
PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND October 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened in the Council Chambers at Worland City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on October 19, 2021. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Barbara Brookwell, Adam Martinez, Kreg Lombard, William Worley, Wendy Fredricks, Mike Neuffer, Scott Schaeffer and Christy Schneider via telephone. Also present were: Superintendent of Public Works, Nick Kruger; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Building Official Randy Adams and Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Kody DeMunbrun was absent.

There were three (3) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Kreg Lombard led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The minutes of the October 5, 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 October, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of November and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes for October, 2021 and Payroll Voucher for the period ending October 3, 2021; PAYROLL 10/3/21 - \$72,243.83.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill announced that it is the time and place to open bids for One New Ford F150 XL Supercrew Pickup Truck

COMPANY	TYPE	BID
Greiner Ford – Casper	2021-2022 Ford F150XL Supercrew	\$35,986.00
Fremont Motor Casper, Inc.		NO BID
Fremont Motor Cody	2022 Ford F150	\$41,802.00
Spradley-Barr Motors – Cheyenne	2021-2022 Ford F150 XL Supercrew	\$32,272.00

The bids were given to Chief of Police Gabe Elliott for review.

Michael Sanchez requested the closure of North 7th Street from the alley to Big Horn Avenue on October 30, 2021 from 2:00-9:00 p.m. There will be a haunted block with decorations and candy to hand out. This is in conjunction with McGarvin & Taylor and Garage Sale by Pizza Hut. The city will provide barricades as needed.

Motion: to approve the closure of North 7th Street from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. on October 30th for downtown trick or treating.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill thanked Mr. Sanchez for his service as a Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission member.

Mayor Gill stated that he hoped for better weather for the beet harvest.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #861 on first reading as discussed at the last Council meeting and at the Work Session.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AMENDING SECTION 22-9 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE REQUIRED HEIGHT OF TREE LIMBS OVER CITY RIGHT OF WAYS ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Discussion followed concerning what is included in the public right-of-way, what the property owner is responsible for and if the city was going to pay to have the trees trimmed. Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger stated that he understood from discussions at the Work Session that the property owner would pay for their trees to be trimmed and the city would work with those unable to trim their trees. Discussion continued, with Councilmembers expressing concern that the elderly would not be able to afford to have their trees trimmed if necessary and may try to do it themselves. Councilmembers thought the city should trim the trees or pay to have the trees trimmed. City Attorney Kent Richins clarified that it may become a legal issue as the city is not allowed to use taxpayers dollars for private use and while there are some exceptions, the city does not want to interfere with private business. Mayor Gill informed the Council that the Ordinance Officer is visiting with property owners about this issue and asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #861 on first reading.
By: Councilmember Schneider.
Second by:

The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Fredricks maintained that the issue was not why the Ordinance is needed but if property owners would be able to pay to trim their trees. Chief of Police Gabe Elliott reiterated that the Ordinance Officer is enforcing the current ordinance with the requirement to have no less than ten feet (10') of clear space above the surface of the street or right of way and notifying property owners that are non-compliant that the requirement may go to fourteen feet (14'). Discussion continued. Mayor Gill asked City Attorney Richins to research the idea of charging all residents a fee for public right of way maintenance. The Council felt it was doable for everyone at the ten foot (10') requirement. Superintendent of Public Works Kruger noted that the garbage trucks and streetsweeper are taller than the ten foot (10') requirement and suffering damage from trees.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz stated that Washakie County Public Health is offering flu shots at a cost of \$35.00 per shot and asked for approval to pay for employee flu shots this year. The City has paid for employee flu shots in the past.

Motion: to approve the expenditure of funds to pay for flu shots for all City of Worland employees.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent of Public Works Kruger updated the Council on the FireSmart Project approved at the June 1, 2021 Council meeting. The City is a sponsor, and will act as the pass through entity to pay for the project. The West River Road portion of the project has been completed however, the Sewer Lagoon portion was delayed and the contractor has asked for an amendment to the contract allowing for a completion date of November 30, 2021 versus the original completion date of October 31, 2021.

Motion: to approve an amendment to extend the term of the contract to November 30, 2021.
By: Councilmember Schaeffer.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill noted that the Worland Community Center Complex minutes for August, 2021 are in the council packet for review.

City Attorney Richins requested an executive session at the close of the meeting to discuss possible litigation.

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City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell informed the Council that the 2020-2021 Double Gutter project is substantially complete; the 41 day notice will be in the paper next Thursday. Wilson Brothers Construction may start on the sewer outfall project this week and the Culbertson Avenue Project is done except for delivery of the as-built plans.

Superintendent of Public Works Kruger requested approval to close North 9th Street from the alley to Big Horn Avenue for the Trim A Tree Celebration on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Council will also need to approve use of a small fire pit in the park for this event. Mayor Gill thanked Range for working with the City on this event.

Motion: to approve the closure of North 9th Street on November 26, 2021 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. and allow use of the fire pit for the Trim A Tree Celebration.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent of Public Works Kruger reported that work is continuing on the new water crane, crews are completing numerous asphalt patching around town and the Streetsweeper is removing leaves on the streets. The compost pile is closed this year but the hope is to get it operational next year. The Senior Center, Worland Community Center Complex and the City are working together on removing the asphalt and repaving the drive in area around the Center. Fall clean up started in the parks and crews are blowing out sprinklers and closing parks restrooms.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch reported that things went well with her new crew on snow removal; it was a good training opportunity.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott recommended the bid of Spradley-Barr Motors in the amount of \$37,272.00 and reminded the Council that the city will apply for State Land & Investment Board funding to help pay for the vehicle.

Motion: to approve the lowest responsible bid of Spradley-Barr Motors in the amount of \$37,272.00 for a new Ford F150 XL Supercrew Pickup.
By: Councilmember Schaeffer.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Elliott notified the Council that Mark Raymond is retiring after 37 years in law enforcement, 5 ½ years with the City of Worland, on December 5, 2021. The position will be advertised.

Motion: to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation at 7:37 p.m.
By: Councilmember Worley.
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to leave executive session at 8:03 p.m.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Worley.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

October 28, 2021