

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

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

Mayor Dave Duffy 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 June 17, 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 July, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of August and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Register for June 2014, Payroll Vouchers for periods ending June 22, 2014 and June 30, 2014; WARRANT REGISTER - \$376,382.22; PAYROLL 06/22/14 - \$58,442.28; PAYROLL 6/30/14 - \$3,267.21.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Koch.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy explained that Firenze has asked for an extension of time on the stipulation that the business become operational by July 1, 2014 in conjunction with approval of the Liquor License; liquor has been purchased through the liquor division. Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve an extension of thirty (30) days on the stipulation to become operational in conjunction with the Liquor License.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Duffy spoke with Shelby Carlson, District Engineer with WYDOT about the banner issue as discussed at the last Council meeting and work session. WYDOT no longer

has a banner policy unless banners are suspended over the street, all other banners would fall under the federal off-premise sign regulations. This would include banners placed in Pioneer Square. If the banner is not representative of the business at the location then it will fall under the off-premise regulations which include a \$100.00 initial fee. Discussion followed; each banner placed in Pioneer Square would probably require a permit with the \$100.00 fee. This is not a city policy and would not be enforced by the city; however, WYDOT could enforce the regulation. City Hall will need to notify the public of the possibility of the WYDOT permit and \$100.00 fee.

Motion: to allow banners in Pioneer Square with commercial advertising until further notice and notify those hanging banners that they may be charged a \$100.00 fee by WYDOT for an off-premise sign.

By: Councilmember Gentzler.

Second by: Councilmember Koch.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued about beautifying the corner instead of using three (3) steel posts; something needs to be done.

Mayor Duffy informed the Council that there are a number of ordinances that are currently being reviewed, including the ordinance to remove the reference to Commissions in the code. City Attorney Kent Richins stated that the wording "Commissions" has been replaced with "City of Worland" and that the appeal process has been removed for pre-treatment issues (under Utilities Commission) as these issues would be dealt with through DEQ or the EPA. The ordinance will be presented for first reading at the next council meeting. The solid waste ordinance is being reviewed by City Attorney Richins and will be discussed further with Department Heads and the Ordinance Officer before presentation to the Council. The City needs to come up with a policy or ordinance on public records access, process and the amount of fees that can be charged; there needs to be some revisions to the cemetery ordinance for sections that need covenants and the parking ordinances also need further discussion.

Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Wayne Hill stated that the crew will be working on sewer line replacement projects as well as replacing a water main east of town. The Airport pickups should be here shortly and the new street sweeper is in Casper waiting on parts.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott received a request to lift the open container in the parking lot of Little Chief on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to midnight; there will be alcohol served outside and music; Chief of Police Elliott has no issues with the event.

Motion: to approve extending the open container law to include the parking lot of Little Chief on July 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

By: Councilmember Gentzler.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that there will be a State Championship 1,000 Yard Match at the Worland Shooting Complex on the weekend of

July 12, 2014. The Big Horn Regional project (to hook up Well #2) will be starting soon.

Councilmember Rideout asked about a yellow van that sits at the Airport parking lot that never moves; it has out of state plates with 2009 tags. Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Hill will check on it.

Councilmember Koch would like to get the two (2) hour parking signs back in the downtown area as per the ordinance. The signs were removed at some point possibly in conjunction with ADA signage. Chief of Police Elliott stated that the signs were placed sporadically initially and could be one of the reasons why they were removed. Councilmember Koch thinks they should be put back up so that the city can enforce when there is flagrant misuse of parking downtown. Discussion followed as to the idea of encouraging local downtown business and not limiting parking; signage could be discussed with the parking ordinance revision.

Councilmember Gill asked that the council discuss the idea of the city being (or not being) "business friendly" at the next work session. The feedback from local business owners is that the city tries to work with new business but not existing business owners, those that have been here for years. Councilmember Gill asked about discussions with Schlumberger or the Developer and asked that the Council be involved with those discussions. Mayor Duffy asked that the Council think of what kind of things would not be business friendly and bring these ideas to the next work session. The Council would also like to know where the city is at on discussions with Wyoming Sugar.

Councilmember Gentzler received a comment about yard sale signs being left on power or telephone poles after the event and asked if the city could put an ad in the paper asking people to remove these signs. It was decided by consensus that this is not a city issue and should be handled by the telephone or power company. Councilmember Gentzler asked if the city had an employee of the month program; the Police Department does have an annual awards ceremony for law enforcement employees but the city does not have a program for regular employees. It was suggested that the city look into some type of program for regular employees.

Councilmember Callaham reminded everyone to be safe on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Councilmember Horath asked if the city couldn't do something about the weed problem at the Community Garden in Newell Sargent Park by turning the area back into grass. Discussion followed; it was suggested that someone talk to those involved with the garden before removing anything. Councilmember Horath stated that a water spigot at Sanders Park needed to be fixed; it is broken and couldn't be used at an event at the park.

Councilmember Nelsen thanked Garret Immesoete for attending the Council meetings.

Chief of Police Elliott reminded everyone that Fire Chief Kocher made arrangements to allow fireworks at the gravel pit this year on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and reminded everyone to pick up their trash. There will be a dumpster placed at the gravel pits for use by the public.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

By: Councilmember Callahan.

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