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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND April 21, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened by Zoom Meeting and telephone at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2020. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kody DeMunbrun, Keith Gentzler, Mandy Horath, Mike Neuffer, Delayne Renner-Newton, Caleb Vigil, Kreg Lombard and Christy Schneider. Also present were: City Attorney, Kent Richins; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Burky; City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Kenneth Shearer was absent.

There were seven (7) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Mayor Gill led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill reminded everyone online to mute themselves when not speaking and requested that all Councilmembers state their name when making or seconding a motion.

Mayor Gill declared a Quorum present and asked for review and approval of the agenda.

Motion: to approve the agenda.  
By: Councilmember Horath.  
Second by: Councilmember Renner-Newton.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the April 7, 2020 regular meeting stand 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 April, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of May and approve the Council Work Session for April 13, 2020 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending April 5, 2020; PAYROLL 4/05/2020 - \$62,693.61.  
By: Councilmember Lombard.  
Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mat King addressed the Council about the ordinance requiring that a trailer cannot be parked on a city street for longer than seven (7) days. Mr. King uses his trailer for his woodturning business as a traveling store and has no other place to park the trailer, and cannot afford to store it. Discussion followed on the need for the city to be “business friendly” and that several contractors have trailers as well. It was suggested that a permit be sold by the city for a nominal fee to allow “business use” trailers to park on city streets. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott stated that the city does need to regulate that trailers not be parked in a site triangle, to alleviate traffic issues, and that trailers can only be parked in front of the property owner’s home not the neighbors. It was noted that resident’s feel that since they pay taxes and the trailer is licensed it should be able to sit on the street in front of their house. It was suggested that a survey be sent out to the public for residential feedback. Mayor Gill suggested that a committee be formed to come up with a solution to the problem; Councilmembers Kreg Lombard, Delayne Renner-Newton and Christy Schneider volunteered to be on the committee with Councilmember Schneider as the Chair. Mayor Gill reiterated that the city wants to be “business friendly” but the city needs to do what is best for all residents. Chief of Police Elliott stated that this is the hardest ordinance to enforce with tracking of the seven (7) day period and asked if the Council could suspend enforcement and/or issuance of citations regarding trailers until the issue is settled. City Attorney Kent Richins stated that all communities are dealing with this issue.

Motion: to suspend the enforcement and issuance of citations, for one (1) month, for storage of business trailers on a city street, owned by registered business owners.  
By: Councilmember Renner-Newton.  
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.

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Vote: Members voting AYE: DeMunbrun, Neuffer, Gill, Horath, Renner-Newton, Lombard, Gentzler; Members voting NAY: Vigil, Schneider; Members ABSTAINING: None; The motion passed by a vote of 7-2-0.

Judge Marcy Argeris updated the Council on Municipal Court; the Supreme Court has closed all court hearings unless absolutely necessary until May 31, 2020 and if possible those hearings will be held by video or telephone. Following that directive, the City Municipal Court has vacated its April and May court settings with the hope to have court open in June. However, that date will depend on the Supreme Court and the local Circuit Court opening to the public. In the meantime I have asked the current city utility clerk that has taken on the responsibility of the municipal court clerk position to seek training. There are certain accountings that are filed with the Supreme Court each month and it is essential that the municipal court clerk know what and when to file. Also, general court knowledge will help that clerk field questions and deal with situations that arise each month. Judge Argeris stated that she did not know if the current clerk is the permanent court clerk or just filling in but it would be her recommendation to have at least two (2) people trained on the running of the municipal court and trained on the documentation and accountings required to keep the court running and in compliance. I am looking to the Council to support the current court clerk and an additional clerk in training offered by the Supreme Court. I have given the name of a person at the Supreme Court to the clerk and I hope that training can be accomplished online by mid to late May. Chief of Police Elliott stated that all officers have been notified of the court date extension.

Gail Carver requested approval to hang banners (pictures) of every graduating senior on the light posts downtown. A total of \$5,520.00 has been raised to pay for the banners and brackets for the light posts. There are 96 graduating seniors and each pole would have two (2) banners on it. Ms. Carver has been working with Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky, who received the encroachment permit from WYDOT for placement of the banners and asked for Council approval. Discussion followed. The banners will be hung between Railway Avenue and a little past 10th Street. The banners will be placed at a height of 10 feet and be hanging for the month of May. If the city could provide a lift and city personnel to help hang the banners it would be appreciated. Superintendent of Public Works Burky stated that the city could assist with putting the banners up and taking them down.

Motion: to approve the hanging of banners for the graduating seniors on the light posts downtown.  
By: Councilmember Horath.  
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chelsea Hill with Nail Jive Salon addressed the possibility of the Governor ordering a soft opening. There are seventeen (17) salons in Worland and if they cannot get back to work are in jeopardy of losing their business. Ms. Hill submitted a proposal to the Clerk/Treasurer and the Governor’s office with the protocol for sanitary procedures that would be followed. There are no salons in Worland with over four (4) technicians, so keeping social distance should not be an issue. Ms. Hill asked what options we have as a joint community of beauty professionals in Worland, who are in big trouble if we cannot get back to work. Discussion followed on the ability of the City to do anything since the order came from the Governor. Ms. Hill stated that the Governor’s order does allow an exception if approved by the County Public Health Officer. The State Public Health Official would have to approve the exception as well. Chief of Police Elliott stated that the order does list the possibility of an exception upon approval by the County Public Health Officer and the State Public Health Officer. Ms. Hill stated that the beauty professionals would like the backing of the City Council. Mayor Gill stated that the people’s constitutional liberties are not forgotten.

Kara Anderson requested approval of a graduation car parade for the Senior Class if there is not a graduation ceremony. A local parent’s group is organizing the event and it would not be associated with the School District. The radio station will provide live audio as the seniors move down Big Horn Avenue. The parade would start on 20th Street and a committee will be formed to take care of all the details. An application has been submitted today

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to WYDOT for the parade. Discussion followed on concerns with social distancing. Ms. Anderson indicated that all of the parents will be notified that everyone would have to remain in their cars and that the committee would provide assistance to regulate social distancing. The parade would be on the 17th of May at 2:00 p.m. if the graduation ceremony is cancelled. The High School will have activities that lead up to the parade. Councilmember Horath suggested that this issue be tabled until the May 5, 2020 council meeting. Chief of Police Elliott suggested that Ms. Anderson continue to work on getting the event organized so that preparations are done by the May 5, 2020 meeting.

Council discussed the idea of outdoor Church services continuing during the shutdown as per additional requests. Paul Thomas with Sovereign Grace Bible Church answered questions about the need to continue with this type of service and felt that the community needs something like this at this time. Discussion followed about this church using a radio broadcast where other churches would not have that capability. There may be other churches that may want to have outdoor services and if all churches wanted to provide this, it could cause traffic safety issues. Sovereign Grace Bible Church would like the ability to parallel park so that people could face the church. There is only one house in the block of this church and that resident was not blocked out of his residence; there was still flow of traffic through the area. Chief of Police Elliott noted that the other church providing Easter service used a microphone which resulted in a couple of complaints from residents. Discussion followed; Mayor Gill stated that once we allow one church to provide outside services then the city would have to allow all churches to do the same thing.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz informed the Council that shut off notices have been issued for those customers who have not paid their utility bill. Presently there are 61 residents on the list with 35 of those customers on the list every month. This notice would be for bills unpaid for February and March, 2020. The COVID-19 shutdown would only come into effect for the last few days of March. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz asked if the Council would like to move forward with the shut offs and reinstate the late fee. Discussion followed about giving customers the opportunity to prove that they have been affected by COVID-19.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell stated that the Culbertson Avenue Project is coming up with Wilson Brothers Construction; a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Chief of Police Elliott stated that the Food Bank of the Rockies will be giving away boxes of food this Saturday at the Fairgrounds from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The school held the “Be the Light” event last Friday night, there was a lot of support from the community and it was a great event.

Superintendent of Public Works Burky stated that crews are out trimming trees and cleaning up the construction sites on the artesian line break. WYDOT did a tremendous job getting the encroachment permit turned around so quickly for the banners and Superintendent of Public Works Burky wanted to publicly thank them. Councilmember DeMunbrun thanked Superintendent of Public Works Burky for getting the permit.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch informed the Council that the BLM is interested in leasing the terminal for six (6) months. The city is in negotiations currently.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.  
By: Councilmember Lombard.  
Second by: Councilmember Renner-Newton.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

April 30, 2020