

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND

January 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on January 19, 2016. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jim Gill, Loresa Brinkerhoff, Mandy Horath, Michele Rideout, Bud Callaham, Marcus Sanchez and Dennis Koch. Also present were: Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Burky; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmembers Keith Gentzler and Lisa Fernandez were absent.

There were two (2) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Mayor Dave Duffy led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Duffy declared a quorum present with Councilmembers Gentzler and Fernandez excused.

Mayor Duffy asked for review and approval of the agenda.

Motion: to approve the agenda.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Rideout.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously

The minutes of the January 5, 2016 regular meeting were approved as published.

Tesia Galvan, new reporter for the Northern Wyoming Daily News introduced herself and indicated that she was excited to be here.

Motion: to approve all vouchers and authorize payment for payroll, utility charges, refunds for City Services, recording fees, postage and other miscellaneous items, during the month of February, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of March and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes for January 11, 2016 and Payroll Voucher for period ending January 3, 2016; PAYROLL 1/3/16 - \$64,163.69.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Rideout.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #830 was presented for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY BY ESTABLISHING COVENANTS FOR BLOCKS 74-80 OF SOUTH ADDITION TO RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7A OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt Ordinance #830 on third and final reading.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor is putting together a Request for Proposal (RFP) for operations/management of the Golf Course and asked the Auditor for input on the kinds of things that should be included for financial reporting by an Operator. The Auditor will provide example RFP's for review which will be forwarded to the Golf Course Committee members. The committee will meet on Monday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. with the hopes of getting the RFP out by the first meeting in February. There is a tractor that is in need of repairs at the Golf Course, it will be evaluated by the Head Mechanic next week to see if it can or should be fixed based on cost. It was noted that all working equipment should be listed on the RFP as available to be used by the Operator. Discussion followed about the golf season typically starting on April 1st and if we will have a decision and contract completed within that timeframe.

There are four (4) outstanding Lease/Purchase agreements at the Golf Course with a current balance due of \$35,159.48; the payoff amount per each agreement may be less but will be based on fees issued by the Lessor. There is no established finance or interest rate per lease. Discussion followed.

Motion: to pay off the Lease/Purchase agreements using funds from the budgeted Management Fee and New Sprinkler System line items under Golf Course.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Koch.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Landfill Board held a public meeting last night to discuss fees and several meetings have been held over the last few weeks with members from the Landfill Board and Washakie County Commissioners; the County Commissioners have been very helpful in sorting out the costs at the landfill. During the public meeting last night, the Landfill determined that they would charge the City of Worland \$30.00 per ton from October through March and \$60.00 per ton from April until their annual budget is complete for next fiscal year. The bill issued by the Landfill for September was based on cubic yards, the bill issued in October was based on \$92.00 per ton and no bills have been issued for November and December. The difference in the invoiced amount vs. the amount shown on individual tickets and rate charged needs to be resolved. The reason the Landfill is not charging the \$60.00 per ton right away is to give the city time to increase their rates. Discussion followed on whether the city needs to increase rates right away or wait until the budget is done for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2016. It was questioned if the city had to raise rates by ordinance; City Attorney Richins stated that we could raise rates by Resolution but did not encourage that due to the enormity of this issue and preferred the Council move forward through ordinance. Discussion continued on the need to be transparent to the public and if the City could sustain a loss in reserves this fiscal year and how or when that loss would be recovered if we wait to increase rates. City Attorney Richins explained the base fee structure for sanitation (\$15.00 Residential/\$18.00 Commercial) prior to the latest increase for the December billing, and the rate suggested moving forward of \$30.00 Residential/\$36.00 Commercial). The Landfill stated that the \$60.00 per ton rate is based on a five (5) year plan but we don't know if the per ton rate will increase with their new budget. City

Attorney Richins would like to see representation on the Landfill Board from city personnel as it would allow the city to be pro-active on sanitation rates. There was mention of the idea that the city could still build a transfer station to take waste somewhere else and the idea of eliminating pickups during the slower winter months to save on costs and tons of garbage being delivered to the landfill. The city needs to reduce costs through recycling or however we can; however, the Landfill still needs a set amount of money to operate. Somehow we need to keep County residents from using city dumpsters as it is not fair to city residents. The Council continued the discussion on the timing of a rate increase to sanitation.

Ordinance #831 was presented for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE SANITATION AND SPRAY FEE SCHEDULES BY AMENDING SECTION 11-16 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #831 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Mayor Duffy informed the Council that Worland does not qualify for grant funding to pay for a transfer station since Worland was not slated to close the landfill, after the idea was brought up again by Council. The Council needs to keep in mind that the city would still have to pay landfill fees until the transfer station is built. A rate of \$67.00 per ton is possible with a transfer station and transportation costs. Councilmember Gill called for the question.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Koch, Brinkerhoff, Sanchez, Callaham, Duffy, Horath, Gill; Members voting NAY: Rideout; Members ABSTAINING: None; the motion passed by a vote of 7-1-0.

Motion: to add Pioneer Square to the Agenda under Mayor Action Items.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Several Councilmembers received letters and/or telephone calls about the renovation of Pioneer Square and the idea of removing the statues from the park. The newspaper article about the re-design was essentially correct, but clarification needs to be made concerning the statues. The statues weren't included in the conceptual drawing but the city does not have plans to remove them from the park. The Council is only dealing with conceptual designs on how to modernize the park and has not budgeted any money for the project at this time. There will be public meetings in the future to gather input from the public about any renovation to Pioneer Square.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch informed the Council of the third public meeting for the Worland Airport Master Plan which will be held on January 28th at 4:30 p.m. at the Airport and invited everyone to attend. Airport Manager Murdoch is working with the FAA on a grant to obtain snow removal equipment for the Airport.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reported that the Police Department will be testing for a patrol officer position with five (5) candidates testing. The Department is down two (2) officers with one at the Academy and one on sick leave, so the department will be generating more overtime.

Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky stated that the new Water/Wastewater Supervisor Joe Martinez started today and should be an asset to the City. The school asked to use Kiwanis Park for Junior High soccer practice in March, April and May and they will help with mowing if needed.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell reported that he and Mayor Duffy will be traveling to Cheyenne tomorrow to attend the State Land & Investment Board (SLIB) meeting on January 21, 2016. The 15th Street project will be considered with a grant request in the amount of \$404,445.00 (50%) of the total cost of \$808,890.00. The breakdown of costs to the city is allocated to Streets at \$37,465.00, Water at \$69,860.00 and Sewer at \$297,120.00 with the Streets budget using General Purpose Tax monies. DOWL will hold a progress meeting on the Washakie Avenue Study on February 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion: to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate negotiation at 8:08 p.m.

By: Councilmember Gill.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to leave executive session at 8:16 p.m.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Koch.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Duffy asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer