

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND March 5, 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 March 5, 2024. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kreg Lombard, Kody DeMunbrun, Barbara Brookwell, Pete Calderon, William Worley, Mike Neuffer, Rebecca George, Adam Martinez and Wendy Fredricks. Also present were Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Director of Public Works, Nick Kruger; City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz.

There were thirty (30) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Girl Scouts Troop 1181 with Luna McCormick, Vidya Olman, Carolyn Harris, Mikashley Portilla, Piper Rasmusen and Missy Hoyer led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill read a proclamation declaring March 1st through the 16th as Girl Scout Week. Noting that March 12, 2024 marks the 112th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world.

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

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

The minutes of the February 20, 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 March, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of April and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Registers for February, 2024, Monthly Statement of Financial Condition for February, 2024 and Payroll Vouchers for the period February 23, 2024. PAYROLL 2/23/24 - \$68,408.95; PAYROLL MTHEND 2/23/24 - \$4,510.52.

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Applied Concepts Inc, Front Combo Mount, \$908.00; Big Horn Basin Tire & Off Road, Tires, \$1,600.00; Big Horn Co-Op, Supplies, \$49.58; Big Horn Heating & Cooling, Diagnostics/ Thermostat, \$202.00; Blair's Market, Ice, \$35.41; Bloedorn Lumber, Supplies, \$2,092.05; Bomgaars, Supplies, \$295.93; Carquest Auto Parts, Parts, \$5,372.61; Carver Plumbing & Mechanical, Golf Course Water Heater/ Toilet, \$2,284.59; City Clerk - Petty Cash, Postage, \$36.02; Casper Star Tribune, Washakie Ave Proposals, \$131.12; Cheney Law Office LLC, Prosecutor Services, \$101.25; Civil Air Patrol Magazine, Advertising, \$155.00; Cloud Peak Veterinary Services, Contract, \$650.00; Code 3 Inc, Light Bar/Siren, \$6,174.87; CR Lock and Safe, Lock/Rekey, \$1,425.00; Eagle Engineering, Engineering, \$7,916.67; Energy Laboratories Inc, Testing, \$3,120.00; Floyd's Truck Center, Parts, \$1,029.27; Frandson Safety, Supplies/Shipping, \$325.11; Frontier Tire LLC, Tires/Repair, \$305.47; Hasco Industrial Supply, Supplies, \$56.47; Hawkins, Inc., Chlorine, \$20.00; Heartland Kubota Inc, Nozzle, \$819.17; Kennedy Ace Hardware, Supplies, \$2,594.44; Kimball Midwest, Parts, \$300.94; MacMac LLC, Shop Tool Room Floor, \$14,682.50; Motor Supply, Inc., Parts, \$368.10; Moutain West Computers, OS, \$199.95; Norco, Inc., Supplies, \$42.78; Northern Wyoming News, Advertising, \$1,380.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., Parts, \$15,636.32; O'Reilly Auto Parts, Parts, \$134.15; One Call of Wyoming, Tickets, \$38.50; Perry's Truck & Diesel, Parts, \$332.85; Rattlesnake Field Service, Spray Foam, \$6,700.00; RDO Equipment Co, Parts, \$826.23; Serikay Printing, Supplies, \$466.67; Signs of Sutherland, Graphics, \$2,764.12; Sirenet.Com, Radios, \$1,624.40; Southwestern Equipment Co, Parts, \$3,239.86; Steve's Repair, Tree Trimming, \$990.00; Team Laboratory Chemical, Degreaser, \$6,348.00; Timber Line Electric & Control, Programming, \$250.00; Tommerup Machine Shop, Parts, \$631.64; Triple R Welding, Pond Screen/ Entries, \$2,807.18; United Parcel Service, Shipping, \$34.23; USA Blue Book, Testing, \$335.04; Valli Information Systems, Maintenance, \$188.59; Vega, Fred, Painting, \$1,200.00; Washakie County Treasurer, Officer/Salary, \$1,480.30; Worland Cleaners & Supply, Inc., Supplies, \$253.14; Worley Welding & Repair, Snowplow Repair, \$886.78.

