he complimented Council on their attendance; spoke in opposition to the Specific Purpose Tax, which will be considered at a special election next month; spoke in opposition to the requirement of property owners to maintain the City right-of-way in boulevards and along the parkway; and asked for an update on the former Plains Furniture Building. Mayor Freel and Councilmember Engebretsen both noted that construction delays are inevitable because of material shortages and pandemic related issues.

7. BRIGHT SPOT

Mayor Freel greeted Deputy Fire Chief Devin Garvin and other members of the Fire-EMS team. Deputy Chief Garvin spoke about Fire Awareness and the importance of fire, smoke and carbon monoxide safety. Mayor Freel read and presented a proclamation honoring Fire Prevention week.

8. PUBLIC HEARING - MINUTE ACTION

Councilmember Pollock recused herself from the discussion and left the room.

Mayor Freel opened the public hearing for the consideration of the transfer of Retail Liquor License No. 21 from Modern Electric Company d/b/a Wyoming Bootlegger Liquor, located at 100 North Ash Street, to Wyoming Downs OTB 12, LLC, d/b/a Wyoming Downs OTB 12, located at 1121 Wilkins Circle.

City Attorney Henley entered four (4) exhibits: correspondence from Fleur Tremel, to J. Carter Napier, dated September 20, 2021; an affidavit of publication, as published in the Casper-Star Tribune, dated September 27, 2021; an affidavit of website publication, as published on the City of Casper website, dated September 20, 2021; and the liquor license application filed September 2, 2021. Acting City Manager Henley provided a brief report.

Speaking in support was Chris Macha, Wyoming Downs Manager.

There being no others to speak for or against the issues involving Retail Liquor License No. 21, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco, to, by minute action, authorize the issuance of Retail Liquor License No. 21. Councilmember Pollock having recused herself, she abstained from voting. Motion passed. Councilmember Pollock rejoined the meeting.

9.A ORDINANCE— SECOND READING

Following ordinance read:

ORDINANCE NO. 29-21
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAILS WEST ESTATES
NO. 6 SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT, AND THE FINAL PLAT
OF TRAILS WEST ESTATES NO. 6.

Councilmember Pollock presented the foregoing ordinance for approval, on second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Knell.

No citizens spoke on the ordinance. Councilmember Gamroth asked about traffic egress in the vicinity, which Acting City Manager Henley addressed.

Councilmember Engebretsen and Mayor Freel abstained. Motion passed.

9.B ORDINANCE— SECOND READING

Following ordinance read:

ORDINANCE NO. 30-21
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND THE
ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR TRACT 31, DOWLER NO.
3 SUBDIVISION; AND ZONING SAID PARCEL M-1 (LIMITED
INDUSTRIAL).

Councilmember Gamroth presented the foregoing ordinance for approval, on second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Speaking in support was Shawn Gustafson, ECS Engineers. There being no others to speak regarding the ordinance, and no discussion or amendments, motion passed.

9.C ORDINANCE— SECOND READING

Following ordinance read:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-21
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE OF THE
FORMER WILLARD SCHOOL PROPERTY, LOTS 1-12,
BLOCK 97, BUTLER’S ADDITION.

Councilmember Pollock presented the foregoing ordinance for approval, on second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Gamroth.

No citizens spoke on the ordinance, and there was no discussion by Council. Vote. Motion passed.

9.D ORDINANCE— SECOND READING

Following ordinance read:

ORDINANCE NO. 32-21
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF
CHAPTER 13.03 – UTILITY BILLING AND COLLECTION, OF
THE CASPER MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilmember Engebretsen presented the foregoing ordinance for approval, on second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

No citizens spoke on the ordinance, and there was no discussion by Council. Vote. Motion passed.

10. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were considered, by consent agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-133
A RESOLUTION APPROVING, CONTINGENT UPON VOTER
APPROVAL, AS PROVIDED IN W.S. SECTION 15-9-217(b), AN
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF SIXTEEN (16) MILLS AGAINST
THE ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, EXCLUDING
REAL PROPERTY USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL
PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE. AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST
THERE TO.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-134
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF LOCAL
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT LIEN, LAD 156.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-135

A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXCESS SPECIFIC PURPOSE TAX REVENUE, IF ANY, TO STREET REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF CASPER.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-136

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH CHAPMAN VALDEZ & LANSING FOR THE PROVISION OF COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY SERVICES.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-137

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DENALI WATER SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTER #2 CLEANING, PROJECT NO. 21-041.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-138

A RESOLUTION CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN RESOLUTION 21-81, PERTAINING TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR PLACING A PROPOSITION FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A 1% SPECIFIC PURPOSE EXCISE TAX.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-139

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION TO PERFORM SPECIALIZED DRILLING NEEDED TO REPAIR THE FREIGHT ELEVATOR AT THE FORD WYOMING CENTER.

Councilmember Johnson presented the foregoing seven (7) resolutions for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Engebretsen.

Acting City Manager Henley provided a brief report. Motion passed.

11. MINUTE ACTION— CONSENT

Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to, by consent minute action, acknowledge the receipt of financial disclosure information from incoming Councilmember Quest and Financial Services Director Johnson and reject all bids received for the Fire Department SCBA replacement project.

Councilmember Quest abstained from the financial disclosure item. All others voted aye on both measures. Motion passed.

12. INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

Councilmembers expressed their condolences for the family of Police Lieutenant Dundas, acknowledged those who spoke at his memorial service the previous day, and offered support and thanks to the first responders in our community.

Councilmembers Knell, Pollock, and Engebretsen expressed concern about speeding traffic and the resulting accidents along 12th and 13th Streets.

Mayor Freel acknowledged the loss of Lt. Dundas, how his loss is greatly felt by the department, and how many officers can be haunted by particular incidents that they experience throughout their careers. He said he hopes that something good can come of this and suggested there can be better support for the first responders in our community.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Freel noted the next meetings of the City Council will be a work session to be held at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in the Council's Chambers; and, a regular Council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers. Moved by Councilmember Cathey, seconded by Councilmember Gamroth, to, by minute action adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Steven K. Freel
Mayor