

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

There were six (6) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Bob Vines 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 Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 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 December, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of January and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Register for period ending November 30, 2014. Payroll Voucher for period ending November 19, 2014, November 23, 2014 and November 30, 2014; WARRANT REGISTER 11/30/2014 - \$279,854.38; PAYROLL 11/19/14 - \$643.39; PAYROLL 11/26/14 - \$58,883.78; PAYROLL 11/30/14 - \$3,390.05.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The bid opening for the multi-phase project has been delayed until the next council meeting on December 16, 2014 due to changes to the project and a request for additional time by those interested in bidding.

Jay Stallings, CEO of Washakie Medical Center took the opportunity to introduce himself to the leadership of the City of Worland and explained that after meeting with the County Commissioners and Health Board there will be proposals submitted to build a new facility. "I represent approximately 115 of what I consider to be some of the finest citizens in the area who everyday come to work and do their very best to provide healthcare to the community and I am proud to represent them as Chief Executive Officer. The patient satisfaction reports that we have received are the highest in the Banner organization and yet we have earned some acrimony. I am asking individuals to let me know what the concerns are so that we can improve. This is a beautiful community and I am proud to be a part of it." Mayor Duffy thanked Mr. Stallings for coming and acknowledged the contribution of Banner Health to the community.

BAPC Member Garret Immesoete reported that the BAPC did not meet last week, however, a motion was made at the last meeting to increase the board from 5 to 7 members and change the term limits; Discussion followed.

Mayor Duffy stated that there has been some discussion among city employees regarding the Christmas and New Year holidays. In past years, we have allowed employees to work a half day on Christmas Eve and a half day on New Year's Eve. The suggestion has been made that we consolidate those two half days into one and since both holidays fall on a Thursday that one or both of the following Friday's be a full day off. Discussion followed.

Motion: to close city offices on December 26th and January 2nd.
By: Councilmember Callaham.

The motion died for lack of a second; discussion continued.

Motion: to close city offices on Friday, December 26th.
By: Councilmember Fernandez.
Second by: Councilmember Koch.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The second revision to the video put together by CGI for the website was reviewed by all present; there were suggestions made and additional changes recommended if possible. Mayor Duffy will recommend the changes to CGI.

Ordinance #818 was presented for second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY BY ESTABLISHING THE "GARDEN OF THE PATRIOTS" (BLOCK 71V) AND BY ESTABLISHING COVENANTS FOR SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 18 OF BLOCK EIGHTY- FIVE (85) WITHIN THE GARDEN OF MEMORIES BY SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7A OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Todd White with the American Legion explained the covenants for Block 71V attached to the ordinance and the reason for them. Discussion followed about allowing spouses or relatives to be buried in Block 71V and the concern about putting a burden on the city to prove that a veteran did not have a felony conviction. Mr. White stated that he would like to see the community honor veterans by keeping it open only to veterans and that the burden would be placed on the mortician not the city. Discussion continued. The current map of the cemetery will have to be amended to be consistent with the ordinance regarding the Garden of Memories/South Addition. Council requested a copy of the amended map once completed.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #818 on second reading.
By: Councilmember Fernandez.
Second by: Councilmember Horath.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #819 was presented for second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO A REVISION OF THE OUT OF CITY WATER USER FEES BY AMENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 23-37-4 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #819 on second reading.

By: Councilmember Horath.

Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that the city received a letter from the Bureau of Reclamation with supporting documentation stating that the city could use water out of the canal to water the Golf Course without additional fees. No changes are necessary. The bids that will be opened on December 16th for the multi-phase project will not be awarded the same night but will be reviewed before recommending approval in January.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott stated that the Police Department received a Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$31,000 and \$18,000 will be used to purchase equipment.

Mayor Duffy updated the Council on the work that has been done in Pioneer Square including replacing the flushing valves in the restrooms, gas light and light bulb replacement and maintenance. However, the bell tower roof replacement will be substantially more expensive than originally expected. There was a problem with the switch that controls the streetlights downtown and those lights went out before the parade but the park did get a lot of use after the parade, it was nice to see.

Mayor Duffy requested an executive session at the close of the meeting to discuss possible litigation and to consider selection of a site or purchase of real estate.

Councilmember Fernandez stated that this would be her last council meeting and thanked the Department Heads for their great work throughout her years on the council "it has been a privilege to work with all the council members and an honor. I would like to encourage you to treat the community as a whole and not just focus on certain areas."

Councilmember Gentzler thanked Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Nelsen for what they have done for the City of Worland and the years they have put in.

Councilmember Gill asked if the agenda was set for the work session yet; Culbertson Avenue and the Community Garden will be added.

Motion: to enter into executive session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss possible litigation and consider selection of a site or purchase of real estate.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to leave executive session at 8:33 p.m.

By: Councilmember Koch.

Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

By: Councilmember Gentzler.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Duffy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer