

City of Worland
Buildings and Grounds
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2007

The Building and Grounds Commission met on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Commission Members in attendance were: Chairman Jerry Alexander and Shane Anderson. Councilmember Vasca Gilmore was absent. Also in attendance were: Golf Pro Don Abbott, Golf Course Superintendent Ben Bishop, Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame, Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon, and Clerk Tammy Maya.

Visitors were Jilaena Childs from the Northern Wyoming Daily News and Bart Kroger representing the Worland Baseball Board.

The minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Shane Anderson and seconded by Chairman Jerry Alexander. The motion was approved unanimously.

In Old Business, Chairman Jerry Alexander inquired about the bricks in Pioneer Square. Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame reported that the signup period was over and that the project was progressing accordingly. Gene also reported that the fence at Kiwanis Park had been repaired and that the street sweeper had been repaired after a lengthy wait for parts. The street sweeping is set to begin on Wednesday, March 14th and should take approximately three weeks to complete.

Chairman Jerry Alexander asked Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame's opinion about the bathrooms at Newell Sargent Park and Gene stated that he believed that they needed to be replaced completely as a remodel was not feasible. Jerry expressed regret for not having visited the restrooms as he intended but stated that numerous citizens had approached him in regards to their declining state. Bart Kroger with the Worland Baseball Board (WBB) stated that Mark Mortimer, Head of the WBB, was to have attended the meeting but was absent for unknown reasons. Bart stated that at the last WBB meeting ideas were discussed about a complete field redesign where all of the fields' home plates would center around a concession area making resources such as bathrooms centralized.

Chairman Jerry Alexander expressed his happiness at the concern and plans of so many citizens but reported that the City of Worland had no funding available to assist in such an effort. Jerry and Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame suggested contacting Eric Decker. Eric was instrumental in the successful grant application for the skate park grant from the Daniels Fund. Other suggested contacts were Kent Richins and LeAnn Baker of Washakie Development Association. Golf Course Superintendent Ben Bishop reported that he had looked at some pre-fabricated buildings for the golf course and they were approximately \$40,000. Ben stated that pre-fabricated might be the way to go with the future plans being brought to the table. It would enable time for fundraising and when the project was finished the building could be sold. Gene stated that he estimated that a contractor such as Gerald Molzahn would be able to erect a suitable structure for approximately \$75,000. Bart Kroger stated that he believed that the WBB would only want to fund raise for one project and he supported the idea of a temporary building during fundraising efforts. Jerry also suggested contacting Rene Lee from the Worland Recreation District for fundraising ideas and/or contacts.

Park Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon reported that his department has been unloading the wood chips around the playground equipment in Sanders Park. Mark stated that the project should be complete by the end of the week with breaks for funerals. Mark also reported that he will start burning and sweeping the grass in the parks very soon. Chairman Jerry Alexander asked that someone look into the fence located across from the old Kienlen house as he has had reports of a hole. Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame agreed to look into it. Mark stated that he would be preparing for the upcoming soccer season as well.

Golf Course Superintendent Ben Bishop reported that the pump station will be operational on the 28th of March at the latest. The Golf Course will be loaning lawn sweepers to the Parks Dept. Ben reported numerous events coming up soon and that he is looking for a tree trimming service to address several trees on the golf course will low or unstable branches. Ben stated that the greens are being watered and that they came through the winter very well. Ben also reported that no golf carts will be allowed on the course until after at least April 1st due to the wet conditions. His staff is currently readying the golf carts.

Golf Pro Don Abbott stated that he had no new issues. Don reported that although he has a verbal agreement, no written contract has been signed.

Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame stated that any issues he had to discuss had already been covered. Chairman Jerry Alexander asked where things stood with the maintenance of Pioneer Square. Gene reported that Ron Harvey of Ron's Sanitation had agreed to continue the maintenance of Pioneer Square without the restrooms for the same price. Gene asked if he should create a line item in the budget solely for the bathroom maintenance at Pioneer Square. Jerry agreed that it would be a good idea to track spending. Jerry mentioned that the changes in utility services had significantly lowered the costs for the park.

Councilmember Shane Anderson asked about the lights that are supposed to be illuminating the new Worland signs. Shane reported that they are poor at best. Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame stated that City Engineer Mike Donnell is working with Cathy Tommerup to obtain a grant to replace them as they are not appropriate for the needed use. Mike and Cathy are also working with Rocky Mountain Power to research alternative power sources. Gene clarified that the lights and the signs were a project of the Wyoming Dept. of Transportation and that the solar batteries used were not powerful enough.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Jerry Alexander, Chairman

Tammy Maya, Clerk