

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND
July 21, 2015

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 21, 2015. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jim Gill, Jerry Alexander, Mandy Horath, Keith Gentzler, Michele Rideout, Lisa Fernandez, Dennis Koch and Marcus Sanchez. Also present were: City Attorney, Kent Richins; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Building Official, Ron Vanderpool; Airport Supervisor, Lynn Murdoch and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Bud Callaham was absent.

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

Ron Vanderpool 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.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July 7, 2015 regular meeting were 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 August and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of July 13, 2015 and Payroll Voucher for period ending July 5, 2015; PAYROLL 7/5/15 - \$61,009.88.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Rideout.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Gard Ferguson with Washakie County Ambulance spoke to the Council about the site plan for the hospital specifically the new entrance for the ambulance. The ambulance entrance will be moved from South 15th Street to Howell Avenue and will be an ambulance entrance only. The old entrance off of Grace Avenue will still be available. Councilmembers voiced concern about using the new entrance with the busy intersection on South 15th Street and Howell Avenue and the crosswalk on 15th Street. Mr. Ferguson stated that the majority of calls to the hospital are normally non-emergent and the drivers do obey all traffic regulations including speed limits. It was questioned if a study was done on traffic issues prior to approval of the site plan; Mr. Ferguson did not know. Councilmembers stated they were confident that the ambulance drivers followed traffic regulations but were concerned about increased traffic. It was suggested that the ambulance use the entrance off of Grace Avenue during peak traffic and/or school hours. Mayor Duffy thanked Mr. Ferguson for addressing the Council's concerns and suggested that the Traffic & Safety Committee review traffic congestion at the Howell entrance.

Mayor Duffy presented Ordinance #824 for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF FIREWORKS WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS BY SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

City Attorney Richins explained that this Ordinance re-institutes the fireworks ban with an exception to allow firework displays with approval by the governing body.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #824 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Gill.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy presented Ordinance #825 for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE ALLOWANCE OF RESIDENTIAL USES AS PRINCIPALLY PERMITTED USES AND AS SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS IN B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT ZONES BY SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 24-7 AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 24-17 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Mayor Duffy voiced his concern about measurements taken directly from the international code; the City may not ever use millimeters. City Attorney Richins explained that this ordinance is in response to Mr. Farley's request and will create a situation to allow people to live in their business in a B-2 zone. Building Official Ron Vanderpool explained that any requests would still have to go through the Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission (BAPC) as a Special Exemption. The BAPC will have to follow certain criteria when reviewing requests as indicated in the proposed ordinance. The business use should be dominant not the living structure and Council may want to consider the percentage of living use allowed (30% to 50%) in the proposed ordinance. This ordinance adds verbiage to the code that speaks directly to living in a business in a B-2 zone at grade plane.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #825 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Sanchez.

Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy agreed with Councilmember Gill's earlier suggestion that it would be beneficial for the City to look at the reasons why we need a new City Shop and look at what kinds of things we might do to resolve the current problems. We need to determine the existing space and how much space we really need, and how much office space is needed with all the Supervisors in one building. Councilmembers Gill, Sanchez and Koch volunteered to be on a Committee and will report back to the Council at the first meeting in October.

The street between Rocky Mountain Framing and Blue Lube (South 16th Street) is in bad shape. At one time it was suggested that the street be divided between property owners (vacated) but the deed was never changed and they don't want it. It has become an extension of the alley and we need to decide if we are going to do something more permanent to the street and/or alley. Discussion followed. There is a code provision requiring property owners to take part in the maintenance of an alley or we could do an improvement district. An improvement district would require a petition to the City and 51% of the property owners to participate. Mayor Duffy will talk to the adjacent property owners with the suggestion.

Mayor Duffy appointed Lynn Murdoch as Airport Manager effective July 27, 2015.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Lynn Murdoch as Airport Manager.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that an Airport Operations Technician position would need to be filled at the Airport.

Mayor Duffy requested approval and authorization to sign an agreement with Civil Engineering Professionals Inc. (CEPI) to complete a schematic design for Pioneer Square. Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with CEPI to complete a schematic design for Pioneer Square at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

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

An agreement to design and develop detailed costs for replacement of the golf course irrigation system has been submitted by Steiner Thuesen PLLC. The agreement will be between the City of Worland and Steiner Thuesen with involvement by the Golf Course Superintendent. Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement by and between the City of Worland and Steiner Thuesen, PLLC.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Gill.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

A letter of resignation was received from Don Krump for the Worland Tree Board; the position will be advertised. The Council thanked him for his service.

A Councilmember is needed to be a member of the committee for the Washakie County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 update. Kimball Croft will be invited to the next council meeting to explain what the committee will be doing.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that the committee has tentatively selected a firm for the Washakie Avenue Study. The negotiation process has started and if we agree on the fee and scope of work then we can proceed and notify other firms of the decision. WYDOT will be upgrading the corners all the way down main street under an ADA project. It has been requested that WYDOT review the design of the corners on 15th Street and Big Horn Avenue to see if we can improve the corner so it isn't such a tight turn. The street project costs are close to \$600,000.00 for rehabilitation of North and South 15th Street including water and sewer line replacement; this is not a final cost. The city will need to talk to WYDOT about traffic lights, sensors and the storm sewer system before moving ahead with the project. The paving in Aspen View is done where the blue board was installed over the water lines; more area still needs to be paved as part of the project.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott recommended approval of a request from Little Chief for an outdoor BBQ and live music on August 1st from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Motion: to approve the request of Little Chief for an outdoor BBQ and live music on August 1st from 7 p.m. to midnight.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Police Department gave a conditional offer of employment to fill the open position of Patrol Officer; the gentleman is currently a certified police officer in Montana.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz informed the Council that Nick Kruger has been hired to fill the position of Building Inspector/Permit Technician and will start on July 27, 2015.

There has been interest in selling property to the City for a new shop by local property owners with the understanding that appraisals will have to be done and transparency will be an issue. In the meantime, the Council needs to consider the possibility of renting a location where we can store equipment inside during the winter, like the Street Sweeper.

A conditional offer of employment has been made for the Superintendent of Public Works position; the Mayor may be able to make the appointment at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer