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City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, Bill Beecher, Sandy Hinz, Diane Jovick-Kuntz and John Rosenbaum. Also present were the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, Directors of Community Development, Planning, Library, Fiscal Services, Interim Police Chief, Fire Chief, Interim Director of Park and Recreation, Acting Public Works Director and the City Clerk.

1. CDBG AND HOME GRANT ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Community Development Director Mike Rattray reported that this year the City received fewer CDBG and HOME Grant dollars which made the allocations process more difficult. He reviewed the proposed funding recommendations for Neighborhood Housing Services, the Rental Improvement Loan Program, Rehabilitation programs and Administration. He then turned the floor over to Art Bundtrock who explained the process used by the Community Development Council in determining how the funding should be allocated. He referred to the City Commission agenda report for the regular meeting on the exact recommendations.

2. POLICE CHIEF AND PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT

City Manager John Lawton reported that interviews for Police Chief have been set for April 25 and 26, 2006. He added that while he was hoping to begin the interview process earlier, coordinating schedules for the five person selection committee proved to be difficult. The selection committee consists of Mayor Stebbins, Chief McCamley, Debi Reynolds, Dick Kloppel, Cari Yturri, and Tom Pagel (Casper Wyoming Police Chief). They will interview all eight applicants and either narrow the field or recommend the City re-advertise.

Mr. Lawton also reported that on April 4, 2006, he will be given the names of Park and Recreation Director candidates. He added that the same selection committee will be used during this selection process as was used for the previous Park and Recreation Director selection process.

3. NATURAL GAS PROCUREMENT

Assistant City Manager Cheryl Patton reported that she was about to release a Request for Proposals for the procurement of natural gas. She added that the City partnered with many entities around Great Falls to jointly make this purchase.

4. AIRPORT BOARD

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City Manager John Lawton reminded the City Commission that they had been invited to a meeting with the Airport Board and that the County Commission had been invited as well. He asked the City Attorney to provide information to the City Commission on the legal issues that would be discussed which involved the Airport Board objecting to an appointment made to the Board by the County Commission.

ADJOURN

There being no further information for the Commission, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of March 21, 2006, at 6:22 p.m.