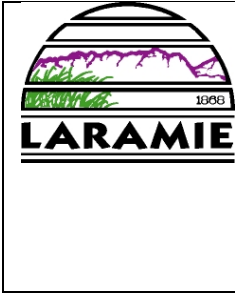


CITY OF LARAMIE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 5, 2016



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Resolution supporting a Wyoming Water Development Commission study to determine the feasibility of utilizing raw water for the purpose of irrigating Red Jacoby Golf Course, as well as the other turf, green space, recreation, and common areas within the City of Laramie including on the University of Wyoming campus.

Recommended Council MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2016-05 supporting a Wyoming Water Development Commission study to determine the feasibility of utilizing raw water for the purpose of irrigating Red Jacoby Golf Course, as well as the other turf, green space, recreation, and common areas within the City of Laramie including on the University of Wyoming campus, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

2015 ADOPTED GOALS:

- Collaborate with State Officials to Ensure Adequate Funding to Provide Services to Residents
- Preserve Park Land, Open Space, and Public Trails for Future Generations
- Expand Collaboration with University for Beautification & Community Service Events
- Maintain Ground Water Protection Objectives as Adopted in the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan
- Utilize Renewable Energy and Efficiency Standards for Projects and City Operations

Background: During the 2015 Session of the 63rd Legislature of the State of Wyoming, Enrolled Act No. 56 was approved directing the University of Wyoming to seek Wyoming Water Development Commission funding to develop non-potable sources of well water for irrigating the Red Jacoby Golf Course. The University of Wyoming applied to the Water Development Commission for \$800,000 to conduct a Level II study to determine the feasibility of developing new sources of groundwater supply for irrigating the golf course. Staff attended the Water Development Commission meeting November 4-6 in Casper during which the Jacoby Golf Course application was considered and discussed at length.

At that meeting Water Development Commissioners discussed the possibility of expanding the scope of the study to encompass other major regional users like the City of Laramie. Based on Council adopted goals and discussion about non-potable irrigation in recent years as providing an alternative to irrigating with potable water, the City Manager contacted WWDC to gather more information about the proposed Level II study and was advised by WWDC staff that a letter of interest/public comment needed to be submitted no later than Christmas. Staff prepared that letter as a placeholder and submitted it to WWDC on December 23rd (attached). Resolution 2016-05 will memorialize Council’s support for the position articulated in the Dec. 23rd letter, assuming Council continues to support policy goals as cited above in the ‘Goals’ section of this cover sheet.

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION: It is not known at this time if there might be any fiscal impact to the City of Laramie. Presumably, the feasibility study would help define the financial requirements for a regional raw water irrigation project.

Responsible Staff: City Manager x5226

- Attachments:
- 1) Letter to Wyoming Water Development Director Dated December 23, 2015
 - 2) WWDC Staff Report on the Application for Level II Funding for the UW Jacoby Golf Course Irrigation Well Project
 - 3) Resolution 2016-05

_____ City Manager _____ City Attorney _____ Choose an item.