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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND July 16, 2024

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 July 16, 2024. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Barbara Brookwell, Adam Martinez, William Worley, Rebecca George, Wendy Fredricks, Mike Neuffer and Kreg Lombard via telephone. Also present were Director of Public Works, Nick Kruger; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Kody DeMunbrun was absent and excused.

There were twelve (12) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Mike Neuffer led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a quorum, with Councilmember DeMunbrun excused, and asked for approval of the agenda.

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

The minutes of the July 2, 2024 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 July, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of August and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of July 8, 2024, BAPC Minutes for July 8, 2024 and Payroll Voucher for the period of July 12, 2024. PAYROLL 7/12/24 - \$73,642.40.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Dugger, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the annual Customer Appreciation BBQ will be held on August 22, 2024 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn and asked for assistance with additional dumpsters and safety cones to block the parking lane.

Motion: to approve the request for additional dumpsters and safety cones.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

John Davis asked when the Council would address the crematorium; City Attorney Kent Richins informed Mr. Davis that the Council will be asked to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the zone change requested by Bryant Funeral Home. If an ordinance is presented, it will be at the next Council meeting on August 6, 2024.

David Frahm addressed the Council about Ordinance #874 and Section 11 regarding vegetation management and/or tree trimming asking if the regulations notated in this section could be provided to the public. Mayor Gill will pass that question on to Rocky Mountain Power.

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Yvonne Bryant presented information to the governing body about the requested zone change application and the proposed crematorium. Bryant Funeral Home felt they did due diligence with a community luncheon explaining the process and safety regulations governing the crematorium; "We want to make sure that citizens are comfortable with what we are doing." Mayor Gill thanked Mrs. Bryant for the information.

Mayor Gill asked for a motion to dissolve the Pickleball Committee; all information can be overseen through Director of Public Works Nick Kruger and/or Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz.

Motion: to dissolve the Pickleball Committee.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Director of Public Works Nick Kruger stated that he had the great privilege to work with the Costalez family over the last year, who have offered to donate land to the city free and clear. The documents were signed today, with four (4) parcels donated. Jimmy Costalez, representing the family, gave a history of his family and the property; "As a family, there is nothing greater than to recognize our parents with the donation of this land to the City. Thank you to Mayor Gill and all for considering this. We would love to be part of the development of the property. We appreciate the Mayor and Council and all that you do for the community." The Costalez family was given a standing ovation by all present. Director of Public Works Kruger stated that the property located on Culbertson Avenue would be sold with proceeds going to the development of 200 South 1st Street, with a long term vision of a picnic area and an area for musicians to play. Director of Public Works Kruger asked for a motion to accept the property.

Motion: to graciously accept the property as park space dedicated to the City of Worland.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill and the Council thanked the Costalez family for their generous donation.

City Attorney Kent Richins presented Ordinance #874 for first reading explaining that this ordinance is a franchise agreement with Rocky Mountain Power allowing the utility company the right to operate in public right of way. The term is ten (10) years with a 5% franchise fee; this fee is passed onto the public by the franchise holder.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY FRANCHISE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC EASEMENT TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER. SAID ORDINANCE REPEALS ORDINANCE NO. 815 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACES IT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #874 on first reading.
By: Councilmember Worley.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz informed the Council that the Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission (BAPC) recommend approval of a zone change application filed by Bryant Fu-

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neral Home for 201 South 5th Street. This recommendation approves the zone change from a Commercial Business to a Light Industrial zone, allowing placement of a crematorium. City Attorney Richins stated that the Council would have to direct him to draw up an ordinance to complete the zone change; "I appreciate Bryant Funeral Home doing everything the right way."

Motion: to direct City Attorney Richins to draft an ordinance for the proposed zone change at 201 S. 5th Street from Commercial Business to Light Industrial.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Richins thanked the Costalez family for their donation of land to the City. Councilmember George asked if the tree trimming information for Rocky Mountain Power could be attached as a supplement to the Ordinance. City Attorney Richins stated that it would be better if the information was made available at City Hall.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott stated that his grandparents lived across the street from the Costalez home, "it is an honor to have you here and the donation is huge." Chief of Police Elliott informed the Council that the offer of conditional employment to the officer from West Virginia fell through as he was given a better offer by his department. The police department is still looking for a certified police officer. Next week, two (2) police officers will be deployed by the National Guard and will be gone until May of next year. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz has collaborated with the employees on benefit issues. Chief of Police Elliott wished the officers well and appreciates their service. As a reminder, the Fair Parade is next Saturday, July 27th at 9:00 a.m.; all departments will be assisting with the parade.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell reported that Viper Underground is working on the storm drain project on Washakie Avenue and dealing with issues of old and diverse types of pipe. Viper Underground will finish the sewer line project north of town, replacing 15" sewer line for the new Lighthouse Adult Crisis Center once the manholes arrive.

Director of Public Works Kruger informed the Council that all documents have been signed for the Trail Complex at Riverside Park and the project is moving forward. The walking path will be the first phase of the project. The Big Horn Regional (BHR) meeting is tomorrow night, with the final reading of their budget. BHR placed an ad for additional help as they will be the official water operator for the Basin area, where they were not before. Public Works is continuing to work on potholing and trying to keep up with watering in the parks with the hot weather.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Worley.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

July 25, 2024