

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND January 3, 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 January 3, 2023. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kreg Lombard, Barbara Brookwell, William Worley, Adam Martinez, Rebecca George, Pete Calderon, Wendy Fredricks and Mike Neuffer (via telephone). Also present were Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Superintendent of Public Works, Nick Kruger; City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Kody DeMunbrun was absent.

There were seven (7) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill introduced the two new Councilmembers and asked them to introduce any family in the room. Pete Calderon introduced his wife and two sons; Rebecca George indicated that her husband was home with her six children.

City Attorney Kent Richins gave the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Rebecca George, Pete Calderon, Barbara Brookwell, Adam Martinez, Kreg Lombard and Mike Neuffer.

Mayor Gill asked the representative from the newspaper to introduce herself; Avery Howe is the new reporter for Northern Wyoming News.

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

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

The minutes of the December 20, 2022 regular meeting stand approved as published.

Mayor Gill thanked President of the Council William Worley for presiding at the last Council meeting.

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 January, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of February and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Registers for December, 2022 and Payroll Vouchers for the period December 30, 2022. PAYROLL 12/30/22 - \$65,602.60.

CITY OF WORLAND/UTILITIES COMMISSION DECEMBER 2022

Bar S Bar Electric, Troubleshoot-Lagoon, \$140.41; Big Horn Basin & Off Road, Services, \$1,009.47; Big Horn Co-Op Marketing, Used Tires, \$234.62; Blair's Market, Supplies, \$282.48; Bloedorn Lumber, Lumber, \$164.96; Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Parts, \$508.93; Bomgaars, Tools, \$315.72; C&B Operations, Drive Shaft, \$461.85; Carquest Auto Parts, Parts, \$2,820.96; Cash - City Petty Cash, Postage, \$59.00; Civil Air Patrol Magazine, Advertising, \$145.00; Cloud Peak Veterinary Services, Boarding, \$650.00; Desert Mountain Corp., WY Ice Slicer, \$5,277.97; Ditch Witch, Seal/Swivel, \$294.27; Eagle Engineering & Surveying, Inc, Engineering, \$7,916.67; Energy Laboratories, Monthly Oil & Grease, \$137.00; Ferguson Waterworks, Rep Clmp, \$340.00; Flyod's Truck Center, Parts, \$344.85; Frandson Safety Inc., Shipping/Supplies, \$713.20; Fremont Motor Powell, Parts, \$79.69; Hasco Industrial Supply, Supplies, \$479.45; Hawkins, Inc., Chlorine Cylinder, \$30.00; Kennedy Ace Hardware, Hardware, \$753.24; Motor Supply, Inc., Parts, \$1,478.42; Norco, Inc., Cylinder Rent, \$39.60; Northern Wyoming Daily News, Advertising, \$1,660.80; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., Parts, \$2,104.45; O'Reilly's Auto Enterprises, LLC, Parts, \$22.90; One-Call of Wyoming, November Tickets, \$31.50; Public Agency Training Council, Training, \$750.00; Railroad Mgt. Co III, LLC, Licence Fee, \$344.67; Serlkay Printing, Supplies, \$1,240.81; Smudge Prints, Embroidery, \$10.00; Southwest Equipment, Parts, \$973.05; Team Laboratory, Chemicals, \$13,281.50; Tommerup Machine Shop, Services, \$1,314.28; Triple R Welding, Water Well, \$4,040.00; United Parcel Service, Shipping, \$14.05; United Rentals, Decal-Control Panel, \$49.06; Valli Information Systems, Inc, Maintenance, \$185.58; Wamco Lab Inc, Testing, \$2,400.00; Washakie County Treasurer, C. Wall / Juvenile Officer, \$1,480.30; Worland Cleaners & Supply, Inc., Supplies, \$231.98; Worley Welding & Repair, Egarbage Truck & Snow Plow, \$1,476.28; WY Assn of Rural Water System, 2023 Membership, \$475.00; Wyatt Molzahn Construction, Doors-City Shop, \$4,400.00.

TOTAL REGULARS..... \$61,163.97

AFLAC, Premium, \$232.58; AT & T, Long Distance, \$134.98; AT & T Mobility, Cell Phone Service, \$507.74; Barnes, Terra, Restitution, \$25.00; Big Horn Co-Op, Gasoline, \$3,654.37; Big Horn Water, Water/Rental, \$96.25; Big Horn Reg. Joint Powers Board, Monthly EDU, \$36,892.00; Big Horn Rural Electric Co, Water Well # 1, \$47.72; Blair's, Restitution, \$25.91; Bomber Construction, 1215 Coveaway/Curb/Gutter, \$6,148.00; Civilplus LLC, Municode Pages, \$1,576.78; Crystal & Robert Geringer, Deposit Refund, \$84.31; Dearborn National, Life Insurance, \$142.70; DOI/BLM, Artesian/Pipeline Water, \$4,617.81; Eagle Engineering & Surveying, 2022 Dbl Gutter/Street Impr, \$863.33; FasCorp, Deferred Comp, \$5,765.00; Port Dearborn, Disability, \$356.29; Gill, Jim, Cell Phone Service, \$40.00; High Plains Power, Inc., Services, \$1,129.40; Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Tax Deposit, \$65,089.73; Isreal Vega, Deposit Refund, \$200.00; John Allen, Deposit Refund, \$2.68; Kenco Security & Technology, Alarm Monitoring, \$129.40; Kennedy Ace, Pioneer Square, \$274.83; Kustom Coach Works, Body Repair/Paint, \$3,237.99; Louis & Michelle Weber, Deposit Refund, \$200.00; Murdoch Oil, Gasoline, \$11,851.41; NCPERS Group Life Ins., Life Insurance, \$208.00; Pinnacle Bank, Expenses, \$2,767.51; Pioneer Square, Maintenance, \$1,500.00; Rocky Mountain Power, Electricity, \$20,059.64; Rachel & Ty Wright, Overpayment, \$76.04; Range, Phone Service, \$1,877.28; Robert J. Johnson, Deposit Refund, \$72.79; Sagebrush Sports, LLC, GC Contract, \$13,750.00; Sharry Burks, Deposit Refund, \$11.21; Sundown Services, Inc, Boiler Replacement, \$1,123.58; U.S. Postmaster, Dec. Billing/Stamped, \$1,123.34; U.S. Postmaster, PO Box Renewal, \$140.00; Verizon Wireless, Cell Phone Service, \$1,171.95; WAMCAT Treasurer, Membership-Thiel, \$75.00; Washakie County Clerk, Filing Fee, \$36.00; Washakie County Public Health, Flu Shots, \$200.00; Washakie County Treasurer, Comm. Center, \$23,130.83; Washakie County Treasurer, General Purpose, \$104,846.42; Washakie Co. Solid Waste Disposal Dist., Municipal Waste, \$24,287.00; Worker's Comp. Dept, Compensation, \$13,267.03; Worland Cleaners, Pioneer Sq. Supplies, \$57.65; Wyoming Gas Company, Services, \$6,880.36; Wyoming Retirement System, Retirement, \$46,792.99; Wyoming Secretary of State, Notary Renewal-Garcia/Dellos, \$120.00.

TOTAL SPECIALS..... \$406,900.83
GRAND TOTAL..... \$468,064.80
\$327,885.15
Voided Check #64274..... \$344.85

By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.

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Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

David Mischke with the Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus requested permission to have a March for Life on January 21, 2023 starting at 11:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. at Pioneer Square. The group would like to walk to the courthouse and back to Pioneer Square but do not want to disrupt traffic or pull officers from other duties. This event will include fund raising to get the Riverton ultrasound van to Worland as there is not a stationary unit here. Danielle Earl is in charge of the fund-raising activities and Travis White is the Chairman of this year's event. Mr. White will contact Chief of Police Gabe Elliott with further details. There will be a chili feed at the Catholic Church after the event. Mr. Mischke thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Motion: to approve the March for Life event on January 21, 2023 at Pioneer Square.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill gave a State of the City Address:

Fellow Councilmembers and Worland Constituents, the State of our City is strong and vibrant. We can take pride in the fact that the recent audit of our cities finances was noted as one of the best in the Big Horn Basin with its debt free status. Our constituency continued their support of our "Street Improvement Initiative" with the passage of another four years of the one percent money. We are making great strides with that program with some new paving equipment we purchased in the past year as well.

We plan to move forward with our request of the Federal Census Bureau to recount our population base to show that the true number of residents residing in our city exceeds 5,000. Our city is growing with new business startups in the past year like Precision Instruments, the Ten Sleep Brewing Facility, the Pit Stop and the completion of the new Ace Hardware Building. A shining star to the west entrance of the city is the new upgrade of Big Horn Co-op's new tire shop, convenience center and fueling stations.

Our banking community remains steadfast with the recent new construction of the Sunlight Federal Credit Union. Big Horn Federal and the ANB Bank recent upgrades have been showstoppers on main street as well. How many cities our size in Wyoming have five major banks? Not many folks.

The city upgraded our lagoon system with new pumps and other components this past year. The good news with our lagoon sewer treatment plant is that its design still allows for plenty of growth in the years to come. We are currently processing in excess of a million gallons of effluent a day through the system.

Our municipal airport continues to grow with interest in new hangars. The only revenue stream we generate for airport operations directly is the leasing of the land these hangars are built on. The city will be exploring ways to increase our revenue to accommodate the increased costs of owning and operating the current airport facility in the New Year.

The city will be moving forward to address the need for signage and an appropriate internment directory at our municipal cemetery as well this year.

Worland is the safest City in Wyoming to live in. We are proud of our Police Department and Sheriff's Department for all they do to keep our residents safe. Our Fire Department does a wonderful job as well.

In conclusion, Councilmembers thank all of you for all your advice and consent in dealing with the many issues that come before us each and every year. I know you agree that we have a very top-notch group of employees and Department Heads that make it happen for our great City. Thank you one and all!

Mayor Gill started his 2023 appointments by appointing Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger as the Golf Course Liaison.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger as Golf Course Liaison.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill appointed Building Official Randy Adams the ADA/504 Coordinator.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Building Official Randy Adams as ADA/504 Coordinator.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill appointed Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger to the Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board for a three-year term.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger to the Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: Members voting AYE: Martinez, Worley, Calderon, Brookwell, Lombard, George, Fredricks; Members voting NAY: None; Members ABSTAINING: Neuffer; the motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1.

Mayor Gill designated the following banks as Official Depository Banks for the City of Worland: Pinnacle Bank, ANB Bank, Big Horn Federal Savings & Loan, Security State Bank, US Bank, Wyoming Government Investment Fund and WY CLASS.

Motion: to approve the Official Depository designations.
By: Councilmember George.
Second by: Councilmember Worley.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill designated Northern Wyoming News as the Official Legal Newspaper for the City of Worland.

Motion: to approve the Official Legal Newspaper designation.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill designated KWOR AM and KKLX FM as the Official Radio Station for the City of Worland.

Motion: to approve the Official Radio Station designation.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill asked for nominations for President of the Council. Councilmember Worley nominated Councilmember Fredricks. There were no other nominations.

Motion: to cease all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Councilmember Fredricks.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.

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Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill asked for nominations for Acting President of the Council. Councilmember Fredricks nominated Councilmember Worley. There were no other nominations.

Motion: to cease all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Councilmember Worley.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Kent Richins presented Ordinance #866 for second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AMENDING SECTION 2-2 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

City Attorney Richins explained to the new Councilmembers that an Ordinance is a codification of city code. State Statute allows that any increase to the salaries of elected officials only affects newly elected members. This increase will take effect on February 1, 2023. The current salary for Mayor is \$1,200.00 per month and it will increase to \$1,500.00 per month after the next election. The current salary for a Councilmember is \$75.00 per meeting, with the passage of this ordinance that amount will increase to \$100.00 per meeting for those Councilmembers elected in 2022.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #866 on second reading.
By: Councilmember Worley.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill asked for discussion on the Worland Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board (JPB) and their plan to dissolve the Board. Councilmember Fredricks as the newly appointed member to the JPB said that she is looking for direction from the city as to the possible dissolution of the joint powers board and still trying to get a handle on how the JPB works. City Attorney Kent Richins gave an overview of how and why the JPB was formed; the City, County and School are members of the JPB and each owns 1/3 of the aquatic center. A bond issue was passed by residents to pay for the aquatic center and that bond issue expires in 2035. Any dissolution of the JPB would distribute the assets to the school and the pool is located on school property. City Attorney Richins stated that he did not believe the Council had enough information to make an informed decision on a possible dissolution. Mayor Gill would like to see a letter from the JPB stating their intentions and a letter from the Attorney General signing off on the dissolution before a position is taken by the city. Discussion followed about concerns of the aquatic center remaining a public pool and that taxpayers paying for the aquatic center should have say about how it is run, by a joint powers board or by the school. Mayor Gill thanked Councilmember Fredricks and Councilmember Brookwell in their efforts to represent the city.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz informed the Council that one of the two boilers in city hall failed. The boiler can either be fixed at an approximate cost of \$10,650.00 or a new boiler can be ordered at an approximate cost of \$15,750.00. This is not a budgeted item but there should be enough in the budget to almost cover the cost of a new boiler.

Motion: to approve purchasing a new boiler for city hall.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz stated that Conflict of Interest forms will be distributed at the next Council meeting or next Council work session.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reported that the New Year's weekend went well; there was not a single DUI on New Year's Eve. Some of the bars have initiated designated drivers, kudos to them for doing that. The bars, liquor stores and convenience stores are doing a good job. It is much appreciated by the Police Department.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch informed the Council that the terminal roof is 95% complete; the contractor is finishing up on the trim. The Kodiak broom is out of commission, and it will take a while to get the parts to fix it; airport staff will use the old broom in the meantime.

Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger reported that the city survived the cold spell; there were fourteen (14) frozen pipe leaks on the consumer side but none on the main line. The crew fought through some diesel fuel gelling problems when it was so cold, but we had no significant issues. The water crane and the new storage building are close to completion. The office of the Superintendent of Public Works has been moved to the City Shop at 101 Grace versus City Hall.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that a change order has been signed for the mid-block fire hydrant line replacement project to include one more location. This will be completed once weather permits. The office of the engineer is working on the design of several projects including a sewer line replacement, a storm sewer project, crack seal projects and the Washakie Avenue Project which is funded in part by urban systems funds. The Urban Systems Committee is looking at rebuilding the worst section of Washakie Avenue, between South 8th Street and South 15th Street. This will coincide with the rebuilding of the bridge on 8th Street and the planned new bridge off Culbertson both funded and constructed by WYDOT. Councilmember Worley asked if the city was going to apply for ARPA funding for any water and sewer projects. City Engineer Representative Donnell stated that the city did not have any large projects at this time to request the funding.

City Attorney Richins welcomed the new Councilmembers and encouraged them to stop by the office to discuss any issues.

City Engineer Representative Donnell asked if we still do tours of city facilities for new Councilmembers; Mayor Gill stated that this can be done in the future.

Mayor Gill noted that the Municipal Court Report, Building Permit Summary and Golf Course Financial Report for December 2022, the WCCC minutes for November 2022 and a Thank You note from the City of Cody are in the Council packet for review.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

January 12, 2023