City Council Special Meeting Agenda

Date: 12/29/2011
Time: 4:15 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- Mayor Nancy Tia Brown
- Donny Anderson
- Charles Cloud
- Bryan Edwards
- Jerry Fritz
- Steve Miller
- Stan Wolz
- City Administrator, Jenni Rosencranse
- Administrative Services Officer, Cindy Baker
- City Attorney, Scott Kolpitcke

- Discuss electric meter assignment error and possible waiver of difference in billing.
  Staff Reference: Cindy Baker

- Discuss Spirit Mountain Water Main Rehabilitation Project.
  Staff Reference: Steve Payne, Public Works Director

- Discuss Living with Urban Deer Pamphlet Costs.
  Staff Reference: Rick Manchester, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Supervisor

- Apprise Governing Body of MOU with Riverside Cemetery.
  Staff Reference: Steve Payne, Public Works Director

- Discuss Paver/Sidewalk Issues

- Review January 3, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

- Staff Updates
  - Discuss WAM Winter Workshop – February 22 – 24, 2012 – Cheyenne, WY

- Council Updates

- Executive Session - to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Wyoming State Statute 16-4-405.

- Meeting Reminders:

  - Tuesday, January 3, 2012 – Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Council Chambers (pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

  - Thursday, January 12, 2012– Council Work session 4:15 p.m. City Council Chambers

  - Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Council Chambers (pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

Time Adjourned: _____

MEETING DATE:	DECEMBER 29, 2011
DEPARTMENT:	PUBLIC WORKS
PREPARED BY:	STEPHEN PAYNE
DEPT. DIR. APPROVAL:	_____
CITY ADM. APPROVAL:	_____
PRESENTED BY:	STEPHEN W. PAYNE

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

ACTION:
Staff is notifying the Mayor and Council that staff would like to redirect monies budgeted for an 8th Street water main rehabilitation to a Spirit Mountain Subdivision Rehabilitation. The money allocated in the 2011-2012 budgets is $100,000.

After further review of the intended 8th Street water main project and after meeting with the BBHC it appears that the work intended would be best coordinated with the BBHC when/if they do some work on their entrances.

Within the Spirit Mountain Subdivision is a bunch of 2" water main. The 2" size main does not provide adequate fire protection for the subdivision, is not well looped and is very old. The rehabilitation project is outlined within the Master Water Plan as a required project.

FISCAL IMPACT
It is anticipated that the project will be designed by City staff and constructed by City crews. The total expected cost, including surveying and construction, is $100,000. The monies budgeted for the project was $100,000 from the Water Fund Enterprise Account. If all quantities developed as anticipated, we may even be able to complete the project for less than budgeted.

ALTERNATIVES
1. Allow the budget line item transfer and allow the Spirit Mountain Subdivision Rehabilitation to be completed instead of the 8th Street Water Main Rehabilitation.
2. Deny the budget line item transfer and do no other project this year.

RECOMMENDATION
1. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council allow the budget line item transfer and allow the Spirit Mountain Subdivision Rehabilitation to be completed instead of the 8th Street Water Main Rehabilitation.

ATTACHMENTS
1. None

AGENDA & SUMMARY REPORT TO:
N/A

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

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WYOMING

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☐For Your Information ☐Action Necessary ■Response Requested

MEMO—11-070

Date: December 27, 2011

To: Jenni Rosencranse, City Administrator
Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Manchester, Director
Parks Recreation and Public Facilities

Subject: Living with Urban Deer Pamphlet Costs

CC:

The printing, mailing, and design costs of the "Cody Living with Urban Deer" pamphlet are listed in the table below. There are about 600 people on the Deer Task Force contact list. The committee thinks we should mail a cover letter with a status report and a pamphlet.

The deer committee request is to authorize staff to make $1,200 expenditure from City Council contingency to purchase and distribute 600 pamphlets to the deer task force mailing list. At this point we are $330 invested into the art work. I recommend option 1.

