

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF WORLAND  
September 1, 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 September 1, 2015. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Bud Callaham, Keith Gentzler, Jim Gill, Michele Rideout, Mandy Horath, Dennis Koch and Lisa Fernandez. Also present were: Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Burky; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Marcus Sanchez was absent.

There were five (5) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Jim Gill 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 Gill.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the August 18, 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 September, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of October and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Register for period ending August 2015, Payroll Voucher for period ending August 16, 2015 and Payroll Voucher for period ending August 31, 2015; WARRANT REGISTER - \$490,132.47; PAYROLL 8/16/15 - \$61,592.03; PAYROLL 8/31/15 - \$3,460.77.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James Seckman, CPA presented the audited financial statements for the City of Worland for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and recommended an increase in rates for the Sewer and Sanitation Funds.

Ordinance #826 was presented for second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE VOTES NECESSARY BY THE WORLAND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVERSE THE DETERMINATION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Mayor Duffy explained that language had been added for clarification to Section 1(4).

Motion: to approve Ordinance #826 as amended.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Gill.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #826 on second reading.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Gill.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Gentzler thanked Building Inspector Nick Kruger and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Mike Gerber for doing a good job.

Mayor Duffy introduced new Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky to the Council.

There has been no interest in filling the Council vacancy in Ward 3; the closing date is September 10, 2015. Discussion followed, the closing date may have to be extended.

Landfill District Board Chairman Travis Filler spoke to the Council about the fees and the need for fees instituted September 1, 2015. It was noted that the public should be aware that the landfill is operated by the District and is not a city operation. The District has never had a sustainable budget to work with under the mill levies collected and the revenue from recycling. The District must answer to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with compliance issues, purchase a new track loader and scale at a cost of approximately \$440,000.00. They are looking for options like composting/mulching to try and eliminate yard waste. Discussion followed; Caitlin Youngquist offered to help develop a compost system for leaves and grass clippings generated by the City, the Community Center and the Schools. An inexpensive pilot program could be set up fairly cheaply. Discussion continued.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented a worksheet with information on current sanitation rates and what will be needed to pay the landfill fees. The city currently brings in approximately \$50,287 per month in revenue but will need approximately \$120,041 per month in revenue to pay the landfill \$702,000 on an annual basis, if our current budget stays at \$738,000. This fiscal year the landfill fee for the city will be \$594,000 due to the fees starting on September 1, 2015. The increase in sanitation rates will have to be done through ordinance, so if an ordinance was done by next council meeting, the new rates would not go into effect until the November billing. Based on this information, the city will be using \$108,000 in reserves to pay for September and October fees. Discussion followed; Councilmembers were concerned with raising rates to the level needed to pay the landfill and wanted to check into other avenues. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz encouraged the Council not to wait too long before making a decision as it will affect the sanitation reserve base. A worksheet was presented on a proposed sewer rate increase; these rates will have to be increased as well due to a loss in the fund over the last 3 years with depreciation added in and upon recommendation by the auditor. Discussion followed; no decision was made.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that Western Municipal is working on completing Phase 1 of the Multi-Phase Project. The application to the State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) is due the third Thursday of this month for the Street, Water and Sewer Project on North and South 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The total estimated cost of the project is \$808,900 with the city contributing 50% of that cost. A Resolution will need to accompany the application.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution for the SLIB application.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Horath.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Streets Supervisor is coordinating with WYDOT to replace double gutters on Big Horn Avenue in conjunction with their project to replace the curb and gutter to meet ADA requirements. The streets department is looking into placing additional GSB-88 on four (4) different streets in town to extend the life of the pavement. The GSB-88 will be cheaper than chip and seal and should last just as long.

Airport Supervisor Lynn Murdoch stated that the BLM would like to extend their fire base at the Airport and are looking to move their operations to Worland; meetings will continue with the BLM.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reported that bid specs have been given to the City Attorney for review and the bid opening for the patrol car should be at the October 6, 2015 council meeting. The Department is testing this Friday, with only a handful of candidates, for the one open position.

Councilmember Koch thanked the Police Department for assisting him with a couple of issues, including moving the hospital construction fence off the sidewalk on South 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilmember Gill thanked Councilmembers Sanchez and Koch for taking time to tour the city parks.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer