

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND, WYOMING

January 7, 2010

On the 7th day of January, 2010 the City Council of Worland, Wyoming met in regular session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kreg Lombard presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jerry Alexander, Loyd Worley, Bud Callaham, Lisa Fernandez, Kathy Newman, Michele Rideout, Justin Pfeiffer (by Skype), George Hazen and Bob Nelsen. Also present were: Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works, Gary Thompson; Chief of Police, Greg Bankert; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Municipal Judge, Ed Luhm; Building Official, Ron Vanderpool and Clerk-Treasurer Tracy Glanz.

There were thirteen visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Municipal Judge Ed Luhm led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2009.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the December bills and payroll for the periods ending December 13, 2009, December 27, 2009 and December 31, 2009. PAYROLL–12/13/09 - \$51,958.14; PAYROLL–12/27/09 - \$54,809.71; PAYROLL–12/31/09 - \$2,905.79.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard began his 2010 appointments with the Department Heads:

City Attorney – Kent Richins

Motion: to approve the appointment of Kent Richins as City Attorney.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Newman.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Hazen, Alexander, Fernandez, Nelsen, Rideout, Callaham, Newman and Pfeiffer; Members voting NAY: Worley. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1.

Municipal Court Judge – Ed Luhm

Motion: to approve the appointment of Ed Luhm as Municipal Court Judge.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works – Gary Thompson

Motion: to approve the appointment of Gary Thompson as Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police - Greg Bankert

Motion: to approve the appointment of Greg Bankert as Chief of Police.

By: Councilmember Worley.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer – Tracy Glanz

Motion: to approve the appointment of Tracy Glanz as Clerk/Treasurer.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Newman.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Pfeiffer, Newman, Callaham, Rideout, Nelsen, Fernandez, and Alexander; Members voting NAY: Worley and Hazen. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 2.

Mayor Lombard stated that the City Engineer Representative would be appointed at a later date.

Mayor Lombard appointed Tim Spadi for a two (2) year term to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Tim Spadi to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

By: Councilmember Nelsen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard appointed Mark Osbon as Golf Course Liaison to the Green Hills Golf Club.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Mark Osbon as liaison to the Green Hills Golf Club.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard appointed Joanne Schaeffer as liaison to the Recreation Board.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Joanne Schaeffer as liaison to the Recreation Board.

By: Councilmember Nelsen.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard appointed Wendi Dickerson as a liaison to the Washakie Development Association (WDA).

Motion: to approve the appointment of Wendi Dickerson as a liaison to the Washakie Development Association.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard appointed Building Inspector Ron Vanderpool as ADA/504 Coordinator.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Ron Vanderpool as ADA/504 Coordinator.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Alexander, Worley, Fernandez, Nelsen, Rideout, Callaham, Newman and Pfeiffer; Members voting NAY: Hazen. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1.

Mayor Lombard made the following appointments from the Council:

Community Services Commission: Kathy Newman– Chairman, Justin Pfeiffer, Loyd Worley.

Utilities/Enterprise Commission: Jerry Alexander - Chairman, Michele Rideout, Bob Nelsen.

Buildings & Grounds Commission: Lisa Fernandez – Chairman, George Hazen, Bud Callaham.

Motion: to approve the appointments to the Commissions.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard appointed Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz as a liaison to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz to the Board of Adjustments and Planning Commission.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor appointed himself as liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Mayor Kreg Lombard as liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The following banks were designated as Official Depository Banks of the City of Worland: Pinnacle Bank, American National Bank, Big Horn Federal Savings & Loan, Bank of the West, Security State Bank and U.S. Bank.

Motion: to approve the Official Depository designation.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Hazen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard designated Northern Wyoming Daily News as the Official Legal Newspaper for the City of Worland.

Motion: to approve the Official Legal Newspaper designation.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Alexander.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard designated KWOR AM/KKLX FM as the Official Radio Station for the City of Worland.

Motion: to approve the Official Radio Station designation.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard called for nominations for President of the Council. Councilmember Worley nominated Councilmember Callaham and Councilmember Pfeiffer nominated Councilmember Nelsen.

The vote was taken by secret ballot. By a vote of 7 to 2 Councilmember Callaham was elected as President of the Council.

Mayor Lombard called for nominations for Acting President of the Council.

Motion: to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Councilmember Nelsen.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Rideout.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard referred to a copy of an article from the Billings Gazette regarding budget shortfalls in Wyoming; the City of Worland will be losing approximately \$750,000.00 in state funding. Mayor Lombard asked that all Councilmembers and Department Heads be involved in the upcoming budget process because of the serious shortfall.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #782 for first reading; this Ordinance was presented at the last Council meeting with a request for further review. Councilmember Newman requested a change to the wording in Section 2 for consistency.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, REVISING VARIOUS REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CITY STREET AND ALLEY EXCAVATIONS BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to pass Ordinance #782 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Alexander.

Vote: Members voting AYE: Alexander, Worley, Fernandez, Rideout, Callaham, Newman; Members voting NAY: Hazen; Members ABSTAINING: Nelsen and Pfeiffer. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1-2.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #783 for review and explained the reason for the Ordinance. Discussion followed.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL RATE FOR UTILITIES FOR WYOMING SUGAR COMPANY, LLC, IN CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WYOMING, DURING SERIOUSLY DEPRESSED ECONOMIC TIMES. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to pass Ordinance #783 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Bankert reviewed the Traffic/Safety Commission meeting minutes with the Mayor and Council, highlighting some of the main issues discussed. Chief of Police Bankert stated that the BLM would like a no parking zone at their warehouse behind Blair's due to loading and unloading issues. Chief of Police Bankert and Superintendent of Public Works Thompson will be meeting with representatives of the BLM to determine exactly what they are asking for. A petition was received to reduce the speed limit on South 10th Street to 20 mph. We have also received several concerns from people wanting to change the speed limit to 20 mph throughout the entire city. It was recommended by the Commission that the Council talk to their constituents and get their input regarding a proposal to reduce the speed limit city wide.

The Commission discussed concerns about the safety issue in making the turn in the dark at the intersection of Sage Crossing and Airport Road. It was suggested that the City and County work together to place poles and reflective signs at that intersection. Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve the placing of two (2) reflective intersection signs at Sage Crossing and Airport Road in conjunction with Washakie County.

By: Councilmember Pfeiffer.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Under Business of the Council:

Councilmember Hazen had a complaint about paychecks to City employees going out at 4PM on Thursday and asked if we couldn't do better than that. Clerk/Treasurer Glanz responded that the paychecks were dated in January and were handed out in December, that's why they were handed out late. The last time the paychecks were handed out the month before they were issued, employees cashed them early which messed up the books.

Councilmember Alexander hoped for a good year, even with the budget shortfalls.

Councilmember Worley said "I have one thing, I have a real concern over something that happened after the last council meeting in December; a couple days afterwards there was a comment made about the three amigos in the city chambers and stuff like this and when it started it kind of upset me. But then I got to thinking about it with the three being myself, Mr. Callaham and Mr. Nelsen I could imagine us in a black tight suit with white embroidery on it and a big sombrero and trying to get on a horse - so it became kind of comical. Then three days later the four amigos were discussed by a different group in a different place and then it got down to our mentality and we were compared to the dumb wetbacks and ignorant mexicans that work for the City of Worland. Now, when I was elected I expected to have shots taken at me. Enough of this is enough, there will be no more, the next time I hear of this whether I can prove it or not I will confront you in public I will humiliate the living hell out of you. Leave the city employees alone by God. You want to take on somebody take me on, I expect it".

Councilmember Callaham thanked all the employees that work for the City of Worland. "I appreciate each and every one of you that work for the City."

Motion: to enter into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Alexander.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Council left executive session at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Lombard appointed Engineering Associates as City Engineer.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Engineering Associates as City Engineer.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Alexander.

Vote: The motion failed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mayor Lombard appointed Donnell & Allred as City Engineer.

Motion: to approve the appointment of Donnell & Allred as City Engineer.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kreg Lombard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk-Treasurer