

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND
July 5, 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 July 5, 2016. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Loresa Brinkerhoff, Dennis Koch, Keith Gentzler, Jim Gill, Lisa Fernandez, Bud Callaham, Mandy Horath and Michele Rideout. Also present were: City Attorney, Kent Richins; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Building Official Nick Kruger and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Marcus Sanchez was absent.

There were four (4) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Mandy Horath led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Duffy declared a Quorum present with Councilmember Marcus Sanchez excused and asked for review and approval of the agenda.

Councilmember Gentzler asked that Parks Department be added to the agenda under Conduct of Business.

Motion: to approve the amendment to the agenda.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy extended condolences to the family of Sonny Shearer, former Councilmember and Mayor, who passed away late last week. "A number of us served with Sonny as Councilmembers and some also remember him as a teacher and coach. It is appropriate to take a moment to remember Sonny and his willingness to give to the City of Worland his time and talent. Please join me in a moment of silence."

Motion: to approve the agenda as amended.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the June 21, 2016 regular meeting stand approved as published.

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 July, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of July and approve the Consent Agenda with the Warrant Register for July, 2016 and Payroll Vouchers for periods ending June 24, 2016 and June 30, 2016; PAYROLL 6/24/16 - \$60,466.82; PAYROLL 6/30/16 - \$3,699.33.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Marilyn Husman stated her concern about garage sale signs put on poles around town and not taken down. Mrs. Husman would like to see the city draft an ordinance to deal with the issue as it makes the area look trashy. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott stated that the police department could pursue a littering citation. Discussion followed; the city will look into the matter.

Under Board & Commission Reports, Councilmember Koch asked how the Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission (BAPC) could afford to purchase the Rock Bottom Bar & Grill. Mayor Duffy stated that someone else has purchased the building and that there is no funding available to the BAPC to purchase a building. Building Official Nick Kruger stated that one of the avenues to help fund the main street program is to purchase a building that is in disrepair and have local entities lease the building to pay for repairs. The City of Worland is an aspiring main street community at this time with no funding available.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz requested approval for the Mayor to sign the procurement contract by and between the City of Worland and Kodiak America, LLC low bidder for the snow removal equipment (SRE). Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the procurement contract by and between the City of Worland and Kodiak America, LLC.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Callahan.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Visitors Council and the Chamber of Commerce approached the city about the condition of the kiosk in Pioneer Square. The kiosk is built into a wall so it may be hard to replace, but most anything would be an improvement. Both groups have been asked to come back to the city with ideas of what they would like to see; it was mentioned that the electronic sign at the Chamber could be placed there if the Newell Sargent Foundation (NSF) does not have a problem with it. Kent Richins, representing the NSF stated that they are interested in helping fund the restroom remodel project and fixing the corner on 10th Street but the revitalization of the park as presented by the architects would not be economically feasible at this time. Discussion followed as to options and funding availability.

Building Official Nick Kruger informed the Council that the abandoned building located at 606 Big Horn Avenue is structurally sound but is becoming a safety hazard. The remaining glass in the door and windows needs to be removed to protect the public from falling glass; once the glass is removed, the holes need to be boarded up. The owner of the building is nowhere to be found and there is an IRS lien and private liens on the building. The City may not have a way to do anything about the building besides boarding up the door and windows and contacting federal representatives for help. The fact that the building is structurally sound eliminates the need for the city to demolish the building at the city's expense. It is important to note that the city has taken control of access to the building but has not taken possession of the building. The work will be contracted out and expenses will be paid for by funds budgeted under abatement of property. Discussion followed about the historical value of the building and the idea of having a mural painted on the boards once they are up.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that the rehabilitation project for Washakie Avenue from Railway Avenue to 15th Street would cost approximately \$2.7

million dollars and funding is not available at this time. The proposed resolution would tie the City into completing the project by December 2018 and there is no way it could be completed by that time. The city will continue to look into funding sources and may be able to use a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant, Urban Systems funds, various WYDOT grants and one-cent sales tax in the future. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Gentzler congratulated the recreation board and city employees that worked on the fields at the end of every game and kept the grounds immaculate during the Little League tournament held at Newell Sargent Park this last weekend.

City Engineer Representative Donnell reminded the Council about the Wyoming Department of Transportation State Transportation Improvement Program (WYDOT STIP) meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners room. WYDOT will provide information on projects planned in and around Washakie County.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer