

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND, WYOMING
July 15, 2014

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 15, 2014. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jim Gill, Keith Gentzler, Mandy Horath, Bob Nelsen, Dennis Koch, Michele Rideout, Marcus Sanchez and Lisa Fernandez. Also present were: Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works, Wayne Hill and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Bud Callaham was absent.

There were three (3) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Wayne Hill led the Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Duffy declared a quorum present and asked for review and approval of the agenda.

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July 1, 2014 regular meeting were approved as published.

Mayor Duffy requested approval of the consent agenda.

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 August and approve the Consent Agenda with Payroll Voucher for period ending July 6, 2014 and Council Work Session Minutes of July 7, 2014; PAYROLL 07/06/14 - \$58,598.72.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Tony Rideout with Goose's Liquor requested approval to extend the open container law to the parking lot at Goose's for a class reunion on Friday, July 18th. The event will start at 8:00 p.m. and end at midnight. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott had no issues with the event.

Motion: to approve extending the open container law to include the roped off parking lot of Goose's Liquor on July 18th from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Koch, Gill, Gentzler, Sanchez, Duffy, Fernandez, Horath, Nelsen; Members voting NAY: None; Members ABSTAINING: Rideout; the motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.

Cheri Bundren with the American Cancer Society invited everyone to attend the Relay for Life Event at the High School Track on Friday, July 18th. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and lasts until 6:00 a.m. with 165 registered participants. There will be an outside reception for cancer survivors and care-givers starting at 5:00 p.m. at the concession building. The luminary ceremony will start at dark; luminaries are still available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Irv Parke addressed the Council about Washakie Avenue after reading about a committee being formed to address issues on Washakie Avenue. Mr. Parke stated that there is a problem with carbon monoxide, asbestos, diesel, gasoline and propane exhaust contaminating approximately twenty-two (22) homes. The contamination causes respiratory issues and black outs, which can cause minor injuries; traffic, speeding and noise is bad. The street should be a residential street or a parkway instead of a truck route. Mr. Parke mentioned the idea of filing a class action suit against the city or contacting the EPA, but doesn't want to do that and requested that he be put on the committee to work on the problems with Washakie Avenue. Mayor Duffy thanked Mr. Parke for bringing these issues to the attention of the Council and clarified that there is not a committee being formed but a possible engineering and planning study; these concerns are valid and need to be considered during the design work. Discussion followed; Councilmember Nelsen asked if we had received a report from the EPA monitor that was placed in Newell Sargent Park a few years ago. Discussion continued.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz reminded the Council that the Council Work Session on September 8th would be at the Worland Community Complex Center at 5:15 p.m. and will include the BAPC, Grow Worland Steering and Technical Committee and CBI Consultants. Councilmember Gentzler asked if Earl Bower Farms had met with the BAPC about possible street vacation for Schlumberger; they have not.

Mayor Duffy asked City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell to explain the Water Line Replacement Project at South 2nd Street. The project includes a river crossing line replacement that was lost fifteen (15) years ago; the project will include replacing the jointed pipe under HWY 20 in the area of the radio station and old cast iron pipe past Big Horn Redi-Mix as well as sewer line and storm sewer replacement just west of 2nd Street. This project has been permitted and will be funded partially by State Land & Investment Board (SLIB) funding and Consensus Funding.

Mayor Duffy presented Ordinance #816 for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE CITY OF WORLAND UTILITIES COMMISSION, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMISSION, CEMETERY COMMISSION, WORLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, WORLAND STREET COMMISSION, PARKS COMMISSION, FINANCE COMMISSION AND AIRPORT BOARD, BY REPEALING, SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING VARIOUS ORDINANCES. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

City Attorney Kent Richins explained that the intention of this ordinance is to eliminate existing Commissions and Boards in Worland City Code which simplifies and accurately represents what the city is doing. This ordinance also cleans up the pre-treatment issues and

replaces the appeal process or hearing board with the Mayor and then EPA or DEQ. Discussion followed as to the meaning of the word "designee".

Motion: to approve Ordinance #816 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy informed the Council that he had received a verbal resignation or intent not to be re-appointed to the Worland Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board from Ron Sopko. Mayor Duffy would like to advertise the vacancy; the council agreed by consensus. The vacancy will be advertised until August 1, 2014 and the appointment will be made at the August 5th council meeting.

Mayor Duffy presented a cemetery permit requesting placement of a bench in Block 76, Lot 17, Graves 7 & 8; a depiction of the bench is attached to the permit. The bench will sit across two lots and will have a cement base as required by ordinance. The bench does meet the covenants in this area; Superintendent of Public Works Hill and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Mark Osbon have reviewed the permit and have no issues with placement of the bench. City Attorney Richins clarified that the delay from the original date of the permit was due to the fact that additional information was required by the mortician before approval. Discussion followed as to if a designee was allowed by ordinance to sign the permit; by ordinance a designee of the Superintendent of Public Works can sign the permit.

Motion: to approve a permit for placement of a bench in Block 76, Lot 17, Graves 7 & 8.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Rideout.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Richins recommended changing the language on the cemetery permit by eliminating the wording requiring Council approval for benches. Superintendent of Public Works Hill asked that unusual markers still be approved by the Council.

City Engineer Representative Donnell stated that a permit has been submitted to the DEQ for replacement of the sewer line behind city hall; this work will be contracted out. The City Engineer's office is working on bid specs for a project for cast iron pipe replacement on 19th Street East, and the Big Horn Regional meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Hill informed the council that the new Street sweeper is in and the two new pickups for the Airport will be shipped on the 22nd of July and should be delivered within ten (10) days after that. The crew is replacing water valve boxes and doing street repairs.

Chief of Police Elliott stated that the Fair parade is scheduled for August 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and the Color Me Pink Run/Walk has been re-scheduled for August 16, 2014 barring any problems with the change of date; there were no issues with the change of date. The bike lanes on South 15th Street have been repainted. Chief of Police Elliott stated he would like to put the shooting in Basin in perspective "these things can happen in small towns". Additional

training will be provided to the police department.

Mayor Duffy stated that a meeting has been scheduled with Wyoming Sugar next Thursday to discuss water issues and possible property lease.

Councilmember Gentzler asked if anything had been done with the idea of Employee of the Week or Month; Superintendent of Public Works Hill stated that nothing had been done with the idea yet.

Councilmember Gill commended Cheri Bundren for fighting the fight for Cancer; week to week and year to year Cheri is there. Councilmember Gill asked if anything had been done with the sprinkler systems in the parks as budgeted; Mayor Duffy stated that there has been contact with the architect and the project should go to bid shortly. Councilmember Gill formally requested feedback on the new Compensation Plan and how it has been accepted by the employees. Chief of Police Elliott stated that the police department is used to the evaluation procedure and have no issues with the change. The discussions held as a group and individually have received positive feedback. Superintendent of Public Works Hill stated that nothing has really changed, the attitude is "see how it works out" since they have no point of reference. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz stated that she hadn't received any negative feedback yet with evaluations to take place in September.

Councilmember Rideout asked about the parking on Washakie Avenue on the South side; that side of Washakie Avenue is county right-of-way and there is no enforcement. Councilmember Rideout asked if there was camping allowed in Newell Sargent Park; Chief of Police Elliott stated that it is allowed only during special events.

Mayor Duffy stated that Streets Supervisor and crew have done a lot of work lately on the signage around town, specifically removal of the 20 MPH signs and signage around the parks.

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

Motion: to adjourn the council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer