

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF UPTON, WYOMING
Held on January 12, 2016

THE WORKSHOP MEETING of the Town Council of Upton, Wyoming was held at 6:30 p.m. January 12, 2016 at the Upton Community Center located at 917 N HWY 116 in Upton, Wyoming. Present for the meeting were: Councilmen Nathan Todd, and Travis Beck. Also present were: Superintendent Mark Lindstrom, Brittany Trandahl, Judy Keller, Todd Bennington, Linda Tokarczyk, Sam Haptonstall, Fire Chief John Strong, Kelley Millar, and Rona Barker. Absent were Councilman David Watt and Mark Mitchell. Mayor Dustin Upton joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Beck opened the meeting with discussion of the possible remodel of the Upton Community Center to accommodate City Hall and the Police Department as well as the option to remodel the current City Hall to accommodate both departments.

Vice-Mayor Beck told the group that Councilman Watt and Superintendent Lindstrom had looked at some ideas for remodeling the current City Hall building, and that both remodel options would be similar in cost. Superintendent Lindstrom said the Fire Marshall may have to be involved with any electrical work done at the current City Hall and for any plans over a certain dollar amount regardless of the location. Councilman Todd voiced that he was leaning more toward consolidating City Hall and the Police Department into the current building downtown, Vice-Mayor Beck agreed.

Judy Keller asked about the possibility of AAU Basketball having practice in the gym at the Community Center and if any remodel would affect that part of the building. Vice-Mayor Beck told Mrs. Keller that, without the necessary protection for the heating tubes and lights that no basketball could be played in the facility at this time. He also explained that the plans for remodeling at the Community Center only affected the south side of the building at this point. Deputy Clerk Millar said there had been some interest in having soccer practice in the space as well.

Sam Haptonstall, a former Councilperson and Mayor of Upton, said he had talked to some people in town that were not in approval of moving the offices to the Community Center, but those people would not come to the workshop meeting to express their opinions. Vice-Mayor Beck told the group that he appreciated those who were in attendance and valued the opinions of the public on this and all matters. He also stated that it was time for a decision on this matter so the Town could move forward.

The issue of parking availability at the current City Hall building with the addition of the Police Department was discussed and will be reviewed as part of the plan to remodel and consolidate the offices. The suggestion of adding more oversight at the Community Center if the offices were not moved to the building was made by Clerk Millar. It was also brought up that the Community Center was being abused by some of the current users. Mayor Upton asked that those abusing the building be identified and contacted. Contact has been made with one group and measures taken to ensure proper use of the building. Fire Chief Strong mentioned being able to monitor the building with cameras that could be live viewed at City Hall.

There being no further business regarding this matter before the Council, the workshop meeting was concluded at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

Attest

Clerk