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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND August 17, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened by Zoom Meeting and telephone at 6:00 p.m. on August 17, 2020. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kody DeMunbrun, Keith Gentzler, Christy Schneider, Kreg Lombard, Mandy Horath, Mike Neuffer, Kenneth Shearer, Delayne Renner-Newton and Caleb Vigil. Also present were: Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Burky; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Municipal Judge, Marcy Argeris and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz.

There were two (2) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

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

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

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

The minutes of the August 4, 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 August, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of September and approve the Council Work Session Minutes for August 10, 2020 and the Payroll Voucher for the period ending August 9, 2020; PAYROLL 8/09/2020 - \$66,086.23.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Shearer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Rhea White representing the Chamber of Commerce requested approval to use the sidewalks in front of vacant businesses and Pioneer Square on September 12, 2020 for the Harvest Festival. The festival will run at the same time as the Farmers' Market with the street closure of North 9th Street from Big Horn Avenue to the alley. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott had no issues with the event.

Motion: to approve the request to use the sidewalks in front of vacant businesses and Pioneer Square for the Harvest Festival on September 12, 2020.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Renner-Newton.

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Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Kent Richins presented Ordinance #856 for second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AMENDING SECTION 14-12(E) (1) OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE PERMIT TIME PERIOD FOR THE STORING OF UNATTACHED TRAILERS ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #856 on second reading.
By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Second by: Councilmember Horath.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Judge Marcy Argeris requested approval to schedule arraignments for Municipal Court at City Hall on the schedule of dates presented. Mayor Gill stated that the safety of personnel at City Hall and the defendants is a legitimate concern with the uptick in cases of COVID-19 in the County; this is the reason the Council needs to decide on the issue. City Attorney Richins agreed that the backlog of arraignments needed to be taken care of but emphasized that they could be done by telephone or Zoom because of the safety issue. City Attorney Richins suggested that there are other options such as the Worland Community Center Complex or somewhere outdoors. Discussion followed about concerns for city hall staff. Municipal Judge Argeris stated that if she was not allowed to have the arraignments in person then the appearances would wait until the Circuit Courtroom is available and the Court opens.

Motion: to approve holding the municipal court arraignments at City Hall as per the proposed schedule.
By: Councilmember Gentzler.
Second by: Councilmember Horath.
Vote: Members voting AYE: Schneider, Gentzler, Vigil, Horath, Gill, Neuffer, DeMunbrun, Shearer; Members voting NAY: Renner-Newton, Lombard; Members ABSTAINING: None; the motion passed by a vote of 8-2-0.

City Attorney Richins presented the proposed change to the employee handbook on extending the probationary period, informing the Council that this would not affect current employee's only new hires.

Motion: to approve the proposed change to the employee handbook extending the probationary period from six (6) months to one (1) year.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Renner-Newton.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell updated the Council on the Culbertson Project. The contractor is laying base

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and sub base on Culbertson and moving east; they are done installing the water and sewer lines and most of the storm sewers west of the railroad tracks. The contractor will be pulling the new water line under the railroad right of way on South 5th Street this week. The project is expected to be finished prior to the September 30, 2020 deadline. The city is waiting on paperwork from the contractor before starting the 2020 Double Gutter Project awarded at the last council meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz informed the Council that the City of Worland was awarded \$12,000.00 through the State Land Investment Board (SLIB) Cares Grant to cover COVID-19 expenses.

Superintendent of Public Works Burky informed the Council that the city crew is grading alleys, finishing up on meter pits and leaks, preparing to do crack sealing and helping with the Culbertson Project. Superintendent of Public Works Burky thanked Worland Rotary for pouring a new sidewalk in Riverside Park for the new shelter. The SLIB grant for the sewer line improvement project at the lagoon did come through; one thousand (1,000) feet of 24-inch outfall sewer main will be lined and new pumps will be installed. Councilmember DeMunbrun asked about the solar project at the lagoon. Superintendent of Public Works Burky stated that the project cost is approximately \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 and the city will need significant grant funding to complete it. Since the city has utilized SLIB funding a lot over the last couple of years, and since we have a great need for road, water and sewer improvements it may be wise to prioritize project needs and wait until the current grants are complete before applying again.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch reported that the Taxilane C Project is a bit ahead of schedule and should be done by mid-September. The bid for the tractor mower will be advertised this week.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reminded the Council that school starts tomorrow and that the speed trailer is out. Chief of Police Elliott reminded everyone to pay attention and drive safely. The police department will have another highway safety event to enforce DUI from August 14 to August 31, 2020, so there will be extra patrol out in the evenings.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.
By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

August 27, 2020