

INFORMATION PACKET

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A working draft of Council Meeting Agendas

September 7, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Pre-Meeting: Discussion of Process to Fill Ward I Vacancy					
Pre-Meeting: Sole Source Procurement - Grit Removal System					
Pre-Meeting: Sole Source Request - Centrifuge Service at the Wastewater Treatment Plant					
Pre-Meeting: Mutual Aid Agreements - Cheyenne					
Approval of August 17 Executive Session Minutes					
Bright Spot - Hunger Action Month					
Establish September 21, 2021 as the Public Hearing Date for Consideration of: Vacation and Replat of Lots 2-18, Block 21; Lots 2-8, Block 23; Trails West Estates; and Lot 8, Block 4; and Lot 9, Block 5 Prairie Park Estates to Create the Trails West Estates No. 6 Subdivision.	C				C
Establish September 21, 2021 as the Public Hearing Date for Consideration of the Annexation of Tract 31, Dowler No. 3 Subdivision; and Establishing Zoning of said Tract as M-1 (Limited Industrial).	C				C
Establish September 21, 2021 as the Public Hearing Date for Consideration of a Zone Change of the Property Located at 129 North Elk Street (former Willard School – Lots -12, Block 97, Butler’s Addition), from Zoning Classification ED (Educational District) to C-2 (General Business).	C				C
Establish September 21, 2021 as the Public Hearing Date for Consideration of Updating and Amending Chapter 13.03 – Utility Billing and Collection (Landlord Utility Agreement).	C				C
Establish Sept. 21 as the Public Hearing Date - Tennis Court Land Issue (tentative)	C				C
Establish Nov. 2 as the Public Hearing Date for Consideration of the Certification of Annexation Compliance to Determine if the Annexation of Tract 31, Dowler No. 3 Subdivision Complies with W.S. § 15-1-402.	C				C
Public Hearing: Transfer of Retail Liquor License No. 11 From JJBB, LLD d/b/a Partytime Liquor, Located at 1335 South McKinley to Hayden and Loflin, INC, d/b/a Local Liquor and Lounge, Located at 4120 Centennial Hills Suite 200.		N			N
Zone Change of the Back Nine Addition PUD (Planned Unit Development) to R-2 (One Unit Residential), R-3 (One to Four Until Residential) and C-2 (General Business). - 3rd reading			N		
Vacation, Replat and Zone Change Creating the Trails West Estates No. 5 Addition. - 3rd reading			N		

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September 7, 2021 (continued) Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Ratifying all Actions Previously Taken Concerning City of Casper, Wyoming, Local Assessment District No. 157 – Arrowhead Road and Jade Avenue Roadway Improvements. 2nd reading			N		
Approving and Adopting the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan Conducted by the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.				C	
Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services between the City of Casper and WWC Engineering for the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Mills to Robertson Road Trail Extension Plan.				C	
Approving and Adopting the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Five-Year Transit Strategic Development Plan Conducted by the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.				C	
Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cheyenne Police Department and the City of Casper Police Department to Provide Extraterritorial Law Enforcement Assistance.				C	
Authorizing a Transportation Alternatives Program Agreement with the Wyoming Department of Transportation, in the Amount of \$500,000, for the Paradise Valley to Robertson Road Bridge Project.				C	
Authorizing an Agreement with Modern Electric, Co. in the Amount of \$157,900, for the CPU Generator, Project No. 21-010.				C	
Authorizing an Agreement with Crown Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$352,000, for the 2021 Solid Waste Asphalt Improvements, Project No. 20-008.				C	
Authorizing Fencing the Morad Park Portion of Wetland Complex Extending onto Murie Audubon Society and Game and Fish Property.				C	
Appointing Carol Johnson to the Casper Planning and Zoning Commission, to Fill a Vacant Position with a Term Expiring December 31, 2021.					C
Authorizing the Discharge of \$8,969 Uncollectible Accounts Receivable Balances, Aged from 2011, from Expired Demolition Liens.					C
Rejecting All Bids Received for the Fire Station No. 3 Roof Replacement, Project No. 19-034.					C

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September 14, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Allotted Time	Begin Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Followup		5 min	4:30
Landlord Utility Agreement Ordinance Modification		15 min	4:35
Ward I Vacancy Interviews			4:50
Approximate Ending Time:			

September 14, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Special Council Meeting	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Executive Session - Personnel					C
Appointment of Ward I Councilmember					N
Council Around the Table					

September 21, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Pre-Meeting: New Employee: Clerk of Municipal Court Nicole Hatfield					
Pre-Meeting: In-Kind Services - Christmas Parade					
Approval of Special Meeting and Executive Session Meetings - Sept. 14 (tentative)					
Swearing in of new Councilmember - Filling Ward I Vacancy					
Bright Spot: Dog Rescue Incident (tentative- Att)					
Public Hearing: Vacation and Replat of Lots 2-18, Block 21; Lots 2-8, Block 23; Trails West Estates; and Lot 8, Block 4; and Lot 9, Block 5 Prairie Park Estates to Create the Trails West Estates No. 6 Subdivision.		N	N		
Public Hearing: Annexation of Tract 31, Dowler No. 3 Subdivision; and Establishing Zoning of said Tract as M-1 (Limited Industrial).		N	N		
Public Hearing: Zone Change of the Property Located at 129 North Elk Street (former Willard School – Lots -12, Block 97, Butler’s Addition), from Zoning Classification ED (Educational District) to C-2 (General Business).		N	N		

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Public Hearing: Updating and Amending Chapter 13.03 – Utility Billing and Collection (Landlord Utility Agreement).		N	N		
Public Hearing: Tennis Court Land Issue (tentative)		N	N		
Ratifying all Actions Previously Taken Concerning City of Casper, Wyoming, Local Assessment District No. 157 – Arrowhead Road and Jade Avenue Roadway Improvements. 3rd reading		N	N		
NCSD MOU for Tennis Courts (tentative)				C	

September 28, 2021 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Allotted Time	Begin Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Followup		5 min	4:30
Curb & Gutter Discussion			
Agenda Review			
Legislative Review		20 min	
Council Around the Table		10 min	
Approximate Ending Time:			

Future Agenda Items

Council Items:

Item	Date	Estimated Time	Notes
Strategic Plan			2021
Formation of Additional Advisory Committees			
Mike Lansing Field Update			Fall of 2021
Bus Stop Safety/Shoveling - Public Awareness			
Excessive Vehicle Storage in Yards			
Graffiti Abatement & Alternatives			
Stormwater Enterprise			After July 1
Parkway Parking			After FY22
Hate Crimes Ordinance			
Safe Place Program Implementation & Resolution			

Staff Items:

Council Goals Tracking Demo			
Sign Code Revision			
Blood Borne Pathogens			

Potential Topics-- Council Thumbs to be Added:

Resolution for Removal of Majestic Trees?			
Restructure of Community Promotions			
Handheld Device Use While Driving?			
Parks Watering Data			Fall of 2021

Future Regular Council Meeting Items:

Certification of Annexation Compliance to Determine if the Annexation of Tract 31, Dowler No. 3 Subdivision Complies with W.S. § 15-1-402.			Nov. 2 Public Hearing:

Retreat Items:

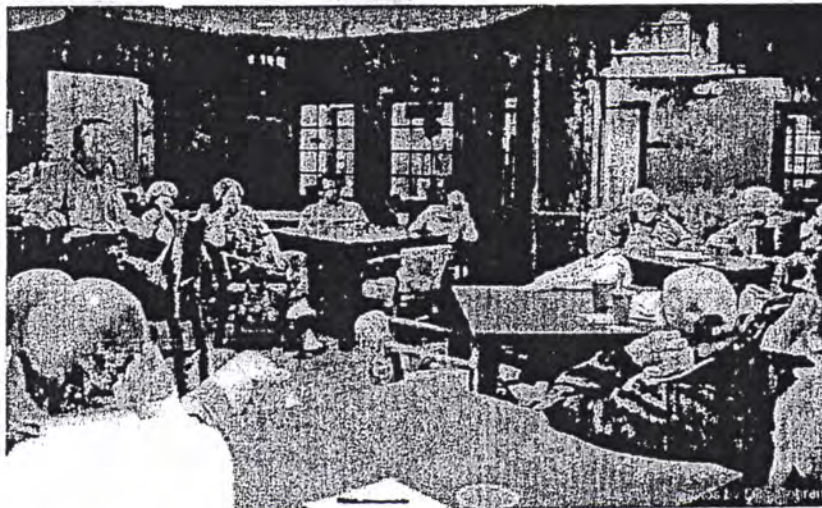
Economic Development and City Building Strategy



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Morad Park created in land swap -- Rumor park was donated as off-leash dog park untrue



A user group of "Dog Park folks" was formed May 24. The new group has organized to keep pet waste in Morad Park cleaned up, help with solving conflicts between bicyclists, joggers and dogs in the off-leash park, and assist with additional off-leash dog parks that have been proposed for Casper.

May 28, 2012 12:00 pm • By Dale Bohren - The staff of the Western History Center at Casper College contributed to this article.

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For decades, local people understood that Morad Park is on land donated to the City of Casper for a park by a Dr. Morad, with the stipulation that dogs would be allowed to run unleashed on the property forever. Many people believed this. But it isn't true ...

In fact, the 35-acre property along the North Platte River wasn't exactly donated to the City of Casper. It was actually donated to Casper College with the intention that the college would swap it to the city for 34 acres of city-owned land immediately east of the Casper Mountain Road in the vicinity of the fledgling school. And in the quitclaim deed that transferred the property from Dr. N.E. Morad to Casper College, there's no mention of dogs at all. Not even a whiff.

In the deed, the specified use was "for educational purposes or as a public park." It was to be known as the "Marion Morad Park," and if any of these provisions in the deed were violated, the property was to revert back to the family.

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This was all front page news in the Casper Tribune-Herald and Casper Morning Star newspaper articles concerning the gift on March 17, 1965. The Star, which ran a photo and a story, reported, "He [Morad] made the gift in behalf of his wife, the late Marion Morad, longtime Casper resident." Mrs. Morad had died the previous November.

Casper's Mayor Patrick Meenan was on hand as well as Percy Cooper, president of the Casper College Board of Trustees. Cooper said this was "a most unusual memorial gift without precedence that will please the many friends of Mrs. Morad in the community."

The Star reported that in a meeting the night before, after the College Board signed the deed so the land swap could be made, they passed a resolution naming a second dormitory on the campus that was under construction at the time, "Marion Morad Hall."

Cooper reportedly said this was "one of the largest gifts ever made by an individual" to the college and that the generous gift set a new precedent. "The people of Casper are indeed fortunate in obtaining this fine recreation area which will fit in with the future development of the city." Cooper also stated that there were "no strings attached."

Dr. Morad said he was very pleased to hear that acceptance of his proposal had been agreed upon by both the Casper College Board of Trustees and the City of Casper.

Morad had been a resident of Wyoming for nearly 47 years at the time of the gift. Dr. Najeeb "Neal" Morad emigrated from Lebanon and came west in 1919 to establish a practice in Thermopolis. He moved to Casper in the oil boom of the 1920s. Morad became very successful, acquiring the Henning Mansion, the Henning and Gladstone Hotels, the Leeks Lodge and a large boat on Jackson Lake, and a ranch that extended from the top of Casper Mountain to the banks of the North Platte River.

The Star described Morad as quiet and unassuming. "Dr. Morad shunned publicity for many years," the paper said. It also reported that Morad served on the State Board of Health for more than 26 years, the longest number of years' service to date in that position.

He was described as "a lifelong addict of hunting and fishing ... one of the state's most avid outdoor sportsmen," and his late wife reportedly shared those feelings.

Morad told the papers the gift was in her memory, a perpetual memorial, a living memorial to the future generations of Casperites, yet unborn.

There isn't much additional mention of the gift or land swap available.

Lawsuit to get it back

But in 1968, Dr. Morad apparently ran into financial difficulties and filed for bankruptcy in July. He lost his building on Wolcott to foreclosure in November of the same year. And in September 1970, Dr. Morad sued to regain possession of the property by the river stating that the land hadn't been used for educational purposes, it hadn't been developed into a park, and hadn't been named the "Marion Morad Park" after his late wife.

Because no further mention of the suit was found in the newspapers or in court files, and because the property remains a park to this day, one can assume the suit was dropped.

Recent controversy

In early May, residents and users of Morad Park were alarmed and caught off-guard when Casper's Public Services Director, Gary Clough, reported to the Casper City Council that unleashed dogs in Morad Park were creating problems with dog waste. He said his department was considering several options to solve the problem, but that if they couldn't get people to pick up after themselves, then Clough would consider, as a last resort, recommending that dogs be required to be leashed there like they are every place else. Because many Morad Park users had been under the mistaken impression that the park was deeded to the city as an off-leash dog park, they were shocked to learn of the possibility.

"Pet waste from loose dogs running over Casper's ball fields and parks are creating a significant problem," Clough told the council. His department had calculated, based on some city-wide park

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history, that pets leave an average of 100 gallons of pet waste a day on city properties and ball fields that kids play on.

Clough also said that pet waste from dogs running loose in Morad Park is a growing problem because use is up, and pet waste could wash into the North Platte River from the trail, which is right by the river. He said that dogs off leash create waste when out of sight of their owners, that's subsequently not picked up and washes into the river, creating a problem with fecal contamination of the river. Clough said the city is anticipating new enforcement of the Clean Water Act rules from the EPA that may require them to address the problem.

Bottom line

But, Clough said leashes aren't the only or best way to address the problem. "If people pick up their wet pet waste at Morad Park, there's no other problem at Morad Park," Clough said. Clough is also working with people interested in starting new user groups to help operate and guide new dog parks in Casper.

Dog park folks unite

One such user group was formed in Casper on May 24 when 17 individual off-leash users of Morad Park met to discuss the issues raised by Clough.

After a long discussion of the solutions to some of the problems raised by Clough and other users, the group formed a six-person committee. The committee organized with the intentions of keeping Morad Park cleaned up, and working with the city to resolve any other issues related to the off-leash city park. The committee also will offer their assistance in creating two new off-leash dog parks Clough proposed to the city council.

Those elected to the new user's committee are Wendy Schuetz, Jane Wilson, Jody Davey, Wendy Westby, Cindy Unger and Gaylon Holmes.

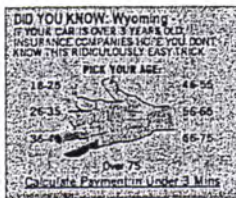
For more information, call Holmes at 266-2941 or e-mail moradpark@yahoo.com.

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City of Casper
North Platte River restoration and revitalization

River restoration and revitalization impacts to Morad Park

- Morad Park is largely a riparian and wetlands area with sensitive native plant communities, including cottonwood galleries, that provide habitat and food for wildlife.
- Hundreds of Russian olives have been removed from Morad Park and continue to be monitored and retreated. Russian olives are an invasive species that destroy the soil chemistry needed by native plants. They also take up large amounts of water. The removal of Russian olives brought back naturally occurring wetlands and has given many the impression the drainage of the park has changed.
- Three wetlands were created to catch the outflows from the storm sewer outfalls. Sometimes mistaken for ponds, the wetlands are a best management practice to prevent pollution of the river from street runoff. Wetlands slow the flow of water from the outfalls to the river and naturally filter and hold the pollutants from the street runoff. The created wetlands have provided wildlife habitat as well.
- A more user-friendly boat ramp was designed and built as part of the project. The boat ramp provides access for fishing and other river recreation.
- Woody debris structures, rock weirs, and j-hooks built along the bank and in the river in Morad Park have created new riverbank and are forcing the flow of the river to the middle of the channel. These prevent bank erosion and create good aquatic habitat.

Importance of riparian areas and wetlands

Riparian areas are lands adjacent to creeks, streams, and rivers where vegetation is strongly influenced by the presence of water. Riparian habitats are less than four percent of Wyoming's land area. Wetlands are found in places that connect land and water and cover two percent of Wyoming's land area. Riparian areas and wetlands are important to a majority of Wyoming wildlife, especially birds. About 90% of wildlife species in Wyoming use wetlands and riparian habitats daily or seasonally throughout their life cycles. One of Casper's greatest assets is the North Platte River and its associated riparian area and wetlands.

Project Summary

The river restoration and revitalization project, named the Platte River Revival, was founded in 2006. Since 2006, the Platte River Revival has been a grassroots, community-led project to improve water quality, protect critical infrastructure, improve fisheries and riparian habitat, provide additional recreation, realize economic benefits of the river, and increase public awareness of the North Platte River impairments and importance of a healthy riparian corridor.

The project is led by the Platte River Revival Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Casper City Council, and has active and significant subcommittees such as the Habitat Guidance Committee. The project works in close partnership with Wyoming Game and Fish, Bureau of

Land Management, Natrona County Weed and Pest, Two Fly Foundation, Audubon Rockies, and many more governmental agencies and private businesses and organizations.

The restoration project is large and complex and basically divides into three interconnected components:

1. A volunteer day that is also a National Public Lands Day event that utilizes hundreds of volunteers to complete hands-on restoration work such as digging out seedling Russian olives, wire wrapping riparian area trees to protect them from beaver kill, and using collector app to monitor and map Russian olive regrowth. Russian olives are an invasive species, and their removal and abatement restores natural plant communities.
2. Riparian and uplands vegetation restoration that includes Russian olive removal and vegetation surveys and monitoring.
3. In-channel construction that includes installing rock structures; building riverbank with woody toe debris structures; and removing sediment and point bars.

The North Platte River Environmental Restoration Master Plan (2012), based on Natural Channel Design as its restoration method, is the guiding document. The master plan provides an assessment of the conditions of the 13.5 miles of North Platte River that flow through the City of Casper, City of Mills, and Natrona County as well as restoration strategies. Implementation of the strategies identified in the master plan had a target completion date of 2020. Funding constraints and property ownership have had a cascading impact and have been a barrier to achieving that completion date.

Four of the seven reaches (Sites 1, 2, 3 and 7) identified for in-river construction work in the North Platte River Environmental Restoration Master Plan have been completed. River channel restoration including placement of rock structures; removal of sediment and in-channel bars; building river bank with woody toe debris; and moving the North Platte River 80 feet to the west has been completed on 8,800 linear feet of the North Platte River that traverses through Casper. Along with the river channel restoration, stormwater outfalls have been redirected into constructed wetlands for the purpose of using wetlands to filter non-point source water pollution. Other wetlands have been built or enhanced. Not calculating the wetlands restored by removing Russian olives, the project's net wetland gain is 8.81 acres. Thousands of Russian olives have been removed, monitored, and retreated on well over 130 acres of the riparian and upland areas. Over 6,000 volunteers have participated in the annual Volunteer Day, since its inception in 2007.

In summary, accomplishments, to date, of the Platte River Revival work are significant and important to the North Platte River in a myriad of ways to Casper and Wyoming, especially when a conservation project demonstrates how restored healthy riparian and uplands area can interface with and improve an urban area and contribute to economic development.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
TO: CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
FROM: HEIDI ROOD, HUMAN RESOURCES TECHNICIAN
SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

1:00 P.M.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or to call in only: 307-314-2685
Phone Conference ID: 760 317 637#

AGENDA

1. Approval of July 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Fire Captain Testing
3. Other Business
4. Set Next Meeting Date(s)
October 6th
November 3rd
5. Adjourn

Casper community groups rally to get shots in arms (Casper Star Tribune, WY)

Casper Star Tribune [8/13/2021 7:30 PM, Morgan Hughes, 74K, WY]

Haylea Robertson heard a debunked rumor that vaccines caused someone to lose feeling in half their face. Tyler Sanchez worried the vaccines were too new and that no one could say how they'd affect people a few years down the line. In a constantly evolving environment, where as much inaccurate information is available as what's based in fact, it's hard to know what to trust. "I really didn't want to get it at first," Robertson said of the shot. She was among 28 people who received a COVID-19 vaccine at Lifesteps campus in Casper during a vaccine block party hosted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Casper Housing Authority. As people waited their turn, a volunteer manned a grill full of hot dogs. Generators powering two large bouncy houses whirred nearby. Getting the actual shot became a small part of the day's activities. "We wanted to take some of that fear away," said Housing Authority Director Kim Summerall-Wright of the block party approach. Robertson had seen a handful of horror stories circulate online, like untrue claims that vaccines were leaving people immobilized.

Casper Housing Authority and Wyoming HUD Office host vaccine block party (KGWN TV, WY)

KGWN TV [8/13/2021 12:06 PM, Haley Roedder, 5K, WY]

Casper Housing Authority and the Wyoming HUD Office hosted their first vaccine block party Friday afternoon. Health Care for the Homeless join the festivities and offered free Covid vaccines. Community members celebrated receiving their vaccines with a BBQ, bounce houses, and games. Casper Housing Authority says this event allows the community to come together and look towards the future. "Our office was shut down for 51 weeks. So we really weren't able to get out and see the people that we serve. And so we're excited to be in the public. We're excited to be able to bring people together. We know that the future's a little bit uncertain, but we know that this is Wyoming...and we can do it," said Kim Summerall-Wright, the executive director of Casper Housing Authority. Casper Housing Authority and the Wyoming HUD Office are working to have more events like this in the future.