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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND August 17, 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 August 17, 2021. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Kreg Lombard, Wendy Fredricks, Kody DeMunbrun, Mike Neuffer, Scott Schaeffer and Adam Martinez. Also present were: Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Superintendent of Public Works, Nick Kruger; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Deputy Clerk Nancy Dellos. Councilmembers Barbara Brookwell, Christy Schneider and William Worley were absent.

There was (1) visitor present for this meeting of the City Council.

City Attorney Kent Richins led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a Quorum with Councilmembers Brookwell, Worley and Schneider excused and asked for approval of the agenda as presented.

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

The minutes of the August 3, 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 August, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of September and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes for August 9, 2021 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending August 8, 2021; PAYROLL 8/8/21 - \$69,655.47.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Lombard requested discussion on property maintenance; Mayor Gill asked that this item be discussed under Mayor Action Items.

Under Mayor Action Items, Councilmember Lombard voiced his concern about the property maintenance code and lack of enforcement through fines by the judge. The City should be able to enforce the property maintenance code and if not, then the ordinance should be repealed. City Attorney Richins stated that the property maintenance code has been updated several times, and it works well in some situations. However, if you have property owners that just do not care they will not abide by the ordinance or pay their fines. Councilmember Lombard responded that those owners need to be cited and fined again. City Attorney Richins stated that additional citations are issued with fines. The property owners make a small effort and then a few months later the property looks as it did before. It is a total lack of respect for government, for their property and for their neighbor. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott stated that the ordinance is enforced and in fact, the last Ordinance Officer did a very good job of issuing those types of citations. Councilmember Lombard asked if the fines could be doubled on the second or third citation issued; City Attorney Richins replied that he does ask for double the fine but is limited by the court bond schedule. Usually the fine is suspended if the defendant cleans up the property within a certain time frame. Discussion continued on the number of properties and alleys that are unkempt and the fine amount.

City Attorney Kent Richins presented Resolution #2021-6:

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RESOLUTION #2021-6

AMENDING WORLAND CITY CODE ARTICLE III, SECTION 24-9-2: TABLE – ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

A RESOLUTION AMENDING TABLE 24-9-2 BY INSERTING ONE (1) TABLE ROW LINE THAT REFERENCES USE TYPE “Crematorium”; IBC ID H3, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) AS A PERMITTED USE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Worland, Washakie County, Wyoming:

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the Governing Body of the City of Worland passed on third and final reading, Ordinance No. 834, establishing an assortment of new regulations within Chapter 24 of the Worland City Code entitled “Zoning;” and

WHEREAS, in particular, Section 24-9: District Classifications of the Worland City Code authorizes the Governing Body to modify Table 24-9-2 through resolution as advised and recommended by the Worland Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Worland Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission did move and approve to submit a formal recommendation to the Governing Body of the City of Worland; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Worland that the amendment to Table 24-9-2 contained within EXHIBIT “A” attached hereto and made part hereof, shall be and is hereby immediately adopted.

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Worland to pass this Resolution and that doing so provides opportunity for present and future business owners and the public in general.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day of .

CITY OF WORLAND, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation
By: _____
JAMES R. GILL - Mayor

ATTEST:

TRACY A. GLANZ – Clerk/Treasurer

City Attorney Richins explained that current ordinance does not mention crematoriums, however, the Board of Adjustment and Planning (BAPC) after much discussion, recommended a resolution to allow crematoriums only in a Light Industrial (LI) Zone. Discussion followed; funeral parlors are not allowed in a Low Density Residential Zone (LDR) so a crematory is definitely not allowed in a LDR.

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt Resolution #2021-6.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Elliott noted that our last Ordinance Officer was very efficient in enforcing the property maintenance ordinance as he was aware that the Council wanted more action on unkempt properties. This generated a lot of complaints from residents, but the Ordinance Officer was doing his job. During his tenure he handled 640 incidents with 534 officer initiated complaints and the Ordinance Officer issued 15 citations, he did a good job. Chief of Police Elliott stated that the Ordinance Officer position handles a lot of issues in the summer, not so many in the winter. The Police Officers help the Ordinance Officer as much as they can. Chief of Police Elliott reminded the Council about the peaceful protest over the notification by Banner Health that all employees must be vaccinated scheduled for tomorrow starting in Pioneer Square. Chief of Police Elliott made a conditional offer of employment for a new Ordinance Officer, however, this individual resides in Ten Sleep currently. As per city policy an employee has

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to reside within ten (10) miles of the city limits. This individual is willing to move when the market allows. The city made exceptions in the past for employees and Chief of Police Elliott asked that an exception be allowed for the Ordinance Officer at this time. City Attorney Richins explained that this is a policy that the Council can make an exception to, not an ordinance. Discussion followed.

Motion: to make an exception to the ten (10) mile limit for city employees for the new Ordinance Officer for one (1) year.
By: Councilmember Schaeffer.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell stated that the 2021 Streets Project will start soon with fourteen (14) locations. There was a meeting onsite at 2nd Street and Culbertson Avenue on the smoothing down of Culbertson, asphalt will be added instead of milling down the street. The entire project will be chip sealed starting this week except for the 2nd Street and Culbertson Avenue intersection until that section can be fixed.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch informed the Council that Airport employee Dan Haley submitted his resignation effective September 10, 2021 and indicated that a new employee will be needed prior to snow removal. Currently, there is a lot of construction at the airport and the new spray pad is 90% complete.

Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger reported that the Lawson Avenue water main extension is complete with the use of another excavator. Next week the service lines will be connected to the new line and the old taps will be removed and covered. The city brought in millings to fill in potholes on Lawson Avenue. In the Aspen Meadows Subdivision there have been three (3) water leaks in the last four (4) weeks. The contractor who originally put in the water lines did not do a good job of bedding them and did not use high quality water lines. Unfortunately the city has inherited the problem and we do anticipate more leaks. Discussion followed as to the type of pipe used. There is also a water line break in Sunrise Heights, the park at the top of the hill east of town. That has been patched and the water is back on. The entire subdivision is served by the water line that broke. The crew is continuing to patch streets and filling potholes in Newell Sargent Park (road). The paint striping is ongoing with the school areas being done now. The fall sports program clean-up is in process in conjunction with the recreation board. The golf course pump controls are in and installed, we should have full automation and control shortly. There a couple of items that need to be worked on at the water wells and we will be upgrading the SCADA system as per the budget. The entire WBI crew was at the golf course pond on Monday and cleaned up a ton of trees and brush. The western half of the pond is now cleaned up; the WBI crew is hoping to come out again to continue on clean-up. The bid is out for the concrete pad around the water crane. There are two (2) open positions on the city crew, the hope is to hire both positions shortly. Superintendent of Public Works Kruger noted that he has received additional positive feedback on the cemetery regarding mowing and less grass clippings around the stones.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Nancy Dellos, Deputy Clerk

August 26, 2021