

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF WORLAND, WYOMING  
April 1, 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 April 1, 2014. Mayor Dave Duffy presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jim Gill, Lisa Fernandez, Bob Nelsen, Keith Gentzler, Dennis Koch, Michele Rideout, Marcus Sanchez, Mandy Horath and Bud Callaham. Also present were: City Attorney, Kent Richins; Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Wayne Hill; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz.

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

Girl Scout Leaders Bernita Bauer and Jamie Day 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 March 18, 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 April, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of May and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Register for March 2014, Payroll Vouchers for periods ending March 16, 2014 and March 31, 2014; WARRANT REGISTER - \$295,603.08; PAYROLL 03/16/14 - \$56,696.85; PAYROLL 3/31/14 - \$3,233.38.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Koch.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Ross with Children Advocacy Project (CAP) presented information on the program and how it benefits Washakie County, the City of Worland and other Counties around the State. The program provides forensic interviews and comprehensive services for alleged victims of child abuse. CAP is doing outreach to communities that benefit from their services and requested funding in the amount of \$3,000.00. Discussion followed; no decision was made.

Mayor Duffy reported on the modification to the Wyoming Retirement System for regular employees. The increase effective July 1, 2014 will be 1.25% and a portion of it can be shared between employees and employers. The percentage that the City must pay of the increase is .50% and the employee share is .75% which can be paid by the employee or the employer. A

worksheet was presented with examples of how employees would be affected by the increase. Discussion followed; no decision was made.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented a worksheet with information about the rates for health insurance through the current provider WAM/JPIC. There will not be an increase to the premium this year; however, since the City of Worland is non-grandfathered we are required under the Affordable Healthcare Act to purchase our Dental Insurance separately from the medical insurance offered by WAM/JPIC. The medical insurance premium through WAM/JPIC will be reduced by the cost of the dental insurance which is estimated to cost approximately \$29,858.88 annually. Discussion followed; Clerk/Treasurer Glanz will be presenting information on dental plans at a later date.

Mayor Duffy stated that the employee handbook will have to be revised if the Council agrees to the proposed compensation schedule which eliminates the grade/step scale. A proposed handbook has been reviewed by LGLP (Local Government Liability Pool) and AE (Associated Employers) with differing opinions. Any revisions to the employee handbook will have to be approved by the employees.

Mayor Duffy presented Ordinance #814 for third and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AMENDING, REPEALING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE PERTAINING TO USE OF FOAM PLASTICS IN CONSTRUCTION, FIRE PROTECTION OF FLOORS, DEFINITIONS AND CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt Ordinance #814 on third and final reading.

By: Councilmember Gentzler.

Second by: Councilmember Gill.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy asked for a motion to eliminate the policies presented at the March 18, 2014 council meeting.

Motion: to eliminate the following policies: Position Vacancies, Rotary Picnic Shelter/Sanders Park, Sanders Park and Pioneer Square Restrooms and Uncollectable Utilities Accounts – "Write Offs".

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Wayne Hill informed the Council that there will be a tabletop exercise at the Community Center simulating an airplane fire from 2:00-4:00 on April 16, 2014 with the exercise following on April 29, 2014; the time for the exercise has not be set. The city crew will be tearing up the alley behind City Hall tomorrow as the sewer main in the alley is starting to deteriorate; the crew will be working on alleys around the city as weather allows. The city has received quite a few applicants for the open positions.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reported that the additional flashing school lights approved by the Council last year are set up and working. Several officers including the Chief and Captain will be attending training within the next few weeks.

Councilmember Gentzler welcomed Councilmember Callaham back and stated that he was glad to see that Councilmember Nelsen didn't have to have his neck brace anymore. Councilmember Gentzler informed the Council that he had toured alleys with Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Hill and encouraged residents to call Mr. Hill with any complaints.

Councilmember Gill thanked Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Hill for meeting with him and residents over concerns about the condition of the alleys.

Councilmember Koch reported that there was a tax meeting last night and they agreed to switch to a general purpose tax versus a specific option tax.

Councilmember Callaham stated that he was glad to be back!

Councilmember Fernandez indicated that there is a sink hole on the 1400 block of Grace Avenue and asked that it be looked at.

Mayor Duffy asked the Council for input on the list of talking points or ideas on where the city would spend general purpose tax money; the list must be turned in to the tax committee by Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned that the tax money could be used to offset the costs of a Local Improvement District to repair curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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David M. Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer