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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND
September 5, 2023**

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 September 5, 2023. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kreg Lombard, Barbara Brookwell, Adam Martinez, William Worley, Wendy Fredricks, Rebecca George, Mike Neuffer and Pete Calderon. Also present were Superintendent of Public Works, Nick Kruger; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Kody DeMunbrun was absent and excused.

There were eight (8) 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 present, with Councilmember DeMunbrun excused and asked for approval of the agenda.

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

The minutes of the August 15, 2023 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 September, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of October and approve the Consent Agenda with Warrant Registers for August, 2023 and Payroll Vouchers for the period August 25, 2023. PAYROLL 8/25/23 - \$70,617.81; PAYROLL 8/25/23 - \$4,399.90.

**CITY OF WORLAND/UTILITIES COMMISSION
AUGUST 2023**

A & I Distributors, 55Gal Antifreeze, \$730.90; A.N.A Electrical Services, Labor-Pressure Washer, \$281.12; Bar S Bar Electric, Booxes Medium, \$18.00; Big Horn Co-op Marketing Assn, Parts, \$979.21; Black Mountain Software, Cass Certification, \$200.00; Blair's Market, Bakery Goods, \$26.19; Bloedorn Lumber Co, Lumber/Concrete, \$933.35; Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Parts, \$1,225.63; Bomber Construction, Water Tank Drain/Curb, \$3,500.00; Bomgaars, Equipment, \$940.55; Buer Electric, Services, \$190.00; C & B Operations, Switch, \$489.42; Carquest Auto Parts Stores, Parts, \$4,089.79; Cash-Petty Cash Clerk-Treasurer, Postage/Title, \$20.05; Cloud Peak Veterinary Services, Contract, \$650.00; Diesel Pickup Specialist, Services, \$128.63; Eagle Engineering & Surveying Inc, Engineering, \$7,916.67; Energy Laboratories Inc, Testing, \$6,024.00; Flyod's Truck Center, Parts, \$336.02; Frandson Safety Inc., Supplies/Shipping, \$519.10; Fremont Motor Powell, Moulding, \$1,339.36; Frontier Tire LLC, Services, \$353.61; Hasco Industrial Supply, Supplies, \$737.18; Hawkins, Inc., Chlorine/Demurrage, \$1,338.50; Honnen Equipment, Parts, \$1,079.08; Joe Johnson Equipment, Main Broom, \$2,115.20; Kapp's Electric, Key Pad Gate-Airport, \$1,321.25; Kennedy Ace Hardware, Hardware, \$1,498.33; Laird Sanitation, Portable Toilet, \$180.00; Machinery Power & Equipment, Telehandler, \$177.26; McMac, Clean Lagoon Ponds, \$3,930.00; Midland Implement Co, Rainbird/Peb Comm. Valve, \$2,318.95; Motor Supply, Inc., Parts, \$334.18; Mountain West Computers, 10' Mini Display Port, \$13.95; Norco Inc, Cylinder Rental, \$83.39; Normont Equipment, Asphalt, \$3,181.94; Northern Wyoming News, Ads, \$1,680.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., Parts, \$12,655.31; One-Call of Wyoming, Tickets, \$76.50; QA Balance Services, Balance Repair, \$705.00; R & A Safety LLC, Testing, \$72.00; Rice, Casey, Services, \$1,100.00; Rockmount Research & Alloys, Tartan B Mig/Laser Cutting, \$607.80; Selby's, Rover Rod Flow Yellow, \$421.48; Serlkay Printing, Office Supplies, \$418.06; Smith Psychological Services, Servis-Yeoman, \$400.00; Swing Trucking, Load broom Airport, \$1,665.00; Team Laboratory, Fltg Lift St. Degreaser, \$4,992.50; Timber Line Electric, Services, \$1,630.00; Tommerup Machine Shop, Maintenance-Forklift, \$492.80; TW Enterprises, Services, \$3,658.20; United Parcel Service, Shipping, \$13.41; Valli Information Systems, Inc., Web Maintenance, \$186.73; Virile Electric, Repairs, \$5,288.11; Washakie County Solid Waste Dist. 1, Septage Dumping, \$15.00; Washakie County Treasurer, Juvenile/Salary, \$1,480.30; Worland Cleaners & Supply, Inc., Supplies, \$314.93; Worland Police Department, Postage, \$27.12.

TOTAL REGULARS \$87,101.06

AFLAC, Premium, \$184.61; AT & T, Long Distance, \$90.91; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phones, \$615.41; Big Horn Co-op Marketing, Gasoline, \$2,901.99; Big Horn Water, Cooler Rental/Water, \$119.50; Big Horn Reg. Joint Powers Board, Monthly EDU, \$36,972.50; Big Horn Rural Electric, Water Well # 1, \$47.72; Blair's Market, Restitution, \$47.59; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance, \$70,734.66; City of Worland, Pioneer Square Maintenance,

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\$1,500.00; City of Worland, Restitution, \$44.55; Dearborn National, Disability Insurance, \$347.60; Eagle Engineering & Surveying, S. 6th/Blk 3/Evans Addtn, \$10,447.28; Engineering Associates, Service 6/2023-7/2023, \$5,501.71; Engineering Associates, Service 7.15.2023-8.18.2023, \$6,799.90; FasCorp, Deferred Comp, \$4,210.00; Dearborn Life Ins. Co., Life Insurance, \$140.14; Gill, Jim, Cell Phone Expense, \$50.00; High Country Construction, Evans Addtn, \$4,624.60; High Plains Power, Inc., Power, \$1,120.37; Hub International Mtn States LTD, Renewal, \$66,630.00; Imperial Pump Solutions, Service, \$1,652.00; Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Tax Deposit, \$47,894.11; Kenco Security & Technology, Alarm Monitoring, \$129.40; Krupp, Megan, Deposit Refund, \$24.11; MCMAC, Richins Addtn, \$6,754.42; Mountain King Enterprises, Deposit Refund, \$400.00; Murdoch Oil, Inc., Gasoline Diesel, \$8,690.44; NCPERS Group Life Ins., Life Insurance, \$184.00; Pinnacle Bank, Expenses, \$1,463.02; Range, Phone Service, \$1,873.53; Rocky Mountain Power, Electricity, \$18,101.07; Rowan, Jessica & Melynda Brown, Deposit Refund, \$77.10; Ruskowsky, Eugene, Deposit Refund, \$200.00; Sagebrush Sports, LLC, Contract, \$13,333.33; Stellar Roofing & Construction, EDSB, \$7,414.63; Sudbrack, Beau, Deposit Refund, \$89.91; Tommerup Machine Shop, Brackets for Cameras, \$515.03; U.S. Postmaster, Aug Billing, \$1,080.43; VSP of Wyoming, Vision Insurance, \$704.28; Verizon Wireless, Cell Phone/Tablets Service, \$1,128.66; Vogel, Robert, Over payment-Municip Court, \$10.00; WAMCAT, Membership-T. Thiel, \$75.00; Washakie County Clerk, Filing Fees, \$24.00; Washakie County Treasurer, CommCenter/Crim Justice, \$20,452.34; Washakie County Treasurer, July - Tax, \$127,943.75; Washakie Co. Waste Disposal Dist., Gen. Waste/Sump Dumping, \$27,673.60; Washakie Museum, WAM-JPIC Board Mtg, \$200.00; Wells, Aaron, Deposit Refund, \$28.36; Wild West Construction, St. Seal Project, \$9,753.85; WY Dept of Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$9,065.89; WY Dept of Workforce Services, Unemployment Benefits, \$1,285.23; Wyoming Gas Company, Services, \$492.62; Wyoming Retirement System, Retirement, \$32,158.05.

**TOTAL SPECIALS \$554,003.20
GRAND TOTAL..... \$641,104.26
voided check #064971 \$80.00 \$(80.00)
GRAND TOTAL..... \$641,024.26**

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

Donnie Bjorhus with Green Hills Golf Course reported that there were 2,332 rounds played in August. There were 33 teams (132) players in the Lori Lenz Memorial Scramble and 21 teams (84 players) in the American Legion Scramble that raised money for the scholarship fund and Legion baseball program. The Green Hills Foundation Scramble was held Saturday, September 2nd with Mayor Gill drawing the winning tickets. The course will be hosting the Worland City Open on September 9th & 10th and the 3A State Tournament on September 15th & 16th. Our maintenance staff did a great job in maintaining the appearance and playing conditions of the course as the season progressed. Mr. Bjorhus stated that he had played other courses in the area and Green Hills is in the best shape of any of the courses played and it continues to receive compliments from golfers outside of the Worland area. Mayor Gill and the Council thanked Mr. Bjorhus for his report.

Ruth Dugger, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce requested approval to close North 9th Street for Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend all the festivities downtown that day.

Motion: to approve the closure of North 9th Street for Harvest Fest on September 9, 2023.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Kunz with the Fraternal Order of Eagles requested approval to lift the open container regulation and close Rupp Avenue from the alley to Railway on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from Noon to 10:00 PM for the annual end of summer cornhole tournament. Chief of Police Elliott had no issues with the event.

Motion: to approve the closure of Rupp Avenue from the alley to Railway Avenue on September 16, 2023 from Noon to 10:00 PM and lift the open container regulations for the cornhole tournament.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Josh Garcia requested approval to close Pulliam Avenue from 14th to 15th Street for a block party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2023. There are a lot of kids in the area and that street is busy. Mayor Gill cautioned the Council about setting a precedence of closing streets for individuals versus businesses or an event for the public. This could also be a liability issue for the city. Chief of Police Elliott also cautioned the Council on the how this may impact the city in the future with additional requests and asked that the Council consider this concern. Mayor Gill reiterated that this could be problematic as street closures are

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usually done for public events. There have been other block parties with no street closures. Chief of Police Elliott mentioned that the city does offer the use of city parks for these types of events, where alcohol is permitted, indicating there are other options. Discussion followed with concerns about challenges with parking and safety. City Attorney Kent Richins stated that the Council needed to decide if it is an appropriate street closure since it is not a public event, however, there is nothing illegal about the request. Discussion continued.

Motion: to approve the street closure on Pulliam Avenue between 14th and 15th Street on September 16, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
By: Councilmember George.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: Councilmembers voting AYE: Martinez, Worley, Calderon, Brookwell, Lombard, George, Neuffer, Fredricks; Councilmembers (Mayor) voting NAY: Gill; Councilmembers ABSTAINING: None; the motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0.

City Attorney Richins asked Mr. Garcia to work with the Superintendent of Public Works to close off the street.

James Seckman, CPA presented the audited financial statements for the City of Worland for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The results of the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. The City spent a lot of money this year on equipment, infrastructure improvement and a new building; this resulted in an operating loss in each of the Business Type Activities (Water, Wastewater and Sanitation). However, the city is financially healthy with no debt and more than adequate reserves in each fund. A small rate increase should be considered across the board, to keep up with inflation costs. Mayor Gill thanked Mr. Seckman for his presentation.

Mayor Gill reported that the video shoot with CGI went well and is complete. The School District was amazing to work with as well as Admiral Beverage. Mayor Gill thanked everyone that took part in the process and agreed to be in a video.

Chief of Police Elliott informed the Council that the Department received final approval of the grant to complete the radio upgrades for in-car and portable radios. The radios have been paid for by multiple grants.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch, apologized for arriving late and reminded the Council that the Fly In is next Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an airshow at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Superintendent of Public Works Nick Kruger reported that the crew is working on water projects and fixing leaks and noted that the normal pick-up day for sanitation was shifted one day due to the holiday this last Monday.

City Attorney Kent Richins requested an executive session at the end of the council meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

Mayor Gill noted that the Municipal Court Report for August 2023 and Building Permit Summary for August 2023, are in the Council packet for review.

Motion: to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:49 p.m.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to leave executive session at 8:01 p.m.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill appointed Councilmembers Wendy Fredricks, Mike Neuffer and Adam Martinez, Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz and himself to a selection committee for the contract Building Official position.

Motion: to approve the appointments to the selection committee.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
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 8:03 p.m.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

September 14, 2023