	Option 1			Option 2		
	Copies	Each	Cost	Copies	Each	Cost
Printing	3000	$ 0.19	$ 573.75	2000	$ 0.25	$ 508.50
Postage	600	$ 0.44	$ 264.00	600	$ 0.44	$ 264.00
Envelopes	600	0.05	$ 30.00	600	0.05	$ 30.00
Design Charge	1	$330.00	$ 330.00	1	$330.00	$ 330.00
			$1,197.75			$1,132.50

OVERVIEW

There is a segment of the City residents that suggest human and pet interactions with deer in Cody are increasing. The data collected from the 2011 community survey show an even split on the issue of urban deer population in Cody City limits. The survey and summary can be viewed on the City's website.

- In the fall of 2010, the City Council created the Urban Deer Task Force that has been working on an acceptable urban deer management plan.
- The Wyoming Game and Fish provided an estimate of the urban deer population living in the City limits.
- The Task Force developed an adopted deer management strategy that includes annual counts by the Game and Fish Department and review of the information gathered.
- The strategy was accepted by the Cody City Council in August 2011.

Mission Statement

The Cody Deer Task Force Committee will work to recommend a plan with various control alternatives for the Cody City Council to consider that would achieve a deer density at acceptable levels per square mile of habitat to foster a healthy deer herd and still maintain enough deer for all to see and enjoy.

For a large text version please contact City of Cody Parks & Recreation or visit the City's website at: www.cityofcody-wy.gov

INTENTIONAL FEEDING OF Deer

The intentional feeding of deer within the city limits of Cody is a violation of City ordinance.

The ordinance clearly states no one is to provide deer with food, food waste, or other attractive edible material intended for the sole purpose of feeding deer. Such foods could also attract predators such as bears, coyotes and mountain lions. Violating the ordinance will be committing an offense. Offenders can be fined on an escalating scale from $10 to $750. Home fruit and vegetable gardens intended for human consumption or ornamental plants and flowers are not included as material intended for the sole purpose of feeding deer under the ordinance.

Note: City Ordinance No. 2011-17 covers intentional feeding of deer.

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Local resources & contact information:

City of Cody
P.O. Box 2200, 1338 Rumsey Avenue, Cody, WY 82414
(307) 527-7511 • www.cityofcody-wy.gov

Link to Summary of Community Survey Document
http://www.cityofcody-wy.gov/downloads/17/1616.pdf

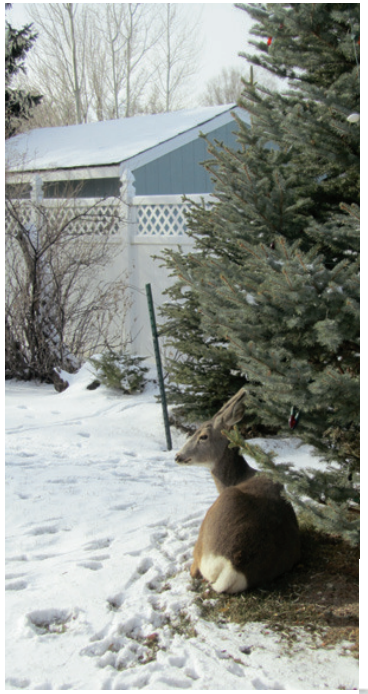
UW Extension Office
(307) 527-8560 • http://www.uwyo.edu/ces/

Wyoming Game & Fish Department
(307) 777-4600 • http://gf.state.wy.us/

Living with Urban Deer

City of Cody
Wyoming

Deer ARE A PART OF OUR ENVIRONMENT



The City of Cody officials recognize that deer are a natural part of our environment. While a number of residents have little concern about the current urban deer population, other residents express growing apprehension about aggression by deer and with property damage caused by deer.

- A public education program, including this brochure, is the beginning of recommendations that City Council has adopted.
- There will be a review of City ordinances to seek out measures that assist property owners and tenants in protecting their own property from damage caused by deer.
- The measures will help reduce the potential of dangerous encounters with urban deer.
- The Urban Deer Task Force will continue to seek resident feed-back, monitor and report numbers of deer, predator sightings, complaints, incidents of deer conflicts and ordinance infractions.

