



# CITY OF GILLETTE

## Administration

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator  
RE: General Information  
DATE: June 26, 2020

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **June 26 – July 3, 2020**

#### Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

##### 5:30 p.m. City Council Special Meeting, Agenda Attached

- Executive Session
  - Legal Advice
- City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

#### Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

##### 6:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting, Agenda Attached

- Review of Ward III Applicants
- Review July 7, 2020 Council Agenda
- Executive Session
- City Hall – Room to be Announced
- Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

#### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday – **City Offices Closed**

1. Attached please find the **current monthly calendar** for **July 2020**.
2. Attached please find **Electrical Peak Reports** and **Water Consumption Reports** dated **June 2020** provided by **Utilities Director Cole**.
3. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **Public Notice of Blasting Activity for Black Thunder Mine** dated **June 23, 2020** provided by **Thunder Basin Coal Company, L.L.C.**
4. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 8.8% in May 2020** dated **June 23, 2020** provided by **Wyoming Workforce Services**.
5. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Rare Earth Elements Project Receives Federal Funding** dated **June 23, 2020** provided by the **University of Wyoming**.
6. Attached please find **Covid-19 Updates for Elected Officials** dated **June 24, 2020** provided by **Wyoming Workforce Services**.
7. Attached please find the **agenda** for the **Parks & Beautification Board** dated **June 25, 2020** and **meeting minutes** dated **May 14, 2020** provided by **Public Works Director Wilde**.

8. Attached please find **information** regarding **Flying Legends of Victory Tour** provided by the **Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport**.

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	<p><b>Special Meeting</b> <b>Monday, June 29, 2020</b> <b>Meeting: 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>3rd Floor Conference Room</b></p>

**Agenda Topics:**

- Executive Session
  - Legal Advice

	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Special Meeting</b> Tuesday, June 30, 2020 Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Location: <b>City Hall – Room to be Announced</b></p>

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda Topics:**

- Review of Ward III Applicants
- Review July 7, 2020 Council Agenda
- Executive Session

### Upcoming Work Session Topics:

#### **July 14**

- Review July 21st Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **July 28**

- Review August 4th Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **August 11**

- Review August 18th Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **August 25**

- Review September 1st Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **September 8**

- Employee Benefits Presentation
- Review September 15th Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **September 22 – Canceled**

#### **September 29**

- Review October 6th Agenda
- Executive Session

### City/County/Town Meeting

### Upcoming Council Pre-Meeting Topics

#### **July 7**

- Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Members
- Lodging Tax Discussion
- Review July 7th Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **July 21**

- Review July 21st Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **August 4**

- Review August 4th Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **August 18**

- Review August 18th Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **September 1**

- Review September 1st Agenda
- Executive Session

#### **September 15**

- Review September 15th Agenda
- Executive Session

### Upcoming Activities

**August 18 – Primary Election**

## Agenda Items for July 7, 2020

1. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-24(A)(7) of the Gillette City Code to Authorize Employees, of Establishments Operating a Commercial Kitchen, that are at Least Eighteen (18) Years of Age to Serve Alcohol or Malt Beverages in the Course of Their Employment.

(Ordinance – 3rd Reading)

2. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, Sections Twelve and Fifteen of the Gillette City Code to Revise Parking Offenses and Fines.

(New Business – Ordinance 2nd Reading)

3. Council Consideration of Street Closures on the 3rd Street Plaza and Gillette Avenue from 2nd Street to 4th Street, on Sunday, August 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a Bikes, Trikes, and Tikes Bicycle Awareness Event, Requested by Jonathan Bare.

(New Business – Minute Action)

4. Council Consideration of a Street Closure on Ross Avenue Between 2nd Street and 3rd Street, and on 3rd Street Between Ross Avenue and Richards Avenue, on July 11th, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Car Show, Requested by Frontier Auto Museum.