**TOTAL REGULARS ..... \$101,842.30**

Aflac, Insurance, \$184.61; A.N.A. Electrical Services, Services, \$4,088.42; AT & T, Long Distance , \$89.00; AT & T Moibility, Cell Phones, \$275.89; Big Horn Co-op, Gasoline , \$2,895.54; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$99.00; Big Horn Reg. Joint Powers Board, Monthly EDU, \$36,972.50; Big Horn Rural Electric, Electrical Charges, \$47.96; Bloedorn Lumber, Fencing, \$75.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance, \$75,756.95; Casad, Michelle, Deposit Refund, \$200.00; City of Worland, EDSB Loan Payment, \$4,549.00; Dearborn National, Insurance, \$150.04; Desert Mountain Corp, Ice Slicer, \$5,233.95; Eagle Engineering & Surveying, Building/ Planning Official, \$9,005.93; EnergiSystems, Fueling Terminal, \$14,555.09; FasCorp, Deferred Comp, \$4,660.00; Fort Dearborn Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, \$373.67; Freelund, Taylor, Restitution, \$230.00; Gill, Jim, Cell Phone Expense, \$50.00; High Plains Power, Inc., Power, \$1,456.25; Hout, Dave, Deposit Refund, \$70.52; Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Payroll Tax Deposit, \$43,626.08; Kienlen Ace Hardware, Restitution, \$10.00; Macy, Steven, Deposit Refund, \$32.33; Mountain Alarm, Alarm, \$159.40; Murdoch Oil, Inc., Gasoline/Diesel, \$8,747.46; NCPERS

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Wyoming, Insurance, \$208.00; Pinnacle Bank, Visa Charges, \$3,833.54; Range, Telephone Services, \$2,061.11; Rocky Mountain Power, Electricity, \$23,338.49; Runyon, Amber, Deposit Refund, \$65.30; Sagebrush Sports, Management, \$12,916.66; U.S. Postmaster, Feb. Billing Postage, \$1,066.61; Verizon Wireless, Cell Phone Service, \$1,079.73; Vines, Mary, Refund, \$14.37; VSP of Wyoming, Insurance, \$738.66; Wash. Co Solid Waste, Municipal Waste, \$20,841.00; Washakie County Clerk , Cemetery Deeds, \$12.00; Washakie County Treasurer, General Purpose Tax-State, \$114,262.30; Washakie County Treasurer, Comm Center/Crim Justice, \$21,446.46; Wilkins, Lisa, Deposit Refund, \$115.08; Wyoming Dept. of Workforce, Workers' Comp, \$8,197.02; Wyoming Gas Company, Services, \$4,936.16; Wyoming Retirement Systems, Retirement, \$32,781.33.

**TOTAL SPECIALS..... \$461,508.41**  
**GRAND TOTAL..... \$563,350.71**

By: Councilmember DeMunbrun.  
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

David Frahm, Vice Chairman of Worlando Pickleball Inc. showed those in attendance the rackets used to play pickleball and how they have evolved. Mr. Frahm stated that there are 96 players in Worland and gave a brief history of when it started and where the group is currently playing. Unfortunately, none of the current courts used are big enough to accommodate the number of people playing. The sport is growing and now that they have set up a non-profit corporation, the group would like assistance from the City to build an outdoor facility. There are grants available, but the group needs the city to come up with a plan of where a new court would be and a contact for open communication between the City and Worland Pickleball Inc. Mayor Gill informed Mr. Frahm that a committee would be appointed from the Council at the next Council meeting and Public Works Director Nick Kruger would be a part of that committee. The Council is supportive of the idea, but the entities need to work together to accumulate enough funds, through donations and grant funding to pay for the new court. Discussion followed.

Kendra Ware representing Washakie Wellness informed the Council about the event scheduled on March 16, 2024 from 10AM to 3PM at the Worland Community Center Complex. There will be several vendors, a mental fitness fair, gyms, a nutritionist, yoga, veteran disability benefits and budget assistance all centered around helping people to deal with the stress in life. There will also be a panel of four (4) therapists to talk about destigmatizing mental health issues. Several local businesses donated to the event, including Range, Pepsi and Blairs. Mayor Gill complimented Ms. Ware on her organizational skills and artistry and thanked her and those that volunteered their time to make this event happen. Ms. Ware encouraged all to attend. Laura Mocko representing Range informed the Council how this event ties into Range's wellness program and will be a benefit to their employees with additional time off. The Council thanked those in attendance for all the work that has been done to organize and advertise this event, with Jacque Pike delivering flyers.

Jordan Salzman, Bob Richins, Lucy Trujillo and Tim Young asked questions about the proposed utility rate increase and the EDU charge. As car wash business owners, Jordan Salzman and Bob Richins stated that this increase will affect them dramatically and it will have to be passed on to their customers. Mayor Gill explained that the City has not increased utility rates since 2017 and with current inflation at 23.5% the city cannot continue to operate and maintain the utility systems without an increase of this size. Reiterating that this increase was recommended by the independent auditor for the City. The EDU is a charge by Big Horn Regional to pay for the back up water system to provide water to residents if the city mainline goes down. This fee is charged by the city and paid directly to Big Horn Regional. Discussion followed about how the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation funds are separate, and that the Council needed to be fiscally responsible in supporting the enterprise (utility) funds.

