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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND July 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 2018. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Christy Schneider, Keith Gentzler, Dennis Koch, Mandy Horath, Mike Neuffer, Michele Rideout, Lisa Fernandez, Gary Gerber and Loresa Brinkerhoff via telephone. Also present were: Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Burky and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz.

There were seventeen (17) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Gary Gerber 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 Fernandez.
Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July 3, 2018 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 9, 2018 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending July 1, 2018; PAYROLL 07/1/18 - \$65,042.71.
By: Councilmember Koch
Second by: Councilmember Horath.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill introduced Mike Greear, CEO of Wyoming Sugar Company (WSC) and recognized WSC as a great asset that provides jobs in the community. Mayor Gill asked Mr. Greear to talk about the odor that comes over the City from time to time. Mr. Greear started by saying that WSC has been in Worland for over 100 years and is a part of Worland's identity. The plant employs seventy (70) full time employees, two hundred (200) during harvest and one hundred forty five (145) during campaign. "It is value added manufacturing, with profits coming back to the community." The odor is created in the cooking of the beets, rotting piles of beets and from the lime ponds. WSC has worked to eliminate the odor and has been successful with the beet piles through ventilation. WSC has also invested in aeration and a pivot sprinkler to evaporate the water in the lime ponds faster. The weather this year has not helped the situation with it being such a wet spring. Last year WSC had processing issues that caused an excessive amount of sugar to go to the lime ponds and this year the weather did not allow the ponds to dry out. Microbial action creates the smell, so even a small amount of rain does not help. The area is also difficult because of the heat inversion. Unfortunately, there is always going to be an odor, but WSC continues to work on solving the issue. Mayor Gill thanked Mr. Greear for explaining how WSC works to mitigate the problem. Mr. Greear invited the Mayor and Council to tour the plant when processing begins.

Dan Cook representing the Wyoming State BBQ committee requested permission to use picnic tables from city parks for the event scheduled for the third weekend in August.

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Motion: to allow the Wyoming State BBQ committee to use picnic tables from city parks for the 2018 event.
By: Councilmember Horath.
Second by: Councilmember Gentzler.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz presented the Dispatch-User Agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County for approval.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Dispatch-User Agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County.
By: Councilmember Fernandez.
Second by: Councilmember Schneider.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz presented the LEC Agreement for jail and rent by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County for approval.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the LEC agreement by and between the City of Worland and Washakie County.
By: Councilmember Gentzler.
Second by: Councilmember Schneider.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Kent Richins explained the South Worland Water Users (SWWU) petition to enlarge. The enlargement into Washakie Rural Improvement District (WRID) would allow SWWU to obtain funding and grants to update their system and could have been a loss to the city as a customer. SWWU has been a customer of the City since 1972 and the City did not want to lose that relationship and protested the enlargement. The Washakie County Commissioners delayed approval of the enlargement so that the Attorneys from each entity could work toward an agreement between the City, SWWU and WRID. If the entities come to an agreement, the question of enlargement into WRID will come before the voters on the November ballot. The proposition will have to be approved by a majority of the voters in each District (SWWU and WRID) to pass. The agreement reached between the entities includes a reduction in water rates from outside industrial to outside residential, with the City maintaining SWWU as a customer. If the Council passes the agreement tonight, the other entities will meet to pass the agreement as per an understanding between the attorneys. Part of the agreement requires "good faith" as there may still be details to work out between the entities. City Attorney Richins asked that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter effectively withdrawing our protest of the enlargement once the agreement has been signed by each entity, and approval of the agreement. Discussion followed. Monte Harnden asked what the enlargement will do to customers in Country Heights since they are residents of the City but currently on the SWWU system. City Attorney Richins stated that this is still an item of discussion, but that it will probably become a city line that will need to be updated. Discussion continued.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Water District Enlargement Agreement.
By: Councilmember Gentzler.
Second by: Councilmember Koch.
Vote: Members voting AYE: Fernandez, Brinkerhoff, Koch, Horath, Gill, Gentzler, Schneider, Gerber, Rideout; Members voting NAY: None; Members ABSTAINING: Neuffer; the motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1.

Motion: to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter for withdrawal of the protest to enlarge South Worland Water Users upon receipt of the fully executed Water District Enlargement Agreement by all parties.
By: Councilmember Gentzler.
Second by: Councilmember Fernandez.
Vote: Members voting AYE: Fernandez, Brinkerhoff, Koch, Horath, Gill,

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Gentzler, Schneider, Gerber, Rideout; Members voting NAY: None; Members ABSTAINING: Neuffer; the motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1.

Mayor Gill mentioned that the current population of the City of Worland as estimated by the State is 5,189 down from 5,487 at the last census in 2010. The governing body is working hard to keep the population above 5,000 as falling below that level has serious ramifications.

Mayor Gill honored Jane O'Connor as the Wyoming Association of Municipalities 2018 Region III Community Hero. Jane was nominated and selected for all the good work she has done over the many years for our community. Jane has been a member of the Worland Garden Club since 1996 and held all the officer positions. Her contributions and skills are endless. Jane is a successful grant writer, green thumb extraordinaire, and volunteer including serving on the City Tree Board, County Fair Flower Superintendent and a Blood Donor. The City is especially thankful to Jane and Kay Fritzlner for the work they did recently in sprucing up City Hall and Pioneer Square with beautiful flowers.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott informed the Council that the Department will be testing this Friday for a new officer. The Crazy Cowboy Triathlon is this Friday and Saturday; the police department will help with traffic control.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz reported that a Building Inspector has been hired, Randy Adams, who will start on July 30, 2018.

City Attorney Richins explained that the Building Inspector will be an employee under the Clerk/Treasurer and how disciplinary actions are handled under the employee handbook. If there is an area of disagreement on a decision by the Building Official, then the complaining party submits a written complaint to the Clerk/Treasurer within five (5) days of the decision. If a resolution cannot be reached, then the Worland Board of Contractors will hear the complaint. The last recourse is District Court, these issues would not come before the Council.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell stated that the 15th Street Project will be complete once the storm water issue is fixed and the bump fixed at the end of the paved project. There is an Urban Systems meeting tomorrow at City Hall; Sara Janes Ellis will be presenting information on funding sources for Urban System projects.

Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky reported that the crew is working on the alley between Eastside School and Zion Lutheran Church. Next week the crew will be working on potholes around town and cleaning out the boat ramp. The Kiwanis Club is working to earn money to supplement the playground equipment replacement at Kiwanis Park.

Mayor Gill thanked all involved for working on the Water District Enlargement Agreement and mentioned the Ladies State Tournament at the Golf Course.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
By: Councilmember Fernandez.
Second by: Councilmember Schneider.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

July 31, 2018

James R. Gill, Mayor