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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND April 20, 2021

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 20, 2021. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were, Kreg Lombard, Kody DeMunbrun, Barbara Brookwell, Wendy Fredricks, Scott Schaeffer, William Worley, Mike Neuffer, Christy Schneider and Adam Martinez. Also present were: City Attorney, Kent Richins; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Streets & Sanitation Supervisor, Jeff Taylor and Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz.

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

Streets & Sanitation Supervisor Jeff Taylor led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a Quorum and asked for approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.
By: Councilmember Worley.
Second by: Councilmember Schaeffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the April 6, 2021 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 Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of April 12, 2021 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending April 4, 2021; PAYROLL 4/04/21 - \$64,147.66.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Schneider.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chloe Stine the Events Coordinator with the Washakie Museum informed the Council that the Museum is planning an outdoor event for Friday, July 16, 2021 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be two (2) bands and they will play from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be alcohol served and the Van Go bus will be available to provide rides home. The event will be built around using Big Horn Basin and Wyoming products with local businesses as sponsors for food. Mayor Gill referred Ms. Stine to Chief of Police Elliott about the alcohol issues. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott thought that since the bands will stop playing at 10:00 p.m. there should be no reason to ask the neighbors about noise issues. Chief of Police Elliott also stated that wristbands are needed for those drinking alcohol and an area where alcohol is served should be sectioned off.

Motion: to approve the request for the outside event on July 16, 2021 at the Washakie Museum.
By: Councilmember Schaeffer.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Kara Anderson requested approval of a graduation car parade for the Senior Class on May 13, 2021 starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be a graduation ceremony, however, parents and seniors enjoyed the parade so much last year that they would like it to continue. This is not affiliated with the School District and will be held with the help of volunteers and parents. The parade would start on 20th Street and a committee will be formed to take care of all the details. An application will be submitted to WYDOT for the parade. Chief of Police Elliott had no issues with the parade, reminding the Council that they need to consider the costs associated with the parade for Police Officers and City Crew.

Motion: to approve the request to have a graduation car parade on May 13, 2021.
By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Gail Carver requested approval to hang banners (pictures) of every graduating senior on the light posts downtown. This was done last year with the help of the city crew and volunteers. There are approximately 88 graduates this year; all banners and brackets will be paid for by private funds. Prior Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky, stored the brackets and banners from last year and indicated a WYDOT permit is in place to allow hanging of the banners. City personnel will check to see if this permit is in effect. The banners would be hung the first week of May and stay up from four to six weeks.

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

Mayor Gill thanked the Selection Review Committee members, Christy Schneider, Kreg Lombard, Barbara Brookwell and Tracy Glanz. "It was a great effort and it was successful." President of the Council Christy Schneider announced that the committee recommends Nick Kruger to fill the position of Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Kruger gave a brief history of his background and stated that he is looking forward to working for the City. Mayor Gill appointed Nick Kruger to the position of

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Superintendent of Public Works.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Nick Kruger as Superintendent of Public Works.

By: Councilmember Schneider.

Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill stated that he had received a notice from a national group who help to recognize special people in communities throughout the nation. The organization is called "Going the Extra Mile". "I looked at the criteria which included those who have made a difference with city government and came up with the Dynamic Duo of Scott Fritzler, Chairman of the Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission (BAPC) and his Mother, Kay Fritzler who ads the dynamic element to the family team. In addition to the great leadership Scott brings to the BAPC; he too is out supporting different organizations with his volunteer work. For example, I have seen him on many occasions helping put up and take down Main Street Banners recognizing senior graduates and other similar groups. Kay helped plant the beautiful flowers around City Hall and across the street around Pioneer Square through volunteer work with the Worland Garden Club for many years. At this time I am going to call upon Councilmember Wendy Fredricks who is the Director of the Worland Senior Center to tell us about Kay's good deeds with their group". Councilmember Fredricks said, "I have been honored to have Kay serve on the Worland Senior Citizens Board of Trustees for the past six years. I have known her since I started at the center almost fifteen years ago. I could never express how much Kay has given back to the community, but through the Senior Center she has volunteered countless hours and saved the Center thousands of dollars. She volunteers every week to take money at lunch and to teach Tai Chi. Kay is always there to give a helping hand, in the kitchen, thinning filing cabinets, working various fundraisers, baking for fundraisers, taking care of flower beds, helping seniors enroll in Medicare Part-D, helping train board members and staff and painting trim around the building. I could go on and on. Kay is always a phone call away and is selfless. We can always count on her and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award". Mayor Gill noted that the "Dynamic Duo" had a conflict tonight and could not be present. However, there will be a picture taken for the newspaper with the recipients receiving their Certificates and the Proclamation.

City Attorney Kent Richins presented Ordinance #858 for third and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WORLAND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 20 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 20. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt Ordinance #858 on third and final reading.

By: Councilmember Lombard.

Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #859 as amended for discussion:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, PERTAINING TO CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS BY REPEALING, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

City Attorney Richins prepared an amended Ordinance for discussion and recommended the Council not pass the Ordinance as amended until the next council meeting. The amendment deals with "decorative lawn art" defined as an item of personal property that can be picked up and moved and that violates city code. A property owner may be granted an exception by the City Council to allow the decorative lawn art. The property owner would be notified and/or cited by the Ordinance Officer for the violation. The property owner then has ten (10) days to file a written appeal with the City Clerk. The purpose of the appeal is to consider the appropriateness of the decorative lawn art and to determine if it is aesthetically pleasing and does not have a negative effect on the neighborhood. Photos, location and a written statement why the exception is appropriate must be provided. The Council, acting as an appeals board, would either deny the exception request or allow it with any conditions needed, i.e. time frame allowed. Discussion followed as to if the Council should be an appeals board. Chief of Police Elliott explained that the police department is enforcing the rules that the Council is implementing and making our decisions on what the Council wants to do. The responsibility of the police department is to follow through with ordinance enforcement. Mayor Gill thanked City Attorney Richins for weeding through the suggestions offered by Council and others. City Attorney Richins added that Chapter 11 would have to be amended as well.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell recommended approval of the lowest responsible bid of Wilson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$323,500.00 for the WWTP Pumps and Sewer Outfall Upgrade Project. The bids were opened at the last Council meeting and four (4) bids were reviewed. The contractor selected will replace the WWTP pumps, the 24" outfall sewer line and all manholes. This project is partially funded by the State Lands and Investment Board at 50% or an amount up to

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\$183,375.00.

Motion: to approve the bid of Wilson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$323,500.00 for the WWTP Pumps and Sewer Outfall Upgrade Project.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.

Second by: Councilmember Lombard.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz presented a Limited Infrastructure Loan Application in the amount of \$19,746.00 to replace curb, gutter and sidewalk at 544 Big Horn Avenue and recommended approval.

Motion: to approve the Limited Infrastructure Loan Application to remove and replace curb, gutter and sidewalk at 544 Big Horn Avenue.

By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.

Second by: Councilmember Lombard.

Vote: The motion pass unanimously.

Mayor Gill noted that the Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission (BAPC) and Worland Community Center Complex (WCCC) minutes are in the council packet for review.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz apologized to the Council for the problems with the tablets; the recent updates caused problems logging in. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz noted that the budget committee has two (2) or three (3) additional meetings before presenting the proposed budget to the Council in May.

Chief of Police Elliott reminded the Council that he and Captain Newton will be attending the Wyoming Sheriff's and Chief's Conference next week.

City Engineer Representative Donnell reported that the Big Horn Regional (BHR) meeting is tomorrow night where free base flow and the increase to the EDU will be discussed and voted on. There has been a recommendation to allow free base flow to the bulk water users between 1,000 and 3,000 gallons. This is done by municipalities with a base rate charge for so many gallons. However, it is counterproductive as reserves are needed for BHR as recommended by the auditor. City Attorney Richins recommended that the Council take a stand on this issue and make a motion to support the no vote of City Engineer Representative Donnell to any free base flow for bulk water users of BHR.

Motion: to support the City of Worland voting delegate on the BHR Board and vote no on allowing fee base flow to bulk water users of BHR.

By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.

Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.

Vote: Members voting AYE: DeMunbrun, Schaeffer, Lombard, Fredricks, Martinez, Gill, Schneider, Brookwell, Worley; Members voting NAY: None; Members ABSTAINING: Neuffer; the motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch noted that the city should be receiving proposals for the Airport Engineer Selection this week and that the new mower will be in by next week.

Streets and Sanitation Supervisor Jeff Taylor reported that the city crew is filling potholes and running the Streetsweeper weather permitting. The crew will be monitoring potholes created by several utility breaks around town until the contractor comes into pave. A local contractor is interested in purchasing roto-mill from the City stockpile. Mayor Gill stated that he had been approached about this before and does not approve of this type of request; it is in the city's best interest to keep the millings for city projects.

Motion: to not allow the sale of roto-milling from the city stockpile.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.

Second by: Councilmember Schneider.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember DeMunbrun complimented Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch on the taxilane at the Airport; as per her employer the best taxilane is at the Worland Airport.

Motion: to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation at 7:48 p.m.

By: Councilmember Lombard.

Second by: Councilmember Martinez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to leave executive session at 8:04 p.m.

By: Councilmember DeMunbrun

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.

Second by: Councilmember Martinez.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

April 29, 2021