

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND

February 02, 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 February 2, 2016. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jim Gill, Loresa Brinkerhoff, Mandy Horath, Michele Rideout, Bud Callaham, Marcus Sanchez, Lisa Fernandez, Dennis Koch and Keith Gentzler via telephone. 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 Deputy Clerk, Norma Homan.

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

Phoebe Fowler and Callista Day with Girls Scout Troop #1181 & #1182 led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Duffy asked for review and approval of the agenda.

Motion: to approve the agenda.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the January 19, 2016 regular meeting were discussed.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell suggested corrections to the January 19th minutes; page 4, 3rd paragraph down on 15th street project. The grant request in the amount of \$404,445.00 the break down should be: Streets \$297,120.00 Water \$37,465.00 and Sewer \$69,860.00.

Motion: to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes as corrected.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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 Warrant Register for January, 2016 and Payroll Vouchers for periods ending January 17, 2016 and January 31, 2016; WARRANT REGISTER 01/16 - \$636,396.36; PAYROLL 1/17/16 - \$59,411.85; PAYROLL 1/31/16 - \$3,618.30.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Horath requested to have aquatic center reports from the Joint Powers Board for next Council Meeting.

Mayor Duffy went on to discuss the Hardship Program. Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz gathered information from Dubois, Sheridan, and Laramie to see what requirements these communities request to help low income families and elderly with their utility bills. Mayor Duffy asked council members to review and to take into consideration how to help those in need. Councilmembers Brinkerhoff, Fernandez, and Sanchez agreed with having a hardship program. Councilmember Gill stated that it is not a good direction to start heading down. Discussion followed.

Mayor Duffy also added that members have previously talked about the impact of recycling. One of the ideas is to put additional dumpsters in the alleys for yard clippings or additional roll-outs for personal recycle of plastics or aluminum cans. Member Horath contacted a member of the City Council in Greybull and was informed that they have added extra dumpsters for grass and yard clippings because of their sanitation rates going up. Worland would have some expenditures if they decide to do recycling.

Ordinance #831 was presented for second 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 second reading.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Gill.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Koch, Brinkerhoff, Sanchez, Callaham, Duffy, Horath, Gill, Gentzler, Fernandez; Members Voting NAY: Rideout; Members ABSTAINING: None; the motion passed by a vote of 9-1-0.

Mayor Duffy informed Council Members of the good news they had at the State Loan and Investments Board Meeting that he and City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell attended two weeks ago. They were approved 50% of funding to rebuild infrastructure and streets on the corner of 15th street and Big Horn. Six (6) out of eleven (11) other projects made it to the consensus approval. City Engineer Representative Donnell did a wonderful job providing all information needed for the application. Discussion followed on the need to authorize engineering services on the 15th Street SLIB Project.

Motion: to approve engineering services on the SLIB Project as a special project.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Landfill invoices for September, October, November and December have been paid. No late fees were charged. In September it was converted from cubic yards to tons. The other months have had actual weight slips. Average monthly tonnage is 404.25. Discussion followed on possibility of Landfill rates going up again.

Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky has been working on a compost project which is working well. The City will have a big pile at the community garden and eventually have a bigger area in town. The plan is to use compost for landscaping and ball fields.

The WAM Winter Workshop will be February 17, 18, and 19th. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz will not be able to attend. Mayor Duffy and Councilmember Brinkerhoff will be attending the WAM conference.

Mayor Duffy met with Randy Harry with Rocky Mountain Power and Dan McAfee about the street lights project on Big Horn Avenue. They discussed that all poles and lamps have to be relocated by July 14th. Randy Harry brought up the idea to consider extending the lights that run between 10th and Railway Avenue and extend those to 15th street. The WYDOT project to rebuild the curb and the curb access is coming up and Rocky Mountain Power wants the relocation of the lights to be in conjunction with the project and suggested it would be a good time for City Hall to do their part to share the cost. Cost of project and funding will need to be discussed before any decision can be made.

Resolution #2016-1 was presented:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND THE ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS IN SEEKING APPROPRIATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR ALL 99 WYOMING CITIES AND TOWNS DURING THE 2016 BUDGET SESSION OF THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE.

Motion to approve Resolution #2016-1.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy continued with the draft proposal to manage the Green Hills Golf Course; a couple of additions have been made to the proposal. After meeting with department heads and CPA James Seckman there are some things that need to be added. The Golf Committee needs to set dates and time frames in the process of how they will do evaluations with applicants. Councilmember Horath suggested that Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky be part of the committee. Councilmember Rideout shared her concerns regarding the high school website advertising spring golf starts March 28th. Cowboy Joe has a golf scramble every year for scholarships fundraising and Worland is always the first place to host it and it has been scheduled for May 7th. Other fundraising tournaments are hosted in June/July and are expected to take place. Someone needs to contact people to see if any of these dates have been scheduled with the golf course. Superintendent of Public Works Burky will contact Bruce Miller with the school and Mayor Duffy will contact someone with the Cowboy Joe Club.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reported that the Police Department had one officer resign due to personal reasons. With their current testing for an officer position, they have selected two (2) good candidates. They still have to process background checks and hope to have them start by early March.

Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky stated that the water crane on Grace Ave was damaged over the weekend but it is up and running. There was a water leak on Culbertson by the Senior Center and the crew did a fine job getting repairs done. Superintendent of Public Works Burky is talking with the Daniels fund about grant money for the Community Center for an irrigation system. And is also working with the conservation district to clean out city storm sewers north of town.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell reported that he will be traveling to Sheridan on Wednesday for the annual Wyoming Engineering Society Conference where he gets most of his continued education.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma Homan, Deputy Clerk