(New Business – Minute Action)

5. Council Consideration of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Final Plat of the Resubdivision of Lot 2E, East Lakeway Subdivision to be Known as Lots 2H & 2J, East Lakeway Subdivision; to the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Subject to all Planning Requirements. (Planning Commission Vote: 3/0/1-Abstention)

(New Business – Minute Action)

6. Council Consideration of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Final Plat, Lots 1C and 1D, Tract J, Sunburst Subdivision No. 3; to the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Subject to all Planning Requirements. (Planning Commission Vote: 4/0)

(New Business – Minute Action)

7. Council Consideration of the Acceptance of Public Improvements for the Dalbey Memorial Park Fishing Lake Bridge Improvements Project, Installed by Carr Coatings, LLC, in the Amount of \$73,596.50 (1% Project)

(New Business – Minute Action)

8. Lodging Tax Resolution

(New Business – Minute Action)

9. Appointments to Citizen Advisory Boards

- Community Juvenile Services Board – Two (2) 3-Year Terms Expiring June 30, 2023
- Investment Advisory Committee – One (1) 3-Year Term Expiring June 30, 2023
- Personnel Review Board – Three (3) 3-Year Terms Expiring June 30, 2023
- Parks & Beautification Board – Two (2) 3-Year Terms Expiring June 30, 2023
- Planning Commission – One (1) 3-Year Term Expiring June 30, 2023
- Regional Water Panel Joint Powers Board – One (1) 3-Year Term Expiring June 30, 2023
- Urban Systems Committee – One (1) 3-Year Term Expiring June 30, 2023
- Mayor's Art Council – Five (5) 3-Year Terms Expiring June 30, 2023
- Gillette Historic Preservation Commission – One (1) 3-Year Term Expiring June 30, 2023, and One (1) Partial Term Expiring June 30, 2021

(Appointments)

# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Independence Day Holiday <i>City Offices Closed</i>	4 
5	6	7 City Council Pre-Meeting, 6PM- 3rd FL Introduction of Citizen Advisory Board Members Lodging Tax Resolution Discusstion  City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers	8	9	10	11
12	13 Years of Service Recognition 10:30 AM - 3rd FL	14 City Council Work Session - 6PM - 2nd FL	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 City Council Pre-Meeting, 6PM- 3rd FL  City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 City Council Work Session - 6PM - 2nd FL	29	30	31	



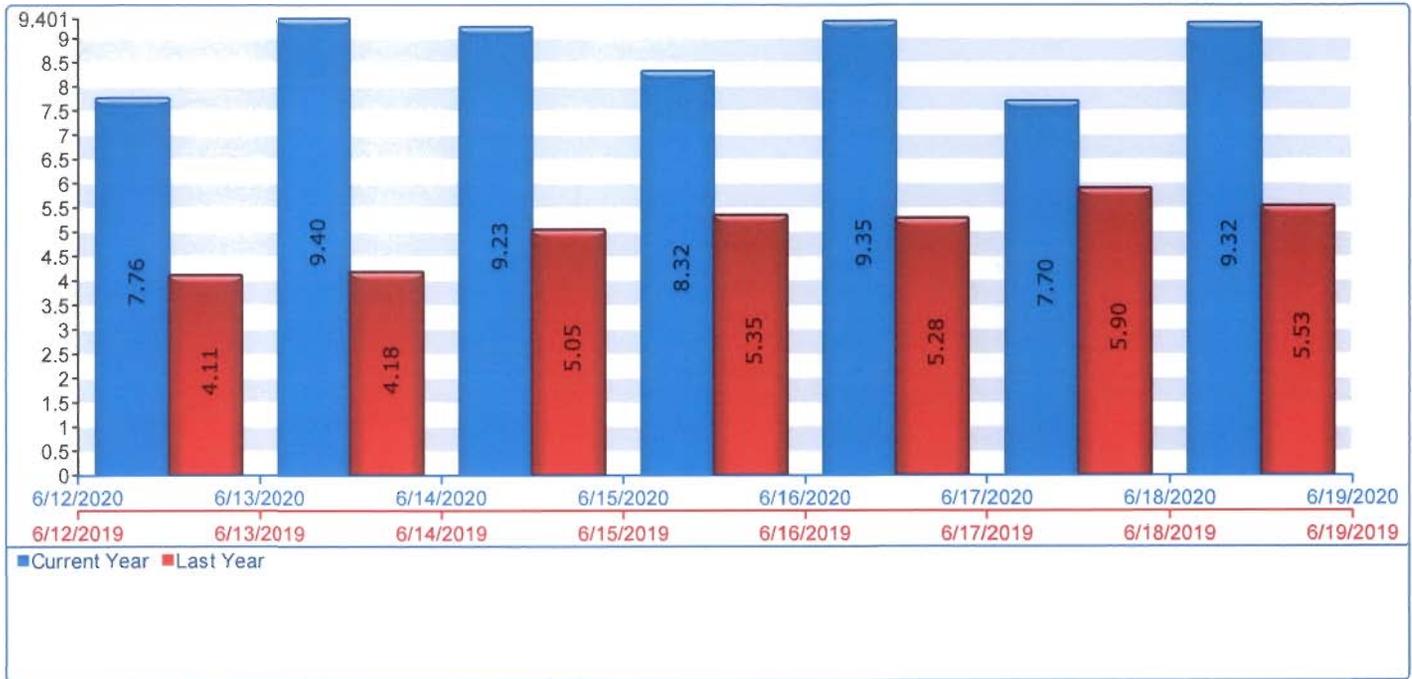
# Electrical Peak Report June 2020



Day	Current Year	Last Year
12 June	55.78 MW	41.85 MW
13 June	52.10 MW	42.98 MW
14 June	48.09 MW	44.94 MW
15 June	48.13 MW	38.76 MW
16 June	48.71 MW	36.09 MW
17 June	41.79 MW	44.39 MW
18 June	36.25 MW	42.96 MW
<b>Min</b>	<b>36.25</b>	<b>36.09</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>55.78</b>	<b>44.94</b>
<b>Avg</b>	<b>47.26</b>	<b>41.71</b>



# Water Consumption Report June 2020



Day	Current Year	Last Year
12 June	7.76 MGD	4.11 MGD
13 June	9.40 MGD	4.18 MGD
14 June	9.23 MGD	5.05 MGD
15 June	8.32 MGD	5.35 MGD
16 June	9.35 MGD	5.28 MGD
17 June	7.70 MGD	5.90 MGD
18 June	9.32 MGD	5.53 MGD
<b>Min</b>	<b>7.70</b>	<b>4.11</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>9.40</b>	<b>5.90</b>
<b>Avg</b>	<b>8.73</b>	<b>5.06</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>61.08</b>	<b>35.40</b>



**Allie Letcher**  
Environmental Engineer  
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aletcher@archrsc.com

June 23, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised of the attached Public Notice of blasting activity for the next twelve month period at the Black Thunder Mine, located south of Gillette, WY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allie Letcher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allie Letcher

Attachment

Cc: PER-14-2-1-11

**Thunder Basin Coal Company, L.L.C.**  
A subsidiary of Arch Resources, Inc.  
Black Thunder Mine  
5669 Highway 450  
Wright, WY 82732  
(307) 939-1300  
archrsc.com

**STATE OF WYOMING  
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING**

Blasting will be conducted daily at Thunder Basin Coal Company, LLC's Black Thunder Mine, P.O. Box 406, Wright, Wyoming 82732. (307) 939-1300. The mine is located approximately 12 miles SE of Wright, WY on Highway 450.

During the next 12 months beginning August 11, 2020 all blasting will be located in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11; W/2W/2 of Section 1; E/2 of Section 10; portions of SW/4SW/4 of Section 12; NW/4NW/4, portions of NE/4NW/4, portions of S/2NW/4, portions of NW/4SW/4, portions of SW/4NE/4 of Section 13; N/2, N/2SW/4, NW/4SE/4, portions of NE/4SE/4 of Section 14; NE/4, NE/4SE/4, portions of NW/4SE/4 of Section 15; all in T42N-R70W. All of Sections 1 and 2; N/2NE/4, SE/4NE/4 of Section 3 all in T42N-R71W. Portions of SW/4SW/4 of Section 6; W/2NW/4, NW/4SW/4, portions of E/2NW/4, portions of S/2SW/4, portions of NE/4SW/4 of Section 7; all in T43N-R69W. All of Sections 2 – 11, 15 – 21, 28 – 35; W/2, SE/4, portions of W/2NE/4, portions of SE/4NE/4 of Section 1; N/2, SW/4, N/2SE/4, portions of S/2SE/4 of Section 12; all of Section 13 except portions of the SW/4SW/4; W/2W/2, NE/4NW/4, E/2NE/4, NE/4SE/4, portions of W/2NE/4, portions of SE/4NW/4, portions of E/2SW/4, portions of W/2SE/4, portions of SE/4SE/4 of Section 14; W/2W/2, E/2SW/4, SE/4NW/4, SW/4SE/4, portions of E/2E/2, portions of NE/4NW/4, portions of SW/4NE/4, portions of NW/4SE/4 of Section 22; E/2NW/4, NE/4, NE/4SE/4, portions of the NW/4SE/4 of Section 24; S/2NW/4, W/2SW/4, NE/4SW/4 of Section 25; S/2, S/2N/2, NE/4NE/4, portions of NW/4NW/4 of Section 26; all of section 27 except portions of NE/4NE/4; W/2 of Section 36; all in T43N-R70W. All of Sections 1, 2, 8 – 17, 19 – 27 and 34 – 36; E/2, SE/4NW/4, E/2SW/4, portions of W/2SW/4 of Section 3; S/2 of Section 18; and E/2 of Section 28 all in T43N-R71W. All of Sections 19 – 20, 27 – 30, and 31 – 35; S/2 of Section 21; S/2 of Section 22; W/2SW/4 of Section 23; SW/4SW/4 of Section 25; S/2, S/2N/2, NW/4NW/4 of Section 26; NW/4NW/4, SW/4SW/4, portions of SW/4NW/4, portions of NW/4SW/4, portions of SE/4SW/4, portions of SW/4SE/4 of Section 36; all in T44N-R70W. All of Sections 14, 23 – 26, 35 – 36; SE/4 of Section 22; S/2 of Section 13; E/2E/2, NW/4NE/4 of Section 27; E/2E/2 of Section 34; all in T44N-R71W of Campbell County, Wyoming.

Blasting of coal and overburden is conducted during daylight hours, seven days per week. The designated blasting time is between sunrise and sunset except under conditions where operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation or for emergency blasting actions.

In unusual situations, it may be necessary to detonate blasts at times other than those specified. This emergency blasting will be done when weather or other conditions present some hazard to normal blasting procedures, when necessary to maintain safe operating conditions, or when necessary for public safety.

Blasting areas containing loaded holes will be marked with "Danger Loaded Blast Holes, Keep Away" signs. Access to the blasting area will be marked with berms and flagging at all access points through the berms to guard against unauthorized entry into this zone.

Audible warning of blasting activity will be given by sirens audible for at least one-half mile. The first warning will be a one-minute wail siren sound to indicate blast detonation in ten minutes. A one-minute yelp siren sound will indicate blast detonation within one minute and will continue until blast detonation. An all clear, fifteen-second wail siren will be sounded after the blast has been detonated and checked for complete detonation.

Residents or owners of manmade dwellings or structures located within ½ mile of the term of permit boundary may request a pre-blasting survey by submitting a written request to Thunder Basin Coal Company, LLC at the above address or to the Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, 2100 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

**Thunder Basin Coal Company, LLC  
Black Thunder Mine**



Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

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## Fwd: Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 8.8% in May 2020

1 message

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**Geno Palazzari** <GenoP@gillettewy.gov>  
To: Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 10:34 AM

For GI

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From: **John Aguirre** <[JohnA@gillettewy.gov](mailto:JohnA@gillettewy.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 9:47 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 8.8% in May 2020  
To: SLT <[SLT@gillettewy.gov](mailto:SLT@gillettewy.gov)>

Good morning,  
Interesting reading.  
Note that Campbell County is still sitting at 9.7% unemployment.  
FYI.  
John

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From: **Tammy Maxted** <[tammy.maxted@wyo.gov](mailto:tammy.maxted@wyo.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 9:24 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 8.8% in May 2020  
To:



Department of Workforce Services  
Research & Planning Section

For Immediate Release  
June 23, 2020

Contacts: David Bullard, Senior Economist  
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The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from its revised level of 9.6% in April to 8.8% in May. It appears that the state's economy improved modestly in May as COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were loosened and some businesses reopened. At 8.8%, Wyoming's unemployment rate was significantly lower than the U.S. rate of 13.3%.

Most county unemployment rates fell from April to May, perhaps suggesting small scale improvement in labor markets around the state. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Teton (down from 18.2% to 15.0%), Sublette (down from 11.4% to 9.8%), and Johnson (down from 9.7% to 8.1%) counties. Unemployment rates rose slightly in Converse County (up from 6.4% to 7.3%) and Carbon County (up from 6.8% to 7.0%).

Unemployment rates were higher than a year earlier in all 23 counties. The largest increases were seen in Teton County (up from 2.9% to 15.0%), Natrona County (up from 3.7% to 11.7%), Campbell County (up from 3.2% to 9.7%), and Sweetwater County (up from 3.5% to 9.7%).

Niobrara County had the lowest unemployment rate in May at 4.5%. It was followed by Albany County at 4.9% and Weston County at 5.0%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Teton County at 15.0%, Natrona County at 11.7%, and Sublette County at 9.8%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 292,300 in May 2019 to 265,500 in May 2020, a decline of 26,800 jobs (-9.2%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the June unemployment news release for July 21, 2020.

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Research & Planning  
Wyoming DWS

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services collects, analyzes, and publishes timely and accurate labor market information meeting established statistical standards. Research & Planning's monthly employment news releases can be found [here](https://link.zixcentral.com/u/9180f021/tBDOsGW16hGIRQoyO49hPQ?u=http%3A%2F%2Fdoe.state.wy.us%2Fmi%2Fnews.htm). <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/9180f021/tBDOsGW16hGIRQoyO49hPQ?u=http%3A%2F%2Fdoe.state.wy.us%2Fmi%2Fnews.htm>

Thank you,

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# Rare Earth Elements Project Receives Federal Funding

June 23, 2020

The potential development of a new industry to extract rare earth elements from the ash of Wyoming's Powder River Basin coal has taken a step forward with a federal grant through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The grant is part of DOE's Technology Commercialization Fund, which was created to promote DOE national laboratories' promising energy technology and expand the agency's efforts to foster commercial impacts developed from DOE research. The project will facilitate the expansion of technologies and methods for rare earth element extraction from coal ash that have been developed by researchers at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

The \$1.62 million, three-year project involves NETL, the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources (SER), Campbell County, the city of Gillette and Energy Capital Economic Development. The project will create a pilot-scale production facility at the Advanced Carbon Products Innovation Center, now under development in Gillette, to demonstrate the economically viable production of rare earth elements from coal-related feedstocks.

"This will help us understand the commercial potential of rare earth element extraction from Wyoming coal and coal ash," says Scott Quillinan, director of SER's Center for Economic Geology Research (CEGR). "It also demonstrates the commitment and partnership that UW SER and CEGR have with Wyoming communities."

"We are very excited that the Department of Energy has awarded the rare earth elements project this grant. Gillette and Campbell County have always benefited from the power of partnerships, and this project is another shining example," Gillette Mayor Louise Carter-King says. "We always knew this was the perfect site, and it is gratifying to know that others recognize the potential of the Powder River Basin to assist our nation."

Rare earth elements are a series of chemical elements found in Earth's crust. Due to their unique chemical properties, they have become essential components of many technologies spanning a range of applications including electronics, computer and communication systems, transportation, health care and national defense. The demand and cost of rare earth elements have grown significantly over recent years, stimulating an emphasis on economically feasible approaches for their recovery.

The potential to recover rare earth elements from coal is significant for Wyoming, the nation's No. 1 coal producer. Studies have shown that Powder River Basin coal ash has high extractable rare earth element content compared to other coal ash, likely due to the calcium content in the coal. CEGR has conducted several studies characterizing the geochemical data of coal ash and examining how composition relates to the composition of the coal combusted in power plants. This work has led to identification of specific coal ash stocks available in high volumes -- 270 to 690 tons per day for a single power station -- that exhibit elevated rare earth elements content along with other critical materials of interest to DOE.

"This project is based on many years of work to characterize the concentration of rare earth elements in Wyoming coal ash," says Davin Bagdonas, UW principal investigator on the project and CEGR research scientist.

The new DOE-funded project aims to identify the most promising feedstocks in the Powder River Basin for the extraction of rare earth elements and critical metals; perform extraction experiments to demonstrate the efficacy of extracting those elements and metals in an economic manner; and lift NETL extraction technologies to a pilot scale for deployment in Campbell County. The demonstration facility will be constructed and operated during the third year of the project.

"We are delighted to have NETL and UW as partners in building and diversifying Wyoming's and Campbell County's economy," Campbell County Commissioner Rusty Bell says. "This project will help strengthen our nation's ability to supply our own rare earth elements, and Campbell County is proud to be a part of this project."

In addition to the \$810,568 from the DOE's Technology Commercialization Fund, cost-share contributions are being made by SER, \$375,568; Campbell County, \$187,500; the city of Gillette, \$187,500; and Energy Capital Economic Development, \$60,000.

"Recognizing that domestic sources of rare earths could ultimately be an economic development opportunity for Wyoming and also provide national security benefits, I couldn't be more excited about this project," SER Executive Director Holly Krutka says. "A special thanks goes to the CEGR team, Campbell County, the city of Gillette, Energy Capital Economic Development and NETL for putting forth this successful proposal."

"This project is an important step forward in diversifying and expanding Wyoming's economy through value-added coal projects," says Phil Christopherson, CEO of Energy Capital Economic Development. "We are very proud to host the NETL rare earth elements project at our Advanced Carbon Products Innovation Center."

Funding for this project was among \$33 million announced recently for 82 projects supported by the DOE's Technology Commercialization Fund. The private sector is contributing over \$36 million in matching funds. These projects will advance the commercialization of promising energy technologies and strengthen partnerships between DOE's national laboratories and private-sector companies to deploy these technologies to the marketplace.

The Technology Commercialization Fund, created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, promotes promising energy technologies by supporting entrepreneurs' efforts to engage with the DOE national laboratory complex. DOE received over 220 applications for 2020 funding, with project teams engaging more than 130 different partners across multiple diverse disciplines.



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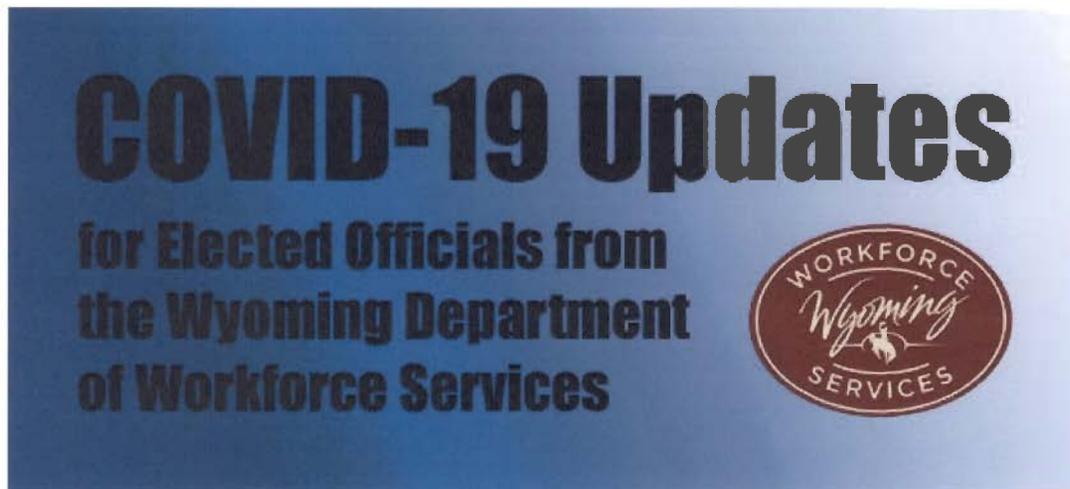
Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

## June 24 COVID-19 updates for elected officials from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

1 message

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services <Wy.dws@public.govdelivery.com>  
Reply-To: Wy.dws@public.govdelivery.com  
To: angelaw@gillettewy.gov

Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 3:11 PM



Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Dear Wyoming Elected Officials,

Many people are going back to work, and more businesses are opening every day. As things slowly begin to return to normal, this is a good time for employers to think about new opportunities.

The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has resources available for employers who want to upskill their employees or train new people to do work that requires specific knowledge and skills. Internship and apprenticeship grants can help businesses offset the cost of training employees. For more information about apprenticeship and internship grants, contact the Workforce Development Training Fund at 307-777-8717.

**Unemployment claims are on the decline**

## In the News

### **Dislocated Worker Grants provide help for those out of work due to COVID-19**

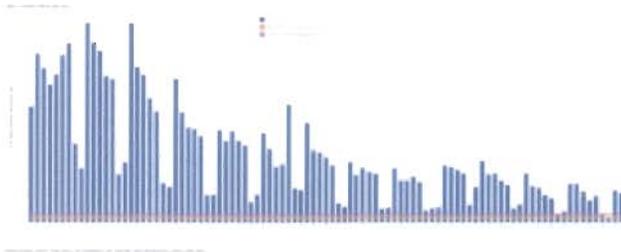
6/23/2020 -- There is help available for workers who have lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has several programs to help unemployed workers find work or get training in order to find new or better jobs.

[See the release >>](#)

Wyoming's unemployment rate fell from 9.6% in April to 8.8% in May, making Wyoming the state with the third-lowest unemployment rate in the nation. The national unemployment rate for May was 13.3%.

The state's claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits also have been falling. We saw our highest number of initial claims for Unemployment Insurance during the week ending April 4, with 6,531 new claims, and it has been declining ever since. For the week ending June 6, the number of initial claims has fallen to 2,175.

For more data about Unemployment Insurance claims, please visit our [UI Dashboard](#).



### **Help is available for workers seeking training**

Just as the apprenticeship and internship grants can help employers, Dislocated Worker Grants can help workers improve their skills as they seek new or better jobs.

DWS recently received \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor for a National Dislocated Worker Grant to further assist dislocated workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which provides services for those who have been laid off. Dislocated workers can take advantage of WIOA funding to find employment, help pay for rent, utility or phone bills, and get job training through post-secondary education opportunities. The WIOA program can offset the cost of reaching educational goals to complete industry-recognized credentials and certificates in high-demand and high-growth occupations.

For more information about the National Dislocated Worker Grant or the WIOA program, please see our recent [press release](#) on the subject.

### **Virtual Town Hall answers employers' questions**

### **13-week extension of unemployment benefits now available**

6/12/2020 -- DWS announced today that after extensive testing, the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program is now open to applicants.

[See the release here >>](#)

### **DWS warns against Unemployment Insurance scams**

6/3/2020 -- The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) warns unemployment insurance claimants about potential scams aiming to steal personal information. Be aware of potential fraud and only use the [official website](#) to file an online claim.

[See the release here >>](#)

### **Wyoming employers to receive Workers' Compensation premium credit**

5/21/2020 -- DWS will be issuing premium credits to eligible Wyoming employers enrolled in the Workers' Compensation program starting this July.

[See the release here >>](#)

### **DWS enlists call center to assist with unemployment claims**

5/18/2020 -- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is contracting with 30 additional call center agents in order to reduce the hold

We held another Virtual Town Hall today, this one focusing on Unemployment Insurance and the CARES Act as it relates to employers. We had an excellent turnout of businesses and feel we were able to answer many of the questions employers are facing during this chaotic time.

Next week, at 10 a.m., July 1, the Town Hall will focus on Jobseeker Services offered through the Workforce Centers. We'll explain the opportunities and assistance available to those who are looking for a job or trying to get a better job. [Click here](#) to register for the Jobseeker Town Hall.

And we have every Town Hall recorded, as well as the questions and answers from each of the Town Halls. All that information can be found [on our website here](#).

We're in this together,

**Robin Sessions Cooley**  
**Director**  
**Wyoming Department of**  
**Workforce Services**

times and process the unprecedented number of Unemployment Insurance claims the agency has been receiving.

[See the release here >>](#)

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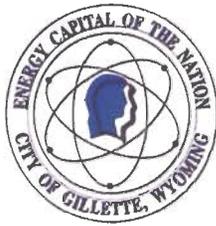
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**CITY OF GILLETTE  
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
AGENDA  
JUNE 25, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.  
VIDEO MEETING**

**Members:**  
**Justin Lay - Chairperson**  
**Megan McManamen - Vice-Chairperson**  
**Mike Castellanos**  
**Cathrine Gallilee**  
**Angi Klamm**  
**Wes Johnson**  
**Robin Voigt**

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. May 14, 2020
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
  - B. Photo Contest
  - C. Snow Events Winner
  - D. Landscape Beautification Award for May
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
  - None
- VI. STAFF REPORT**
  - None
- VII. CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD REPORT**
  - None
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**



# CITY OF GILLETTE

## Parks and Beautification Board

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**CITY OF GILLETTE  
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2020  
5:30 P.M.  
VIDEO MEETING**

**MEMBERS:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	
	<u>(YES)</u>	<u>(NO)</u>
Justin Lay, Chairperson	(X)	( )
Megan McManamen, Vice-Chairperson	(X)	( )
Mike Castellanos	(X)	( )
Cathrine Gallilee	(X)	( )
Wes Johnson	( )	(X)
Angi Klamm	(X)	( )
Robin Voigt	(X)	( )
<b>Meeting Quorum:</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>( )</b>

**STAFF:**

Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director  
Janie Kuntz, Parks Manager  
Clark Sanders, Planner  
Kim Klein, Senior Administrative Assistant

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Lay called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Klamm made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 23, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Castellanos. All members voted Aye. Motion passed.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Case – Copper Ridge Estates Phase II**

Clark Sanders, City Planner, presented the case on behalf of the developer. The size of this development is approximately 15.62 acres. There are 23 lots, ranging in size from 1/3 to 1/2 acre. The developer is proposing 2.91 acres of drainage / open space, as well as land between lots 3 and 4, and lots 18 and 19. Fee-in-lieu for this property would be \$8,050 (23 x \$350= \$8,050). Staff recommendation to the Board was to accept fee-in-lieu, as there is already a park (Westover Park) within 1/2 mile, sufficient open space (Bell Nob Golf Course) and the park does not follow what is set forth in the Parks and Pathways Master Plan. Mr. Castellanos

made a motion to accept staff recommendation of fee-in-lieu of \$8,050. Seconded by Ms. Voigt. All members voted Aye. Motion passed.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**  
**None**

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Wilde updated to the Board on the following topics:

- The services that the City is providing at this time due to COVID-19.
- The flower order is in and pickup is scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Landscape Beautification Award nominations are being accepted.
- Mr. Wilde will give his snow debrief to the Board at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VII. CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD REPORT**

The Board shared how happy they were that yard waste is being picked up, and compost is being sold.

The Board would like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director  
SW/kk



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