

City Council Work Session

**5:30 PM
Council Chambers
April 1, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) x Cromley, x Yakawich, x Neese, Ewalt, x Joy, x Friedel, Gibbs, x Ronning, x Clark, x Brown.

CM excused: Ewalt and Gibbs

ADJOURN TIME: 10:08 pm

Agenda

TOPIC #1	Legislative Updates
PRESENTER	Greg Dorrington & Aimee Grmoljez
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Overview of status on various bills. Report available on City website under City Administrator weekly report.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #2	Fire-Long Range Master Plan (LRMP)
PRESENTER	Bill Rash
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Fire Chief, Bill Rash: PowerPoint presentation on Long Term Master Plan. Reviews goals, service delivery analysis, station staffing, estimated financial impacts, funding sources and recommendations.
- Friedel: collaboration with other facilities? Rash: looking into efficiency.
- Matt Hoppel, Assistant Fire Chief: serves on review panels and is optimistic for federal funding grant options. Overview of response times, comparison of room furnishings. Shows fire video.
- Yakawich: Discussion about American Medical Response (AMR) and collaboration with Fire Dept.
- Billings Urban Fire Service Area (BUFSA) issues and plans for improvement.
- Ronning: last Public Safety levy that passed? Rash: 2006
- Neese: create own standard for areas. National standards may not be useful.
- Kukulski: use discussion to decide if more information needed at work session or action item at Council meeting?
- Council consensus: Clark: work session. Neese: work session.

- Brown: adoption of plan would mean all conditions need to be met? Rash: adoption would not mean financial obligation. Brown: would need to follow through and move forward if we approve.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

Recess at: 8:14 pm.

Reconvene at: 8:20 pm.

TOPIC #3	Lockwood Water and Sewer District
PRESENTER	Steve Arveschoug
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Steve Arveschoug: PowerPoint presentation reviewing industrial issues. Overview of need for public sewer, Lockwood sewer timeline, current usages, and future needs.
- Tom McClain, Community Development: review of Lockwood TEDD and overview of agreement.
- Yakawich: incentive of sewer and water to annex into the City. Dave Mumford, Public Works Director: Lockwood is not asking for water, they have their own treatment plant. City does not want to annex Lockwood due to City standards.
- Brown: City prepared to bring sewer over at our expense. Mumford: we would provide a connection point, Lockwood would be responsible for the rest. Annexation would put responsibility on City to install piping or allow through Lockwood pipes.
- Neese: can City determine type of business in place? Mumford: could possibly work something out through agreement. Neese: fees changed regularly? Mumford: wastewater study every 2 years.
- Ronning: does Lockwood have other options without City? Mumford: very limited, but more expensive. Ronning: City benefit to providing sewer? Mumford: ancillary growth and costs benefit. No direct benefit to PW. City plant can handle waste, depending on business developed.
- Kukulski: excellent past relationship with Lockwood. Industrial park development annexation, not Lockwood.
- Brent Brooks, City Attorney: agreement could have terminology regarding annexation of area.
- Joy: number of current property owners and option for annexation? McClain: 18 within TEDD. 2 possibilities, request boundary be extended to include all properties or all properties within study area.
- Clark: who makes decision? McClain: our board could, but would need City permission due to agreement.
- Yakawich: industrial area follow different codes and rules? Wyeth Friday, Planning Director: true, TEDD is a tool the counties use. City did analysis of

Lockwood several years ago, City did not want to bring Lockwood into in to City. Use to be in long range, but since removed. Kukulski: more about infrastructure than zoning. Infrastructure can increase growth quickly. Friday: Lockwood population 6,000-7,000.

- Clark: City could not handle public safety services for area. How long does TEDD last? Arveschoug: 15 year life, not to exceed 40 years. Want to keep TEDD for industrial growth. Setting aside tax value in anticipation of growth. Long term investment. City benefiting financially, allowing growth without as many burdens.
- Neese: large enough capacity for entire area? Mike Ariztia, TEDD Advisory Board: currently have deficiencies, exploring options to expand.
- **Public Comment:**
- Woody Woods, TEDD Advisory Board: annexation could be issue since Lockwood just got high school.
- Nick Pancheau, TEDD Advisory Board: Lockwood needs sewer. City's help would help Lockwood development.
- Brown: time frame for answer? Arveschoug: been working on project for years. Cannot move forward without fundamental infrastructure. Next 30 days would be helpful. Looking for catalyst projects and grant funding.
- Brown: previous request for annexation? Friday: before TEDD created (5-6 years ago), property owners requested annexation. City did not go forward.
- Neese: agreement well written, would like to see staff come back with recommendations. Volume changes not requested.
- Kukulski: recommend realistic time line for staff to bring back recommendations.
- Friedel: get staff recommendations from all services.
- Ronning: would like to see recommendation from staff.
- Joy: use caution about County property surrounded by City. How does this affect Heights?
- Council consensus: staff bring back recommendations. Mayor: agreement expires 2023, automatic renewal for 10 years without notice of termination. May want to make notice of termination in order to review options.
- Mumford: time frame in agreement because it will take time to get funding, permits, construction, etc.
- Brown: date? Kukulski: don't think 30-60 days is reasonable. 6 months may be more reasonable. Arveschoug: 90 days seems reasonable. Kukulski: agree.

TOPIC #3	Council Discussion
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Friedel: clarify construction on 1st Avenue North. Mumford: designing water line replacement, construction next summer. Replacement 33rd to 25th and 15th to Exposition. Small sanitary sewer on 16th and 18th. MDT planning on 1st Avenue North in 5 years. Should only be lane closures.
- Friedel: South Billings Boulevard to Briarwood dead carcass. Mumford: City does City owned roads, State does State owned roads. Will contact State.
- Mayor: Washington Street City/County Drain project update? Mumford: moving quickly on pipe, outflow won't be finished before flood season, working on minnow bypass per Fish and Game Department.
- Ronning: Councilmembers used to be assigned to different boards. Would like to see updates on other boards.
- Yakawich: BSEDA donated \$1,000 for USS Billings. Phillips 66 donated model ship coming this week, 3 feet long, cost \$3,000. Will be on display.

TOPIC #4	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Arveschoug: One Big Sky strategy partners meeting this week, planning series of opportunities for engagement. Appreciate Council working with strategy partners.