

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND, WYOMING
September 2, 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 September 2, 2014. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Bud Callaham, Jim Gill, Keith Gentzler, Lisa Fernandez, Marcus Sanchez, Michele Rideout, Bob Nelsen, Dennis Koch and Mandy Horath. Also present were: Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works, Wayne Hill; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz.

There were four (4) 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 Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the August 19, 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 September, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of October and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Register for August 2014, Payroll Vouchers for periods ending August 17, 2014 and August 31, 2014; WARRANT REGISTER - \$300,036.83; PAYROLL 8/17/14 - \$60,875.78; PAYROLL 8/31/14 - \$3,255.36.

By: Councilmember Fernandez.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy presented a Proclamation designating September 7-13th as Wyoming Public Radio Week.

Katie Decker requested a change to Ordinance #4-7-2, Public Nuisance; The Deckers have 12 hens and have turned a portion of a shed into an indoor chicken coop. Unfortunately, they were cited as per a complaint because the chickens are not kept 100 feet from neighboring residences as per ordinance. The chickens were supposed to be removed, but were not and another citation was issued. Ms. Decker would like the chance for herself and other families to live a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle by allowing chickens in the city without the 100 foot limitation. Ms. Decker recommended 20 feet or personal property line of at least 5 feet from neighbors, suggested a limit on the amount of hens that could be kept (20) and a yearly

permit required at a cost of \$25.00. Chickens are good for food, offer free pest control, free fertilizer, less waste (leftover food), entertainment, are low maintenance, weed control and education. Ms. Decker thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and requested consideration of an ordinance change. Beth Shaffer stated she would love to have her birds back and Mitch Volin supported the idea of an ordinance change removing or changing the limitation on where chickens are kept in conjunction with a structure or building. City Attorney Kent Richins explained the ordinance; chickens are allowed within the city limits if they are kept no less than 100 feet from a structure or the resident must live in an R-6 zone created specifically for livestock and fowl. The council took the request under consideration; no decision was made.

Garret Immesoete with the Board of Adjustment & Planning reminded the council of the joint meeting on September 8, 2014 at the Worland Community Center Complex at 5:15 p.m. This meeting will be to discuss the Comprehensive Master Plan with the Consultant and the Steering Committee.

The Wayside Horn Project is scheduled to begin on September 22, 2014; there were electrical issues that had to be solved prior to construction. The cost of placing meters at the site will be part of the City's cost share.

The Kiwanis and Hillcrest Parks Irrigation Project will be advertised later this week. There have been several requests for information; the bids will be opened at the next council meeting. Completion of this project may have to be delayed until spring depending on the weather. Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Hill will be putting out a request for qualifications for design work at Riverside Park later this month.

CGI Communications Group has been in town selling advertising for the video that will be added to the city website and the videographers will be here next Tuesday to start filming. The video will include things to do in the area and economic development. Non-Profit organizations do have an opportunity to have a link to their website at no charge on the video. There is not a firm date of completion.

Mayor Duffy presented Ordinance #817 for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF SOLID WASTE AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE AND REPLACING SAID ARTICLES WITH EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; AND BY AMENDING PORTIONS OF ARTICLE III. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

City Attorney Kent Richins explained that this ordinance is an extension of the property maintenance ordinance and is making the code more comprehensive. Definitions have been added that make it more expansive as to the things that are not allowed. Public nuisance is defined as it pertains to solid waste, the legality and notice of violation and citation is explained. The city may have to abate the nuisance if the problem is serious enough and a lien would be

issued to recover any costs involved and/or the cost may be added to the utility bill. The city does have a problem with non-residents using refuse containers; discussion followed clarifying that non-residents can pay a fee to use the refuse containers and if a reminder should be issued that placing garbage for pick up beside the refuse container is not allowed.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #817 on first reading:

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Gill.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented a financial report as per the request at the last council meeting and explained what the software program can provide. Discussion followed; Clerk/Treasurer Glanz will see if a chart could be provided instead since this report is large.

Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Hill informed the council that the Worland Fire District received an ISO rating of 3.0 after a recent audit. This rating is very commendable and helps with homeowner insurance rates.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell asked if the council would like to apply for a grant with Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) for a study to use irrigation water instead of potable water in the city parks or green areas. The deadline to apply was August 15th but the WWDC would extend that deadline if the City decided to apply. Discussion followed; the city needs to review what equipment and/or maintenance is needed (pumps, filtration systems) to use irrigation water. Councilmember Nelsen asked if the new sprinkler systems are designed to use irrigation water; they are not. It was decided by consensus to not apply for the grant this year.

Councilmember Gentzler stated that he was contacted by a homeowner who indicated that the earliest they could get a contractor to build a house in Worland is two (2) years. There were 102 building permits issued in the month of July; this is a good indicator of how lucrative the contractor business is in Worland.

Councilmember Gill asked if the issue about changing the ordinance for chickens would be discussed at the next council meeting; Mayor Duffy stated that the issue needs to be looked at and that we could look at the ordinances that other municipalities have that are the same size as Worland. There are pros and cons and residents have complained about chickens inside city limits.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer