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ADMINISTRATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Michael Cole, City Administrator

RE: General Information

DATE: July 12, 2024

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **July 13-19, 2024**

Monday, July 15th

**5:30 p.m. Children's Memorial Walkway Remembrance Ceremony
Children's Memorial Garden - Brooks & Warlow Drive**

Tuesday, July 16th

6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 17th

6:00 p.m. City Employee / Family Picnic, Energy Capital Sports Complex

1. Attached please find a **final program report** regarding **Job Training and Placement of Low-income Single Mothers** dated **July 3, 2024** provided by **Climb Wyoming**.
2. Attached please find **information** regarding **Economic Summary: 1Q2024** dated **July 2024** provided by the **Wyoming Department of Administration & Information Economic Analysis Division**.
3. Attached please find **agendas** dated **June 13 & 27, 2024** and **meeting minutes** dated **June 13 & 27, 2024** for the **Parks & Beautification Board** provided by **Public Works Director Wilde**.
4. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding the **Children's Memorial Walkway Remembrance Ceremony** on **July 15, 2024** at **5:30 p.m.** at the **Children's Memorial Garden** provided by **Public Affairs Director Toscana**.
5. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding a **Veterans Information Fair** on **July 13, 2024** at **8:30 a.m.** at the **Campbell County Public Library** provided by **Denton Knapp**.

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CITY OF GILLETTE FY2023-2024
FINAL PROGRAM REPORT

Agency Name	Gillette Climb Wyoming
Program Name	Job Training and Placement of Low-income Single Mothers
Amount Funded	\$29,500
Grant Start/End Date	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Date of Report Submission	July 3, 2024

Climb Wyoming is pleased to submit this Final Report to the City of Gillette to highlight the outcomes of Gillette Climb’s programs over the grant period.

Climb Wyoming's mission is for low-income single mothers to discover self-sufficiency through career training and placement. In fulfilling this mission, Gillette Climb annually works with over 100 moms as they break generational cycles of poverty, secure financial stability for their children, and launch careers in sectors critical to the local economy.

In accordance with the grant agreement, financial support from City of Gillette is for training and job placement of low-income single mothers in Gillette and Campbell County.

Gillette Program Outcomes (July 2023 - June 2024):

Training Programs Delivered

Over the grant period, the Gillette Climb Office offered two intensive career training programs: Certified Driver’s License (CDL) in Fall 2023 and Professional Office Careers in Spring 2024. The focus of both trainings resulted from ongoing research and planning by Climb staff to determine workforce needs and training interests from local mothers.

Number of Individuals Served

Thirty-seven low-income single mothers were served through Gillette Climb’s pre-program efforts, connecting moms to critical resources for basic needs for stability and to move them toward work readiness. Thirty-one moms were served through Climb’s career training and placement programs. And 43 graduates engaged with Climb for ongoing guidance and personal and professional support.

Children Impacted

Of the moms served through Climb's three core services above, they have 239 children. As these moms transition out of poverty, it has a positive impact on the whole family. Children benefit when parents increase their education and income through greater access to academic and extracurricular activities, more stable schedules at home, and role models for career success.

Graduation Rate

Over the grant period, the graduation rate for Gillette training participants was 94%. Historically, since 2004, 91% of mothers who enter a program in Gillette successfully graduate. This strong outcome is due in part to our comprehensive model that includes life skills development (parenting, nutrition, budgeting, etc.), individual and group counseling, and ongoing support for graduates. This, in addition to industry-specific skills and licensures.

Pre- to Post-program Employment Rate and Wage Increase

Prior to the program, 38% of moms were unemployed; those who were employed were making an average monthly wage of \$1,527. Post-program, 82% are now employed and making on average \$3,880/month. This represents a 154% increase in wages. Job placements are still underway for the Office Careers program; as moms are placed, the employment percentage will increase.

Improvements in Executive Functioning Skills

While more qualitative in nature, 3 out of 4 Climb participants report improvements in executive functioning skills, such as emotional regulation, planning, organization, attention, and self-monitoring. These skills are strongly correlated to long-term success at work, healthy relationships and overall wellbeing.

Job Placements

Some job placements from the CDL program include: Homax Oil, Wyoming Welding & Trucking, Next Energy, and M&K Oil Company; and Office Careers, Red Hills Veterinary Clinic, Powder River Surgery Center, and Campbell County Health - Medical Records. One participant from the Office Careers program elected to continue her education and is currently enrolled in a dental assistant training.



Economic Summary: 1Q2024



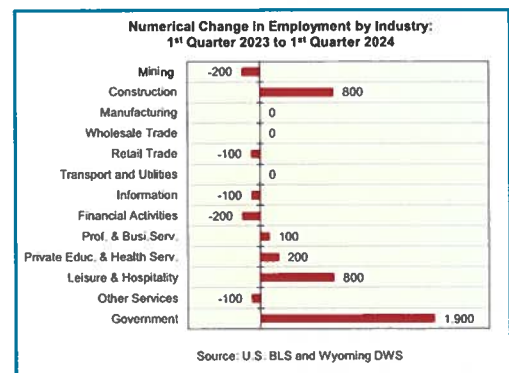
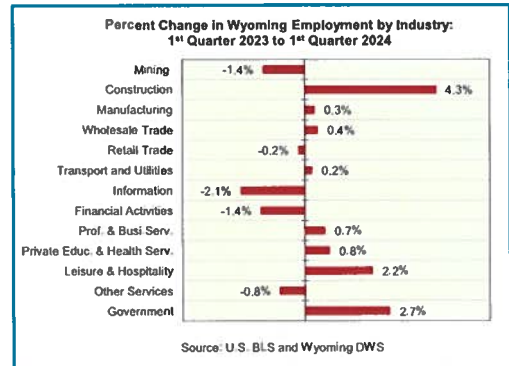
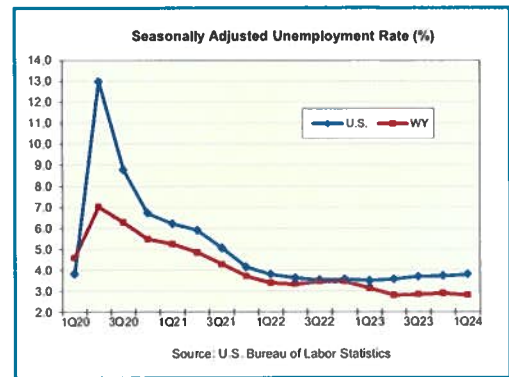
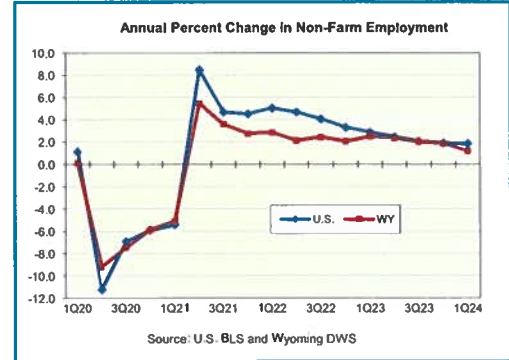
Current Global and U.S. Economy

The global economy has experienced a convergence of extreme stresses over the past three years. The aggressive tightening of monetary policy alongside elevated inflation dampened domestic demand and reduced the volume of global trade. However, helped by the resilience of the U.S. economy, the global economy not only avoided a recession, but it delivered a GDP growth rate of 2.7 percent in 2023. It's expected to slow slightly to 2.5 percent in 2024, according to Moody's Analytics. The growth in the U.S. is expected to be close to last year's strong pace. Although Europe experienced a slower rate of growth in 2023, the economic outlook for the region is expected to improve and accelerate this year. With the exception of Japan, China, and India, the Asian economies are projected to gain strength, while some economic resurgences are also anticipated for most Latin American nations.

Despite higher interest rates, the U.S. economy continued to show a remarkable performance. Growth was higher than the potential, with real GDP expanding 2.5 percent for the full year of 2023. The labor market is slowing down somewhat, but is still resilient, averaging close to a healthy 250,000 payroll jobs per month, while wage growth is outpacing inflation. It is uplifting that the slower employment growth is mostly due to business hiring deceleration instead of laying off workers. In addition, corporate earnings are delivering robust increases and the financial markets have reached unprecedented highs. With relatively less volatility in oil prices, inflation has been hovering near 3.0 percent. The assessment from Moody's Analytics is that the baseline forecast remains resilient and recession free in 2024. Both real GDP and payroll jobs continue to grow, but at a slower speed. The unemployment rate is expected to be around 4.1 percent.

Employment

Even with the moderate slowdown in energy businesses' drilling activities, Wyoming's economy continued to grow in the first quarter. The healthy performance was evident across most sectors, but the pace of expansion somewhat decelerated. Total employment increased 1.2 percent (or 3,100 jobs) compared to the previous year, while the U.S. growth rate also slowed down slightly to 1.8 percent. The state's unemployment rate decreased to 2.8 percent, which was much lower than the national average of 3.8 percent. Payroll jobs increased in most sectors, led by construction, which grew 4.3 percent annually in the first quarter. Leisure & hospitality increased 2.2 percent. Private education and health services, and professional business services added 200 and 100 payroll jobs, respectively. Wyoming's pivotal industry, mining, decreased slightly, -1.4 percent, and it still had 3,300 or 16.9 percent less jobs than the pre-COVID period of the first quarter of 2020. Financial activities also saw a reduction of 200 positions during the year.



Personal Income and Earnings

Wyoming's total personal income increased 4.3 percent in the first quarter of 2024 compared to the first quarter of 2023. This growth rate was lower than the previous quarter. U.S. personal income increased 4.4 percent during the same period. Personal income is the income received by all residents from all sources. It is the sum of wage, salary, and proprietors' earnings; property income (dividends, interest, and rent); and personal transfer receipts such as Social Security income, Medicare and Medicaid benefits, unemployment insurance compensation, and other income benefits and assistance. Total earnings in the state grew 4.5 percent annually in the quarter, while personal transfer receipts grew 3.5 percent. Earnings in nearly all sectors demonstrated expansions from a year ago, led by construction industry (16.7%). Information and leisure & hospitality services grew 9.7 and 8.3 percent, respectively. The only decline was professional & business services (-10.7%).

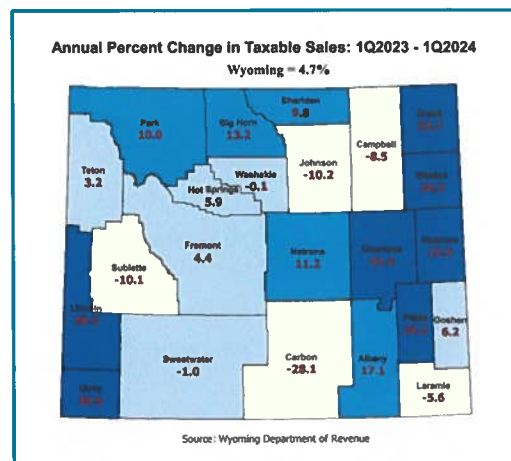
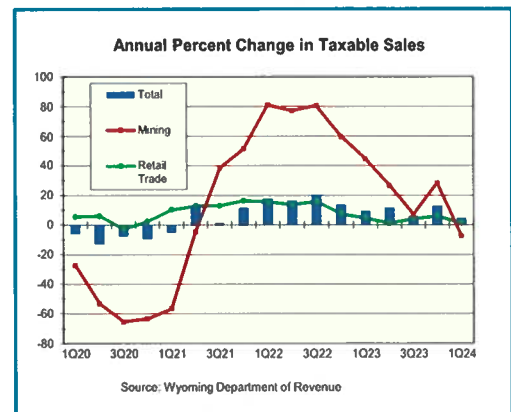
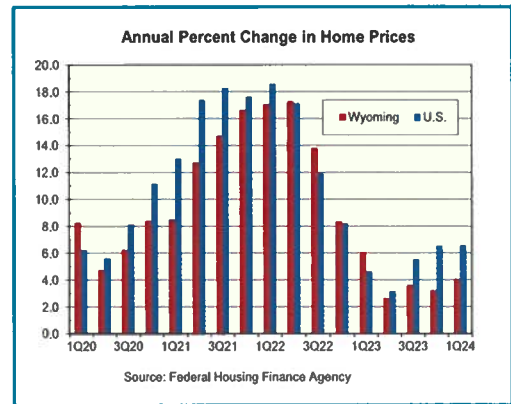
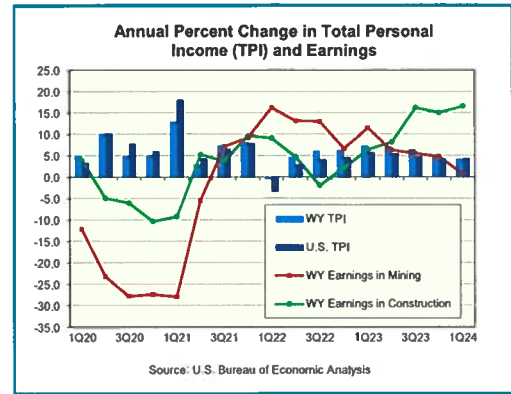
Housing

The statewide single-family home price increased 4.1 percent in the first quarter of 2024 compared to one year ago, moderately faster than the previous quarter. The national average price appreciation accelerated to 6.6 percent during the same period. In Wyoming, single-family building permits for new privately-owned residential construction in the first quarter of 2024 were 44.4 percent higher than the previous year, while multi-family units advanced 165.6 percent.

Amid a scarcity of homes on the market, U.S. housing prices continued to climb, and the overall housing market is still overpriced. The principal reason is the extremely tight inventory for sale, which sits at approximately half the level of a balanced and healthy market. The majority of existing homeowners are tied to extremely low interest rates, greatly reducing their motivation to sell their properties. With about four decade low affordability, the anemic demand has resulted in the slowest existing-home sales since the 2008 financial crisis. Though the overheated valuation will exert downward pressure, house prices will probably remain relatively stable because of supply constraints. Home affordability is expected to improve over time through gradual income increases, reduced interest rates, and flattening or decreasing home prices.

Taxable Sales

Based on sales and use tax collections, total taxable sales in the state expanded 4.7 percent to \$5.4 billion in the first quarter of 2024 in a year-over-year comparison, and the growth rate was lowest since the third quarter of 2021. This weaker expansion was mostly caused by the contraction in mining activities and slow growth in retail trade industry. Increases still occurred in a vast majority of economic sectors. Rental & leasing demonstrated the fastest growth, 40.7 percent, followed by the utilities industry, 31.3%. Transportation & warehousing, professional & business services, and other services also showed strong increases. The leisure & hospitality sector showed a growth rate of 4.8 percent. Retail trade, the largest in terms of taxable sales, increased 1.6 percent. Besides mining (-7.5%), manufacturing (-9.1%) also experienced a decline.



Across the state, 16 out of 23 counties experienced increases in taxable sales in a year over year comparison, led by Converse (41.4%) and Uinta (39.6%). Crook, Lincoln, Niobrara, Platte, and Weston counties also showed expansions of more than 20.0 percent, respectively. Carbon County experienced the largest decline, -28.1 percent, in a year-over-year comparison.

Tourism

The number of recreational visitations to Yellowstone National Park reached 124,893 in the first quarter of 2024, up 2.8 percent from the previous year, while 169,600 visits to Grand Teton National Park showed an increase of 1.3 percent. The oldest national park, Yellowstone, was closed on June 13, 2022 due to severe flooding, and it reopened nine days later with limited admission through the fall, which caused a significant decline in 2023 visitation.

Lodging sales for the first quarter were 13.1 percent higher than a year ago in Teton County, and increased 12.7 percent for the state as a whole. In general, the primary drivers for the fluctuation in lodging sales are visitations to the national parks and mineral activities in the state, but the sales change in Teton County’s winter season is mainly driven by ski activities.

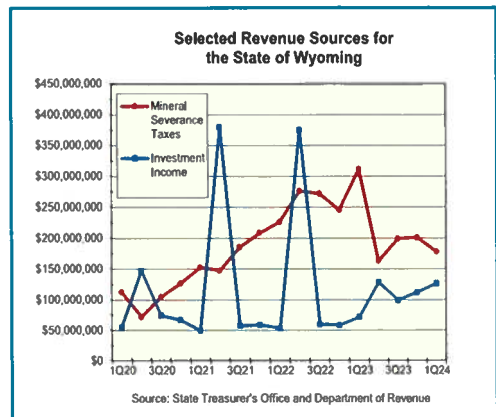
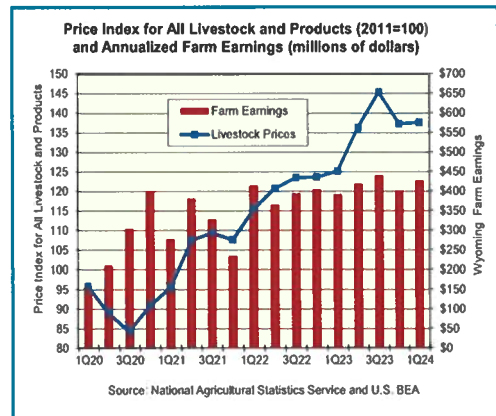
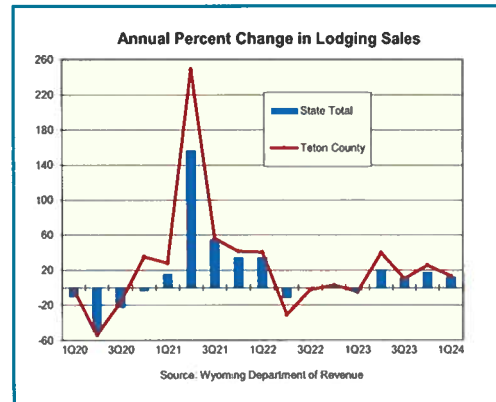
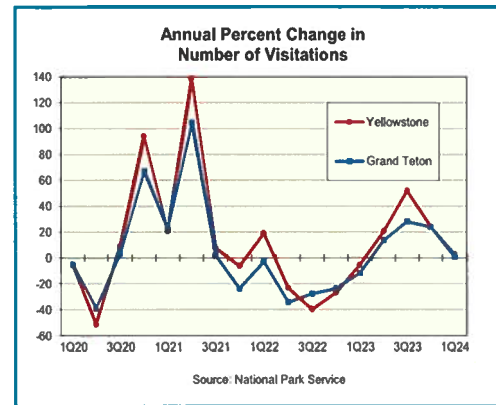
Agriculture

After dropping to the lowest level in roughly 10 years, the index of prices farmers received for all U.S. livestock and products has rebounded quickly since the third quarter of 2020. The index increased slightly to 137.7 in the first quarter, and was 9.9 percent higher than a year ago. Farm earnings in Wyoming have demonstrated a robust trend since the fourth quarter of 2021. The first quarter of 2024 amount was 6.5 percent higher than the previous quarter, and 8.8 percent higher than the prior year, perhaps attributed to the potent livestock prices.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, throughout the first quarter, the U.S. farm economy managed to maintain its position despite a slight contraction in the availability of agricultural credit. Agricultural loan demand increased, even as financing expenses stayed elevated and farm loan delinquency rates at commercial banks registered a slight uptick for the first time in over 3 years.

Revenue

Benefiting from the higher interest environment, the amount of investment income distributed to the state general fund, including income from the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund (PWMTF) and state agency pooled income accounts amounted to \$126.8 million in the first quarter of 2024, an increase of 75.9 percent from the amount recorded a year ago. The boosts in the second quarters were due to the net realized capital gains being distributed at the end of each fiscal year, which is on June 30. The \$178.3 million in mineral severance taxes generated in the first quarter was 11.3 percent lower than the previous quarter, and was 42.8 percent worse than the previous year. This amount was the second smallest since the third quarter of 2021, mostly reflecting the pullback of natural gas prices and the steeper decline in coal production.





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**CITY OF GILLETTE
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
AGENDA
JUNE 13, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
PUBLIC WORKS BREAK ROOM**

Members:

**Wes Johnson - Chairperson
Irene Daly - Vice- Chairperson
Mike Castellanos
Cathrine Gallilee
Angi Klamm
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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. April 25, 2024
 - B. May 23, 2024 (No Quorum Meeting)
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Dalbey Master Plan
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Hidden Valley Park
 - B. Splash Pad
 - C. Gillette Ave Baskets
 - D. Adopt-a-Planter
 - E. ECSC Football Shed
- VI. STAFF REPORT**
- VII. CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD REPORT**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**



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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. June 13, 2024
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. 4th of July Parade
 - B. Pickle Ball Courts
 - C. Landscape Beautification Nominees
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Dalbey Master Plan
- VI. STAFF REPORT**
 - A. Shirts
- VII. CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD REPORT**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2024
5:00 P.M.
CITY WEST BREAKROOM**

MEMBERS:

PRESENT

Wes Johnson, Chairperson
Irene Daly, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Castellanos
Cathrine Gallilee
Angi Klamm
Noah Messick
Michelle Bradley
Meeting Quorum:

	<u>(YES)</u>	<u>(NO)</u>
Wes Johnson, Chairperson	(X)	
Irene Daly, Vice-Chairperson		(X)
Mike Castellanos	(X)	
Cathrine Gallilee	(X)	
Angi Klamm		(X)
Noah Messick	(X)	
Michelle Bradley		(X)
Meeting Quorum:	(X)	

STAFF:

Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director
Janie Kuntz, Parks Manager
Dessa Gydesen, Senior Administrative Assistant
Toby Fiske, Project Manager Technician
Craig Russell, Landscape Architect at Russell Mills Inc.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 by Mr. Johnson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Castellanos made a motion to accept the minutes from April 25, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Gallilee. Ms. Gallilee made a motion to accept the non-quorum minutes from May 23, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Castellanos. All members voted Aye. Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dalbey Master Plan

Mr. Russell and Mr. Fiske displayed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. The presentation included information such as plans to make Dalbey inviting and safe, the Sinclair Road right-of-way, floodplain mitigation, and how to allow phasing of facilities over time with minimal disruption.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hidden Valley Park

B. Splash Pad

C. Gillette Ave Baskets

D. Adopt-a-Planter

E. ECSC Football Shed

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Landscape Awards

Mr. Wilde asked the Board to start nominating businesses for the Landscape Awards.

B. Hidden Valley Park

Mr. Wilde informed the Board that contractors are ready to start dismantling the park. Hidden Valley Park has an estimated time of completion in the late fall.

C. Dalbey Cattails

Mr. Wilde disclosed to the Board that the Fishing Derby has offered to take out some of the cattails at Dalbey if we could haul them off.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S/ BOARD REPORT

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director
SW/dg



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JUNE 27, 2024
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CITY WEST BREAKROOM**

MEMBERS:

PRESENT

	<u>(YES)</u>	<u>(NO)</u>
Wes Johnson, Chairperson	(X)	
Irene Daly, Vice-Chairperson		(X)
Mike Castellanos	(X)	
Cathrine Gallilee	(X)	
Angi Klamm		(X)
Noah Messick		(X)
Michelle Bradley		(X)
Meeting Quorum:		(X)

STAFF:

Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director
Janie Kuntz, Parks Manager
Dessa Gydesen, Senior Administrative Assistant
Skylar Riehemann, Solid Waste Manager

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 by Mr. Johnson. There was no quorum, and no business was conducted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not approved for June 13, 2024, as there was not a quorum for the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 4th of July Parade

The Board will be meeting at Camel Lanes at 8:45 a.m. to get trash bags to hand out during the parade.

B. Pickle Ball Courts

This item will be left on the agenda for the next meeting with a quorum. Mr. Wilde received a call from a citizen about putting pickle ball courts at ECSC.

C. Landscape Beautification Nominees

This item will be left on the agenda for the next meeting with a quorum. The Board will need to gather nominees for the next meeting on July 11, 2024.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dalbey Master Plan

Nothing further was discussed.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Shirts

Ms. Gydesen informed the Board how many shirts were left for the 4th of July Parade. The shirts were given to Mr. Castellanos.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S/ BOARD REPORT

Mr. Johnson had concerns about the campaign signs within the City of Gillette right of way located at Don's Supermarket. Mr. Wilde will talk with planning concerning this issue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director
SW/dg



Children's Memorial Walkway
*Remembrance
Ceremony*



Monday, July 15, 2024
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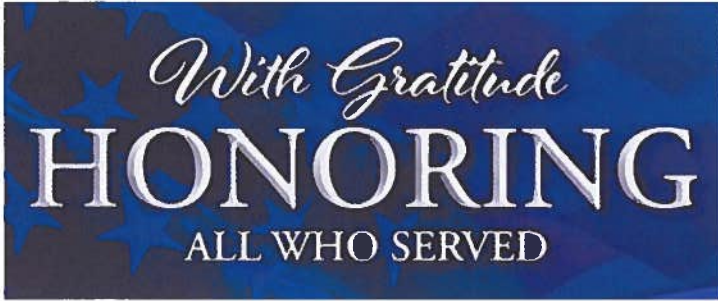
Children's Memorial Garden
Warlow Drive & Brooks Ave.



Please join us as we remember and celebrate
the lives of those taken from us too soon.

You are welcome to bring a photo of your loved one
to display on our memorial table.





VETERANS INFORMATION FAIR

Saturday, July 13 | 8:30am

Campbell County Veterans Council and Campbell County Public Library invite the public to this free event!

- Learn about the demographics of National, State, and County Veterans and services
- Gain an understanding of benefits and services in Campbell County for military, veterans, and their families
- Discover the benefits of VA and Community Care through the Gillette VA CBOC and Sheridan VA Hospital
- Meet and join local service organizations with members of the most honorable profession still serving!
- Find out what you can do to assist our veterans and their families right here at home

AGENDA

8:30-9am	Participant Registration, Coffee, Pastries
9-9:10am	Welcome and Introductions of Sponsors
9:10-10am	Information Updates from Speakers
10-10:30am	Questions and Answers Panel
10:30-11:30am	Open Forum at Resource Tables

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Campbell County Veterans Council • American Legion Post 42 • Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7756
- Marine Corps League 1425 • American Legion Post 307 • Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 36-3
- VA Veterans Service Officer • Sheridan VA Medical Center • Gillette VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
- Volunteers of America • Council of Community Services • Wyoming Veterans Commission • Small Business Administration
- Campbell County Chamber of Commerce • Local government, businesses, and civic leaders

- DIAL 988 For Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention

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