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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND August 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming met in the Council Chambers at Worland City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2023. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kreg Lombard, Barbara Brookwell, Kody DeMunbrun, Wendy Fredricks, William Worley, Pete Calderon, Rebecca George, Mike Neuffer and Adam Martinez. Also present were Superintendent of Public Works, Nick Kruger; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion: to approve the agenda.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the August 1, 2023 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 August, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of September and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of August 7, 2023 and Payroll Voucher for the period August 11, 2023. PAYROLL 8/11/23 - \$81,152.59.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Keith Van Brunt requested a street closure on South 6th Street and Coburn Avenue, from the corner down to the alley from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. for the annual Poker Run on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

Motion: to approve the street closure for the annual Poker Run on August 26, 2023.
By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Kara Anderson requested a street closure on South 8th Street from Big Horn Avenue to the alley for the end of year cornhole league tournament on August 24, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. until the event is over. Ms. Anderson also requested lifting the open container law within the closed off area. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott had no issues with the request and asked that the alcohol section be closed off.

Motion: to approve the street closure on South 8th Street from Big Horn Avenue to the alley and lift the open container law on August 24, 2023 for the cornhole tournament.

By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.

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Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Outland updated the Council on the proposed state shooting complex stating that the location is undetermined at this time. The development and oversight task force is fact finding and trying to decide what they want the complex to look like and where would be the best fit. The State will appropriate \$10 million dollars to develop and construct a Wyoming State Shooting Complex in rural Wyoming within three (3) years. Mr. Outland talked to one of the members of the task force promoting the Worland Shooting Complex for the State site. It was suggested by that member, that information about the Worland Shooting Complex be provided in a pamphlet format. The local complex does have a website that is up to date providing that type of information but not a pamphlet. The City of Worland has recent aerial photos of the land surrounding Worland that may be helpful in a presentation to the task force. There will be a meeting of the task force on September 27, 2023 in Riverton and Mr. Outland will attend. Mayor Gill invited Councilmembers to attend this meeting and suggested that the Council take a tour of the complex possibly during a Council work session. Mayor Gill thanked Mr. Outland for coming.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz presented the Dispatch User Agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County for approval. The agreement is for dispatch services at a cost of \$212,942.50, less than the budgeted amount of \$224,872.00. The overage in the reserve account was used to reduce the cost to the entities using dispatch.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Dispatch User Agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County.
By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented the LEC Agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County for approval, noting that the fee is the same amount as last year.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the LEC agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Worley.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz reminded the Council about the CGI video shoot scheduled for August 22, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at Pioneer Square and requested that Councilmembers be there closer to 5:00 p.m. A script will be provided for the shoot. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz also reminded Councilmembers about the required fiscal training to be held virtually on August 23, 2023 at City Hall. This training will be from 9AM to 5PM with an hour and a half for lunch.

Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger reported that the crew is wrapping up summer projects; the striping contractor is behind but most of the crosswalks are done. That project should be completed next week. The seasonal help is gone, and Superintendent of Public Works Kruger anticipates the full-time employees will be able keep up with the parks. The crew is still working on potholing; please notify the city shop if you find more potholes. The city used over twenty (20) tons of pothole mix this year; that is 700% above normal.

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Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch stated that the seal coat project is complete; the rain was a challenge and extended the airport closure for a couple of days. The contractor will be back in approximately three (3) weeks to finish the final coat.

City Attorney Kent Richins requested an executive session at the end of the council meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott noted that Augustus Pantelis completed field training and is out patrolling on his own until he attends the academy. Adam Bankert started July 31st and is doing extremely well on field training. There is a conditional offer of employment out, but the process is in the early stages. Once that position is filled the department will be fully staffed.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell reported that all the projects are done except for the Richins Addition Storm Drain Extension as the contractor is waiting 28 days for the concrete to set; once it is sealed the project will be complete. It was noted that the city is lucky to have several local contactors that we can depend on. The Mayor and several city staff attended the WYDOT STIP meeting today to review the five (5) year planning program for WYDOT. This plan can change based on needs in the area and available funding. There are several projects in Washakie County between 2024 and 2029. Superintendent of Public Works Kruger explained that the project for a new bridge to replace the Culbertson Avenue bridge has been delayed due to complications with placement. A meeting with WYDOT was held earlier today to discuss access to properties east of town. The requirements for placement of an access road are based on speed limit, traffic and width of the highway. It was determined that one more access could be added between the Walmart property and CAT Rental. Mayor Gill mentioned that Superintendent of Public Works Kruger proposed a parking lot versus a frontage road for these properties; that proposal would be cheaper than a frontage road. Councilmember Calderon asked about the Washakie Avenue Project. City Engineer Representative Donnell stated that once all agreements are approved by WYDOT the selection committee will send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design engineer. This selection is based on qualifications not on cost as per WYDOT regulations.

Motion: to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:49 p.m.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to leave executive session at 8:17 p.m.
By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
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 8:18 p.m.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

August 24, 2023