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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND December 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on December 17, 2019. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Keith Gentzler, Kreg Lombard, Kody DeMunbrun, Mandy Horath, Caleb Vigil, Christy Schneider, Mike Neuffer and Delayne Renner-Newton. Also present were: Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Burky; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Gary Gerber was absent.

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

Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a Quorum, with Councilmember Gary Gerber excused, and requested approval of the agenda.

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

The minutes of the December 3, 2019 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 December, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of January and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of December 9, 2019 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending December 1, 2019; PAYROLL 12/1/19 - \$71,945.72.
By: Councilmember Vigil.
Second by: Councilmember Horath.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill asked the Council if they would like to give city employees half a day off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Motion: to approve a half day off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for city employees.
By: Councilmember Horath.
Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill reminded the Council about the Airport water line and the discussion held at the Council Work Session. The Council needs to decide if they want to move forward with the idea of replacing that water line and joining with Big Horn Regional and Washakie Rural on the project. Discussion followed; costs have not been determined yet.

Motion: to form a committee comprised of Superintendent of Public Works Burky, City Engineer Representative Donnell, Clerk/

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Treasurer Glanz and Mayor Gill to do preliminary research on the idea of replacing the water line.
By: Councilmember Horath.
Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill thanked Councilmember Gentzler for all he has done to represent the City of Worland on the Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board; Councilmember Gentzler is resigning effective December 31, 2019. Mayor Gill appointed Councilmember Christy Schneider to the Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board.

Motion: to approve and confirm the appointment of Councilmember Christy Schneider to the Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board effective January 1, 2020.
By: Councilmember Gentzler.
Second by: Councilmember Horath.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill announced his intention to seek re-election as Mayor for the City of Worland. "Looking back over the past decade I have enjoyed serving the City as a Councilmember and then as Mayor the last four (4) years and I am seeking your support in this endeavor. I cannot begin to tell you how important the Department Heads are and I commend all of them for all they do for the city and I will continue to support them all I can. I wish to thank all past and present Councilmembers I have served with, it has been a pleasure working with all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz informed the Council that the city received a \$40,000.00 donation from the Newell Sargent Foundation for Pioneer Square. Foundation Board Member Kent Richins stated that the Board appreciated all that has been done to update Pioneer Square. Councilmember Lombard asked if the city is going to continue with bricks, as he purchased one a few years ago. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz stated that more orders were needed to purchase the bricks; the city may issue refunds to those that purchased unordered bricks as Superintendent of Public Works Burky stated his intent to remove all the bricks and the current three prong structure, and install a board with all the names in it. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz noted that the Building Official will present information on GIS at the next Council Work Session in January and thanked the governing body for the half day off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Chief of Police Elliott congratulated Zack Newton and Delayne Renner on their marriage this last weekend. The battery on the school light, mentioned at the last Council meeting, has been replaced. Councilmember Lombard asked if the Police Department has had trouble recruiting officers with so many officers killed in the line of duty; Chief of Police Elliott stated that every agency is short-handed, there are twenty-eight (28) agencies hiring for multiple law enforcement positions within the State. The city police department is fully staffed currently, but we will be looking to hire after a retirement later in 2020. The Shop with a Cop program was successful, but unfortunately only six (6) or seven (7) kids showed up out of ten (10) chosen.

Airport Manager Murdoch wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the governing body for the half day off for

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Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. All equipment at the airport is currently functional, we are ready to remove snow when needed.

City Attorney Richins wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked the Council for this past year, "We accomplished a lot as a team."

City Engineer Representative Donnell informed the Council of the Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board meeting tomorrow night. Jack Hoffman, District Traffic Engineer for WYDOT and Julianne Monahan WYDOT Planning & Policy Analyst agreed that the city would have to go through a basic engineer selection to continue work on Washakie Avenue since WYDOT considers the Washakie Avenue Study closed. Since the recon report required will use information from the original study done by DOWL, it would not be fair to other engineering firms to go through the complete RFP process, as was done with the Washakie Avenue Corridor Study. Additional information on how the selection can be done fairly is needed.

Superintendent of Public Works Burky reported that there is a meeting tomorrow with the Conservation District to discuss the possibility of installing a culvert in the ditch that runs from 23rd Street to 15th Street. Worland Drainage District is responsible for the ditch and representatives will also be at the meeting. The City is not bound to the District but does have the right to use the drainage ditch. There are two (2) ice rinks in town, one at Hillcrest Park and the other (bigger one) at Veteran's Park. The crew finished installing 800 feet of sewer service line for the Golf Course restroom; the restroom will be installed early in the spring. Crews are also working on tearing down the house on the corner of 15th Street and Coburn Avenue as well as trimming trees at the cemetery and cleaning up the property down by the river. Superintendent of Public Works Burky stated that dumpsters will be removed from some city parks to curb illegal dumping. Discussion followed; a lot of communities are switching to roll-outs versus dumpsters.

Mayor Gill mentioned the information in the Council packet from WBI Energy about the high pressure gas line running through Newell Sargent Park.

Mayor Gill wished Councilmember Gary Gerber the best, "we miss him at the Council meetings."

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.
By: Councilmember Horath.
Second by: Councilmember Schneider.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

December 26, 2019