

WORK SESSION MEETING
August 13, 2024
6:00 PM
City Hall



CITY OF MILLS
EST. 1921

Mayor:
Leah Juarez
Council President:
Sara McCarthy
Council Members:
Cherie Butcher
Brad Neumiller
Tim Sutherland

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Patrick Sweeney - Senior Citizen Mills Levy
 - a. Amy Fleming- Director of Senior Center in Casper, Evansville.
 - b. Linda Blackstone – President of Senior Center
 - i. Amy spoke about PowerPoint
 - ii. 5 years, Cash reserves have been used to stay afloat. Reserves are almost gone, may have a year left.
 - iii. Huge increase in expenses
 - iv. Reduced Grants, remained flat or have gone down, due to Covid
 - v. Limited funds for seniors
 1. Always looking for Senior specific grants, hard to find
 - vi. Seniors and Meals on Wheels are non-profits
 - vii. 43-45% covered by State and Federal
 1. Can't pay \$10-12/hour to keep employees
 - viii. Annual Fund Raiser – Night at the Races, at Ramkota,
 1. Donations needed for prizes
 - ix. What is at stake?
 1. Cap on how many people can eat, how many people we can help
 2. 2019 – Wise program survey, what would happen if state quit funding program
 3. 48% people would be in nursing home within 4 months
 4. \$2738/person in home services
 5. \$83,952/person in nursing home costs
 6. Mental health and rapid decline in health
 - x. By 2030 1 in 5 people will be over 65
 - xi. 1 in 4 live by themselves
 - xii. Cost of home tax payer 1.58/month
 1. 5 trustees in election
 2. 9 counties hurting
 3. Natrona county would include Mills
 - a. Requesting 1 Mill. \$200k home \$19/year
 - xiii. Grant process, would show need and financials, bonded
 1. Strict audits
 - xiv. Hard subject dealing with property taxes
 - xv. Programs at Centers
 1. 80 meals a day, today we had 200
 2. Case management, housekeeping, personal care, all that fall apart that
 - xvi. National Family Caregiver program 40% federal Funded
 1. Doing chores for care giver, caregiver decline is a real thing
 - xvii. Loan closet
 1. Durable medical equipment free of charge
 - xviii. Activities

- xix. Socializing
 - xx. Advocacy/Support services
 - 1. Exercise class, grown out of dining room, almost 70 people attending
 - a. Games, craft classes
 - xxi. Amy showed graphs for income vs expenses, falling short every year
 - xxii. Meals on Wheels
 - 1. 250 meals a day to 750 meals a day, 50+ routes a day
 - 2. Wellness checks
 - 3. Socializing
 - 4. A Helping hand
 - xxiii. Senior Programs
 - 1. National Family Caregiver
 - 2. Senior Companion Program
 - 3. Long Term Care Ombudsman
 - 4. State Health Insurance Information Program
 - 5. Medicare Patrol
 - 6. Grandparent Program
 - xxiv. Another Graph to show Wyoming Senior Income vs Expenses
 - 1. State and Federal Funding has not kept up
 - xxv. Senior Population has grown 47%
 - c. Leah asked – Up to \$1 million is needed?
 - i. Pat S. – it is set at \$1 million for Natrona County, Converse County \$2 million
 - 1. Amount could go down if they funds not needed
 - d. Amy detailed Letter from North Big Horn Letter
 - e. Leah – Are audits completed by State
 - i. Yes
 - f. Leah – Is the Loan Closet depleted?
 - i. Amy said it all comes and goes, gave example about walkers needed, they keep back stock but not always available
 - g. Leah – What is the Federal Funding?
 - i. Amy said Wyoming needs to increase their revenue, expenses have grown for everyone.
 - h. Leah – What happens to overage if \$1.7m isn't needed,
 - i. Pat S. – Could be invested
 - i. John Gudger – how much do you think the expense are due to inflation?
 - i. Amy responded that a significant increases in expense and not enough given
2. Fire Department - New Ambulance
- a. Jeremy from Fire Department, we are over on what was requested on Ambulance, over \$9k, requested \$43k, swapping out radio system, 225k from grant, brand new ambulance for \$55, extra \$9k will go on lease
 - b. Sara – Is that all? Yes
 - c. Leah – What were some things on change orders? Jeremy, doesn't know specifically, can look through emails a bunch of little things. Knowing what we like and don't like with current ambulance, Leah asked if there is a fee on change order? Jeremy said no. Miscommunication some of the issues, new person added in communications
 - d. Fire Hall Space, Frank with Hunting with Heroes, September 21st, vets dinner, provide space and table and chairs, at station, need alcohol permit; Mike made note that table and chairs used
 - i. Hero outdoors, 10 Marines
 - ii. Frank came in, take vets hunting,
 - 1. Catered a lot of meat
 - 2. Fund raising
 - 3. Apply for 24 permit, waive \$50 fee for alcohol permit
 - 4. Talked about quilts given to the vets, Rib and Chop was too expensive.
 - 5. Jeremy to talk to Keyhole about borrowing BBQs
3. Leah – Brought Brad up to speed on Home Occupation Permits

- a. Sara – Read title 17 version, pretty clear on break downs,
 - i. Mike – Spoke about hazard materials, should have inspections
 - 1. Should not change exterior of property
 - ii. Leah started working on the home occupancy application
 - iii. Pat – Resolution add today for \$25 Home Occupation
 - 1. Change License to Permit
 - iv. John Gudger
 - 1. Change to Home Business Permit?
 - 2. Mike – Occupation is a trade, Leah – Persons work or occupation
 - 3. Brad – Brought up that the admin fee should be more then \$25
 - v. Updated Resolution to show \$45 instead of \$25

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

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