

City of Worland
Buildings and Grounds Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2007

The Building and Grounds Commission met on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Commission Members in attendance were: Chairman Jerry Alexander, Councilmember Shane Anderson and Councilmember Vasca Gilmore. Also in attendance were: Councilmembers Justin Pfeiffer, Curt Christoffersen, Bob Nelsen, Loyd Worley, Bud Callahan, Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon, and Clerk Tammy Maya. Superintendent of Public Works Gene Clame and Golf Pro Don Abbott were absent.

Visitors were Jilaena Childs from the Northern Wyoming Daily News, Jim Marshall representing the Worland Golf Course Advisory Board, Wendy Press-Sweeny representing the Worland Country Club, Mary Buchanan and Teri Cain.

The minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting were moved for approval by Chairman Jerry Alexander and seconded by Councilmember Vasca Gilmore. The motion was approved unanimously.

Under business of visitors, Councilmember Vasca Gilmore spoke on behalf of the Worland Country Club (WCC). She stated that the WCC would like to renew their lease with the City of Worland at the same terms for one more year. Chairman Jerry Alexander stated that they would bring this request to the Council at the next meeting and that he foresaw no problems regarding this renewal.

Mary Buchanan of the Washakie County Tobacco Use Prevention addressed the Commission about smoking in the stands at Newell Sargent Park. Mary stated that currently smoking is banned in the dugouts and on the fields. She requests that the City of Worland ban smoking in the stands as well and would like to see tobacco banned completely from the dugouts and fields. Teri Cain stated that she was present as a concerned parent to show support for this idea. Chairman Jerry Alexander remembered discussing this issue last year but could not remember the outcome. Mary confirmed that the issue was discussed but no action was taken. Councilmember Vasca Gilmore felt the ban was a good idea but was not sure it would be accepted well. Councilmember Shane Anderson asked how such a ban would be enforced. Mary Buchanan stated that she believed it would be enforced by people in the stands. Councilmember Bob Nelsen stated that if the City bans smoking in this park that they should ban it in all parks. Councilmember Justin Pfeiffer stated that the stands are a confined area. Mary agreed that all parks should have the smoking ban due to cigarette butts being discarded negligently. Vasca recommended that Mary attend the May 21st City Council meeting where the members of this commission will inform the Council of her request. Vasca stated that a decision would be made at that time.

Wendy Press-Sweeny representing the Worland Country Club asked the Commission to renew the lease for another year without any changes. Chairman Jerry Alexander confirmed that this commission will recommend said renewal to the City Council on May 21, 2007.

Chairman Jerry Alexander asked for any old business and hearing none moved on to new business. He confirmed that some trees in Sanders Park were being watched for limbs and branches breaking due to strong winds. Councilmember Vasca Gilmore asked about a down limb at the Golf Course on hole number two that she noticed on Sunday. Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon confirmed that the limb had been cleaned up.

Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon reported on equipment at the Golf Course. Mark stated that two gators are at the Golf Course that were not purchased or leased through the City Council. He provided information from Al Kiser of Lathrop Equipment Co. To pay the current charges, Lathrop is requiring \$3,200 or \$8,200 to continue the lease. Councilmember Bob Nelsen asked to see a copy of the lease agreement. Mark had only the paperwork provided by Al which indicates that the equipment has been at the Golf Course for three months. Chairman Jerry Alexander instructed Clerk Tammy Maya to give the paperwork from Lathrop Equipment Co. to Clerk Treasurer Tracy Glanz in order to obtain a copy of the lease and/or invoice.

Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon continued with a summarized inventory of equipment for the Golf Course. Three Toro mowers; two are running; one is for sand. Two tee mowers; one gas & one diesel. One fairway mower which requires blade sharpening; no backup presently. Councilmember Curt Christoffersen questioned that there isn't a backup. Curt recalled that when the fairway mower was purchased that a backup was present. Mark had no knowledge of the backup's whereabouts. Mark continued with three hump mowers; only one is running. And finally, a 4600 John Deere that is working and used in the rough.

Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon reported that the priority at the Golf Course right now is to clean up the shop and rid the Golf Course of dandelions by spraying. Chairman Jerry Alexander inquired about the sprinkler system. Mark confirmed that it is working well with less than 100 lbs. pressure. Parks Maintenance Worker Louis Torres has found one leak that should be fixed by Wednesday. Mark reported that the Pepsi Tournament is this coming weekend and that he feels the Golf Course is in good shape basically. Jilaena Childs of the Northern Wyoming Daily News asked the status of Golf Course Superintendent Ben Bishop. Jerry confirmed that Ben had resigned effective Thursday, May 10, 2007. Superintendent of Public Works Gene Clime has taken over the Golf Course temporarily with Mark filling in. Jerry added that no decision about replacing the Golf Course Superintendent had been made yet. Councilmember Vasca Gilmore expressed a desire to do extensive research before making that decision due to the training involved.

Parks Maintenance Worker Mark Osbon stated that Golf Pro Don Abbott is doing a great job as well as Irrigation Technician Adalberto Benitez. Mark believes that Adalberto has the potential to handle more responsibility at the Golf Course and that Adalberto cares about his work. Councilmember Loyd Worley asked if there was enough help at the Golf Course currently. Mark reported that there was not but that he anticipated more seasonal employees coming back when school is out. Until that time, current seasonal and parks employees are handling the duties. Chairman Jerry Alexander asked about issues at the Golf Course Pond that have been brought to his attention. Mark confirmed that he knew of the problems and that Parks Maintenance Worker Louis Torres was fixing them for Mike St. Clair.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jerry Alexander, Chairman

Tammy Maya, Clerk