

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND, WYOMING
November 4, 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 November 4, 2014. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Michele Rideout, Bud Callaham, Lisa Fernandez, Bob Nelsen, Keith Gentzler, Jim Gill and Dennis Koch. Also present were: Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works, Wayne Hill; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott and Deputy Clerk Sarah Firnekas. Councilmembers Mandy Horath and Marcus Sanchez were absent.

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

Marley Downing with Girl Scout Troop #1251 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 Nelsen.

Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes; Mayor Duffy declared the minutes 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 November, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of December and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Register for period ending October 31, 2014. Payroll Voucher for period ending October 26, 2014 and October 31, 2014; WARRANT REGISTER 10/31/2014 - \$322,012.54; PAYROLL 10/26/14 - \$58,139.00; PAYROLL 10/31/14 - \$3,343.88.

By: Councilmember Nelsen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy read a Proclamation designating November 1, 2014 as Extra Mile Day recognizing the Worland Recreation District for the invaluable recreational opportunities they provide to the citizens of Worland.

Visitor Tony Serna introduced himself and stated that he operates a club named Downhill Dreams; his goal is to get the youth involved in skiing and other extreme sports. Mr. Serna asked for permission to give away chocolate mint tea at the upcoming Parade of Lights and asked if there would be any streets available for closure for an event he would like to hold that involves a stunt motorcycle show. Mayor Duffy stated that Mr. Serna would need to contact the Worland Chamber of Commerce regarding any Parade of Lights questions. Police Chief Elliott stated that he would need more details regarding the event that Mr. Serna wanted to hold

as the safety of the public is the most important issue. Mayor Duffy advised Mr. Serna to return to the City Council when he has a more specific plan and thanked him for attending.

BAPC Member Garret Immesoete reported that the BAPC had not met in the last month and stated there has been a suggestion to increase the board from 5 to 7 members; a quorum is needed to ensure that meetings are held. Discussion followed about possibly changing the meeting time. The Main Street program application was also discussed.

Mayor Duffy stated that there will be interviews on November 12, 2014 starting at 2 PM with the landscape architects that bid on Pioneer Square improvements. Mayor Duffy invited the Council to participate in the interview process and will contact someone with the Tree Board to participate as well. Discussion followed on the need for the architects, the improvements needed and possible costs involved.

Mayor Duffy gave an update on the Wayside Horn Project; WYDOT has a 21 day notification period before the horns can be used.

City Engineer Representative Donnell stated that bids will open for the multi-phase project at the December 2, 2014 council meeting. Discussion followed on what is involved in the project and how it will be bid out.

Council Member Gill mentioned to Superintendent of Public Works Wayne Hill that he hoped the city could work on filling potholes and that if the one cent sales tax passed we could use some of that funding for these type of problems. It would also be nice to see something in the council minutes where the funds are going to be used. It was mentioned that the city ought to post signs where the tax money was used.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott stated that the Parade of Lights is scheduled for Friday, November 28th at 6:30 PM; the route will be the same as last year.

Council Member Nelsen thanked the one cent sales tax committee and Council Member Koch for his time and work on the One Cent sales tax committee.

Council Member Callaham thanked Member Koch for his work on the One Cent committee.

Council Member Fernandez thanked Member Koch for his work on the One Cent committee. Member Fernandez stated that she has been getting several complaints regarding potholes throughout the city.

Mayor Duffy asked the council to consider who is going to be responsible for the curb, gutter and sidewalk work when the city is fixing valley gutters throughout the city. Currently, the property owner is responsible for curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs. Discussion followed about the possibility of establishing a local improvement district or the use of one cent money and/or grant funding.

Council Member Gill would like to see a little more discussion on the Culbertson Avenue project, possibly at a work session.

Council Member Koch stated that a city employee recently had a city credit card declined while traveling for training; Member Koch wondered if the limits could be raised to avoid embarrassment of the employees in that situation.

Council Member Rideout stated that she had been contacted by dog owners about the possibility of a designated dog run or dog park and asked what we were doing with what used to be the community garden at Newell Sargent Park. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Callaham thanked the crew for fixing the street at South 15th and Grace Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Dave Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Firnekas, Deputy Clerk