



City of Green River
City Council Meeting
Agenda Documentation

Preparation Date: 07/05/18	Department: Finance
Meeting Date: 07/10/18	Department Head: Chris Meats
	Presenter: Chris Meats

Subject:

Consideration of a Resolution declaring the intent of the City of Green River to cooperate fully and assist Sweetwater County and the incorporated municipalities of Sweetwater County for the continuation of the county wide Lodging Tax

Background/Alternatives:

The Sweetwater County local option lodging tax will be on the ballot for reauthorization in November. This reauthorization has taken place every four years since 1991. This year the Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Board is asking to continue the existing 3% Lodging Tax with an increase of 1%.

Attachments:

Resolution

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Staff Impact:

n/a

Legal Review:

n/a

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve the resolution declaring the intent of the City of Green River to cooperate fully and assist Sweetwater County and the incorporated municipalities of Sweetwater County in taking all action necessary in support of the continuation of the existing 3% Lodging Tax with an increase of 1%.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-19

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF GREEN RIVER TO COOPERATE FULLY AND ASSIST SWEETWATER COUNTY AND THE INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES OF SWEETWATER COUNTY IN TAKING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING COUNTY WIDE 3% LODGING TAX, WITH AN INCREASE OF 1%.

WHEREAS, leisure and hospitality is a \$157 million industry in Sweetwater County that provides almost 1,500 full and part-time jobs;

WHEREAS, this tax is paid by visitors that stay in hotels, motels, campgrounds, and similar establishments providing temporary quarters or space for transient guests. Unless staying in these establishments, residents of Sweetwater County do not pay this tax;

WHEREAS, the Wyoming lodging tax statute WS 39-15-204(a)(ii) states that the lodging tax is to be used for the primary purpose of promoting local travel and tourism;

WHEREAS, the ability to fund these promotional efforts to a level that is competitive in the marketplace is critical to the promotion of Green River and Sweetwater County as tourism destinations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the City of Green River deems it appropriate that the City of Green River cooperate fully and assist Sweetwater County and the incorporated municipalities of Sweetwater County in taking all actions necessary to continue to impose such existing county wide 3% lodging tax, with a 1% increase.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

President of the Council

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

THE STATE OF WYOMING)
COUNTY OF SWEETWATER)
CITY OF GREEN RIVER)

I, Peter Rust, Mayor of the City of Green River, do hereby proclaim that the foregoing Resolution of the said City of Green River was, on the date thereof, duly and regularly passed and approved by the City Council of the said City of Green River, and by the Mayor of said City, as attested by the City Clerk of said City, and I do proclaim the same to be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Mayor

THE STATE OF WYOMING)
COUNTY OF SWEETWATER)
CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS)

I, _____, as City Clerk of the City of Green River, do hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, the foregoing Resolution of the City of Green River was proclaimed by the Mayor of said City to be in full force and effect from and after the passage thereof, as set forth in said Resolution and that the same was posted by me in the office of the City Clerk as directed by the City Council on this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ p.m./ a.m. of said day.

City Clerk