Mayor Gill asked City Attorney Kent Richins to present Ordinance #872 for second reading.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #872 for second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, INCREASING THE CITY OF WORLAND USER FEE WATER RATES BY AMENDING SECTION 23-37-4(A) OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE; INCREASING THE CITY OF WORLAND USER FEE SEWER RATES BY AMENDING SECTION 23-63(A) OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE; AND, INCREASING THE CITY OF WORLAND USER FEE SANITATION AND SPRAY RATES BY AMENDING SECTION 11-16 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE; ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #872 on second reading.

By: Councilmember Worley.  
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill thanked everyone for their input and for attending the Council meeting.

Mayor Gill announced his intent to run for another term of office as Mayor of the City of Worland. "Much has been accomplished by us in the past four years, but there is more to be done in unison with the Council. A project that we have pursued is bringing the Wyoming Aeronautics Association's Annual Conference to Worland in the Fall of 2026. I want to be on hand to welcome those folks. Worland is very proud of our Municipal Airport's growth and business center and highlighting that event will be

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the BLM's seat-based operation center, dealing with wildland fire suppression in the Big Horn Basin. Our Street Improvement Initiative continues to be supported by the one percent tax and voters, so I do not get called "pothole Gill" quite as often now. We have a new water crane on North Railway Avenue supporting the agriculture industry, the mineral extraction industry and many other commercial businesses as well as folks who desperately count on us for the water to maintain their cisterns in the outer community. It is a nice upgrade from what we had. I am proud of our record in maintaining a financially secure operation without the accumulation of debt in my tenure as Mayor. We also continue to rank as one of the top three (3) Safest Cities in the State year after year. This of course is due to our great core of police officers and our Chief of Police Gabe Elliott, who make it happen for us. There are a lot more accomplishments that we could site, but time marches on. In closing, I would be greatly humbled to serve another four (4) years as your Mayor come November! Thank you!"

Mayor Gill appointed Rebecca George, Wendy Fredricks and Kreg Lombard to the budget committee.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Rebecca George, Wendy Fredricks and Kreg Lombard to the budget committee.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.  
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill reminded everyone that the CGI video is at the top of the main page on the City website at [www.cityofworland.org](http://www.cityofworland.org).

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz informed the Council that she would be attending the WAM-JPIC Board meeting next Thursday and Friday; this is the board that works with health insurance for city employees. The budget committee will be contacted about specific dates to meet.

City Attorney Richins stated that the Chain of Command legislative issues will be discussed within the next few weeks and that the loan was finalized to Worland Logistics, LLC.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott informed the Council that Captain Rich Fernandez is retiring from the Sheriff's Office; he is well loved and respected. The negative side of that is that Investigator Chris Hazen has been offered the Captain's position and has accepted that offer. The police department will need to work through the loss of that position. The department will be short-handed this year and Chief of Police Elliott would like to meet with the Council at a work session to discuss ideas to alleviate the problem. Captain Zack Newton attended the funeral of Sgt. Krinkee in Sheridan; this death hit close to home for all of us. All our officers need to stay on their toes even with a minor incident. The performance evaluations will be done shortly for the police department.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell reported that the Urban Systems Selection Committee met and chose Ardurra out of Cody for the design of Washakie Avenue from 8th to 15th Street. Ardurra is working on a fee proposal including a not to exceed cost; the proposal is due on March 13, 2024. Mayor Gill acknowledged City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell, Public Works Director Nick Kruger and Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz for their work on the Urban Systems project. Eagle Engineering finished the final plans to upgrade three (3) locations on the artesian line at locations where the maximum pressures are approximately 160, 230 and 270 psi. Two (2) of those points were leaks and one deals with control of the mainline. The project may qualify for an emergency under statute and may not have to be let out for bid.

Director of Public Works Kruger informed the Council that the water main will be shut off tomorrow on North Road 11 to set the 4" line for the new County ambulance building. Public Works is down six (6) employees with one leaving for personal reasons and another retiring in May. Director of Public Works Kruger will need to reevaluate criteria for new hires to entice them to join the city. It is a dynamic job that requires on-call and various working conditions. The parks crew is busy getting things ready for spring and the city is working with the golf course on the greens. Additionally, the crew is filling potholes created by the frost. The public is encouraged to contact the City Shop at 347-8978 to report a pothole. Discussion followed on paving certain streets within the city, including Robertson and Lawson.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch reported that she is working on performance evaluations and with Director of Public Works Kruger on an issue with the BLM at the airport. Additionally, the rehabilitation of Taxiway A and construction of Taxiway D project is underway with Ardurra as airport engineers.

Mayor Gill noted that the Municipal Court Report, Building Permit Summary, Golf Course Financial Report for February 2024, and the minutes from the WCCC for January, 2024 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 8:23 p.m.  
By: Councilmember Brookwell.  
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.  
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

March 14, 2024