

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND June 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 2021. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Barbara Brookwell, Kreg Lombard, Christy Schneider, Wendy Fredricks, William Worley and Mike Neuffer. Also present were: Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Superintendent of Public Works, Nick Kruger; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz. Councilmembers Kody DeMunbrun, Adam Martinez and Scott Schaeffer were absent.

There were six (6) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Christina Smith led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a Quorum with Councilmembers DeMunbrun, Martinez and Schaeffer excused and asked for approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Worley.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the June 1, 2021 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 June, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of July and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of June 7, 2021 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending May 30, 2021; PAYROLL 5/30/21 - \$67,004.66.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Schneider.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill announced the public hearing to hear comment on the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. There were no public comments. Mayor Gill closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented the budget as Budget Resolution #2021-4 for third and final reading:

RESOLUTION #2021-4

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of May, 2021, the City Clerk-Treasurer, the budget officer of said City, prepared and submitted to the Council the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such budget was duly entered at large upon the records of this Council and a copy thereof was made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, such budget was approved and accepted by the Governing Body of the City of Worland at its regular meeting on June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on such budget, together with a summary of such budget, was published in the Northern Wyoming News, a legal newspaper published and of general circulation in Washakie County, on the 3rd day of June, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 15th day of June 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Worland City Hall at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Worland that the budget be adopted as the Official Budget for the City of Worland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and the expenditures of each officer, department, or spending agency be limited to the amounts herein appropriated:

GENERAL FUND REQUIREMENTS		WATER & SEWER FUND REQUIREMENTS	
General Government	\$27,377	Water System	\$ 1,484,472
City Attorney	53,997	Office	718,114
Clerk-Treasurer	67,361		
Building Dept. Services	124,700	TOTAL WATER	
Engineering	26,000	REQUIREMENTS	\$2,202,586
Streets	1,490,201		
Parks	444,017	Sewer System	\$ 1,392,052
Cemetery	59,038	Office	199,487
Police Department	1,645,893		
City Hall	35,450	TOTAL SEWER	
Airport	318,979	REQUIREMENTS	\$1,591,539
Golf Course	173,100		
Legal Ads & Ordinances	5,350	Sanitation System	\$895,477
Insurance	7,950	Office	\$168,661
Funds Paid To Washakie Co.	12,800		
General Facility	40,340	TOTAL SANITATION	
Municipal Court	51,681	REQUIREMENTS	\$1,064,138
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 4,584,234		
Cash Reserve Fund	388,423		
Payroll Reserve	60,000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	
Computer Reserve	10,000		\$320,000
		EXPENDABLE TRUST	
		FUNDS	\$ 80,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,042,657	AGENCY FUNDS	\$36,000

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2021.

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CITY OF WORLAND, WYOMING
By:
James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk-Treasurer

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt the budget as per Budget Resolution #2021-4.

By: Councilmember Worley.

Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mike St. Clair presented information on the Golf Course Pond and how it has evolved over the years as a recreation and fishing spot for local citizens. Recently, the maintenance on the pond has lapsed and there is a lot of work that needs to be done. WBI Energy is willing to help with the maintenance and writing a grant through WBI to help with costs if the city is willing to recognize the area as a city park and maintain it as such. Discussion followed; Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger indicated that the city has been working on maintenance issues at the pond and hopes to continue with rehabilitation of the pipe that goes through the dam, the dam itself and erosion issues in the next few months. The Parks crew is doing weekly maintenance at this time at the pond. Mayor Gill and the Council thanked Mike for bringing this to the Council and for his work over the years on this project.

Mike St. Clair informed the Mayor and Council that he is organizing a ceremony at Pioneer Square on 9/11/21 to remember all those who died on 9/11/01. The ceremony will start at 10:00 a.m.; further details will be provided at a later date.

Christina Smith approached the Mayor and Council about rent increases in the city, specifically a rent increase of \$200.00 passed on to an elderly veteran. "I keep thinking that when people are no longer at home or feel betrayed in their community, that none will be able to live their life without this fear and conflict. The structures (apartments) do not make a community, but cohesion, integrity, stability and morals do. I question what would make a landlord, especially someone who does not live here, insert inflation such as this into the community while we still have a pandemic. The elderly are at risk, why throw stress on them while they are particularly vulnerable? This is a small community, the life of the community is within the people." Councilmember Fredricks informed Ms. Smith that there are avenues for the elderly to pursue if they are threatened and there are rent controlled facilities in Worland as well. Councilmember Fredricks stated that she would be willing to help, as Director of the Senior Citizen Center. Mayor Gill stated that this is probably happening throughout the country and is a challenging situation. Mayor Gill and the Council thanked Ms. Smith for coming to the Council and for caring for those less fortunate in the community.

Erin Beall provided information on the "Picnic in the Park" event that took place last Saturday and is planned throughout the summer at Sanders Park. This event is designed to welcome new people moving in to town. The event is planned for the June 22, July 13, July 27, August 10 and August 24, 2021 and consists of local people selling food and/or beverages (non-alcoholic) at the park. We would also like to include music and maybe water games. Superintendent of Public Works Kruger brought this to the Council's attention at the last work session. Discussion followed as to if itinerant permits were needed for the vendors. City Attorney Kent Richins asked if the event was sponsored by a group or by individuals. Ms. Beall indicated it was individuals at this time. The last event brought in approximately 150 people. Mayor Gill stated that there is a difference between commercial and individual vendors; this would eliminate the need for a permit; the Council agreed by consensus.