LIFE CYCLE OF **Mule Deer**

Just prior to the mating (rutting) season in November, bucks increase their displays of dominance and indirect threats. A dominant buck typically circles a rival with deliberate steps; back arched, head low and tail flickering. Bucks display dominance by violently thrashing the bushes with their antlers. During the November-December rutting season, mature bucks engage in serious head-to-head fights. **It is during the pre-rut and rutting season bucks can become aggressive towards humans and pets when their space is violated.**

Female Deer (doe) can breed as yearlings and after a six to seven month gestation period they drop their first fawns. Typically, doe produce offspring throughout life. Normally, 45% - 70% of the fawns die, and few mule deer live more than 8-10 years.

Deer ENCOUNTERS AND YOU

Deer are wild animals and as such can be dangerous. Do not approach deer or their fawns. Female deer can be aggressive during the fawn season May through June. Likewise, bucks can be aggressive during the rut (breeding season) from November through December.

If you should be in the presence of deer and a response such as a change in stance or physical move towards you, you are too close. According to WY Game and Fish biologists, deer always move forward. **Give the deer plenty of space and retreat or leave the area. Do not walk closer to the deer, rather, choose another route.**

When walking a dog, City ordinance requires the dog to be on a leash. **Note: City Ordinance No. 53-6: Animals at Large, covers the leash law.**

Deer AND YOUR YARD

There are a few techniques that can be used to protect your property from deer damage. With a combination of landscaping with deer resistant plants, fencing, and deer repellants you can protect your yard and property from deer damage. Fence designs should be considered so deer do not get caught in the fence or become impaled. **Fences must meet standards as set by City Ordinance Chapter 12.**

Talk with your landscape professional, favorite nursery, or contact the UW-Cooperative Extension Master Gardners to find out more about deer resistant plants and repellants. **Note: For more about suggested fencing and other information, contact any Wyoming Game and Fish Office.**

Deer AND DRIVING

Deer can cross a road at any time or bound from a hill or brush. By following posted driving laws you are better prepared to react appropriately when confronted with a possible deer collision. Deer are very active at night requiring extra vigilance when driving between sunset and sunrise. If it appears hitting a deer with your vehicle cannot be avoided, according to defensive driving training, it is recommended to hit the deer rather than trying to swerve or brake which could result in over correcting or hitting another vehicle.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT

Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Cemetery

ACTION:

Staff is requesting that the Mayor and Council consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Riverside Cemetery. In this MOU the City would provide lab work for the Cemetery and the Cemetery will purchase the equipment to do the tests, pay for any replacement of the equipment when necessary and will pay for the testing packets required.

As the Council may recall, Riverside Cemetery takes effluent from the City sewer discharge point to augment their irrigation needs at the cemetery. The water is treated through the City lagoon process and then is further treated with UV by the cemetery. In order to use the water as irrigation water, the DEQ requires some additional testing – fecal coliforms, nitrate, ammonia and pH. City crews can perform all of these tests, but we need a new piece of equipment to do the testing.

The MOU will be mutually beneficial to both parties. The City gets a benefit by decreasing our testing parameters due to the reduced discharge levels created when the Cemetery utilizes our discharge water. The Cemetery has the same testing timing parameters that the City has and thus the additional testing will not require much additional work on the part of the City. The Cemetery crews will take the samples. The Cemetery will benefit in that they will not have to pay to ship their samples to a lab or pay the commercial testing fees.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is not anticipated that there will be any fiscal cost to the City other than the time to do the test, which should be minimal.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Deny consideration of a MOU with the Riverside Cemetery.
2. Request that the City Attorney and staff work with the Riverside Cemetery to prepare a MOU for formal consideration by the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council requests that the City Attorney and staff work with the Riverside Cemetery to prepare a MOU for formal consideration by the Council.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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