Motion: to approve the "Picnic in the Park" event and allow the organizers to continue to use Sanders Park throughout the month of August.

By: Councilmember Schneider.

Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill requested the Council appoint a voting delegate for the WAM Convention in Cheyenne on July 14-16, 2021. Councilmember Lombard nominated Clerk/Treasurer Glanz.

Motion: to appoint Clerk/Treasurer Glanz as voting delegate to the WAM Convention in Cheyenne.

By: Councilmember Fredricks.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz presented Resolution #2021-5:

RESOLUTION #2021-5

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an amendment be made to the following line items for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021:

GENERAL FUND		
10-34499	CARES Funding - SLIB	\$602,739.17
10-58000-110	Salaries	\$486,012.27
10-60000-499	SLIB CARES Act PPE	\$116,726.90
10-36690	America CARES	\$ 30,000.00
10-61000-110	Salaries	\$ 30,000.00
10-60000-315	Utilities	\$ 3,100.00
10-70000-906	Computer System	\$ 2,000.00
10-61000-320	Building Repairs	\$ 5,100.00

AGENCY FUND		
17-38510	Pioneer Square Rev	\$ 5,500.00
17-40000-731	Pioneer Square Exp	\$ 5,500.00

SEWER FUND		
52-38440	Reimbursable (COVID)	\$ 66,400.00
52-40000-110	Salaries	\$ 66,400.00

SANITATION FUND		
53-40000-110	Salaries	\$ 4,300.00
53-41000-120	Councilmember Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
53-41000-130	Employee Benefits	\$ 2,800.00
53-41000-620	Maintenance Contracts	\$ 500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Worland that the amendments to the budget through Resolution in accordance with Wyoming State Statute 16-4-113 be adopted as the Official Budget for the City of Worland

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for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

James R. Gill, Mayor

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt Resolution #2021-5.

By: Councilmember Worley.

Second by: Councilmember Lombard.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent of Public Works Kruger requested approval to continue with the contract with the Wyoming Department of Health in wastewater testing for COVID-19 at the lagoon. The previous contract included the Wyoming Boys School, however, this contract is only for testing at the lagoon. Discussion followed.

Motion: approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract between the Wyoming Department of Health and the City of Worland.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.

Second by: Councilmember Schneider.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz requested approval, on behalf of Tom Schmeltzer, to close North 11th Street from Big Horn Avenue to the end of the Crosspoint Baptist Church parking lot for the Vacation Bible School picnic. The event will take place on June 17, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Motion: to approve the street closure on North 11th Street on June 17, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for the Crosspoint Baptist Church Vacation Bible School picnic.

By: Councilmember Fredricks.

Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz presented and recommended for approval two (2) Limited Infrastructure Loan Applications to remove and replace curb and sidewalk at 1403 Coburn for \$3,300.00 and 911 S. 8th Street for \$1,200.00.

Motion: to approve the Limited Infrastructure Loan Applications for \$4,500.00 to remove and replace curb and sidewalk at 1403 Coburn and 911 S. 8th Street.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.

Second by: Councilmember Lombard.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott requested approval to close Obie Sue Avenue from South 11th Street to South 12th Street on August 3, 2021 from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m. for the annual Worland Volunteer Fire Department picnic.

Motion: to approve the street closure on Obie Sue Avenue from South 11th Street to South 12th Street from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m. on August 3, 2021.

By: Councilmember Schneider.

Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Elliott reported that the WYDOT permit has been submitted for the Fair Parade set for July 31, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. Chief of Police Elliott urged the Chamber to include as many floats as they could.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch stated that the mower has not yet been received; the vendor is still waiting on parts.

City Attorney Kent Richins noted that the City received a petition for Declaratory Judgement against the City of Worland. An answer to the petition is required within twenty (20) days. City Attorney Richins will keep the Council apprised throughout the process.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed that Council that the Block 13 Evert Addition Project behind Ace Hardware is complete and the asphalt patches are done. The contractor on the Culbertson Avenue Project has a punch list of 16 items to complete; the paving cannot be completed until early July. The entire project will include chip and seal. There will be a streets improvement, double gutter project advertised for bid within the next month. Mayor Gill noted that these projects would not have been possible without the 1% general purpose tax.

Mayor Gill stated that the Council had an opportunity to look at the cemetery at the last work session and note the challenges for the maintenance crew created by decorations and displays. "The citizens have been given the opportunity to remove these items and I want to emphasize that the city is going to start working to clear out these items. There are several solar lights and welded memorials in the grass area and these need to be removed to maintain the grass. I believe there is unity among the Council to start enforcing city code in removing these items." Superintendent of Public Works Kruger informed that Council that he is working on getting the public aware of the issue with an article in the newspaper and flyers. "This is a definite change for people and we want to give them every opportunity to remove these items." It has been very difficult for the city maintenance crew to maintain the grass at the cemetery; removing these items will allow the crew to quickly and effectively get the work done. Councilmember Fredricks asked for a hard date so residents know it is a definite requirement. Superintendent of Public Works Kruger stated that the date would be July 9, 2021. Superintendent of Public Works Kruger noted that the speed sign east of town is down and being worked on. Maintenance will start on the parking lot and curb around City Hall and Pioneer Square this week and asphalt patching is scheduled for the end of this week. The heat is taking a toll on city parks and crews are struggling to keep up with watering. Councilmember Fredricks asked if the bicycle path by the hospital could be restriped; Superintendent of Public Works Kruger indicated that he would check on getting the painting done sooner than later.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.

Second by: Councilmember Schneider.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

June 24, 2021