

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND, WYOMING
February 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on February 17, 2009. Mayor Kreg Lombard presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Jerry Alexander, Loyd Worley, Bud Callaham, Kathy Newman, Bill Hankins, Dave Gluyas, George Hazen and Justin Pfeiffer. Also present were: Police Chief, Greg Bankert; Airport Manager, Gary Thompson; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Superintendent of Public Works, Gene Clame; Building Official, Ron Vanderpool and Clerk-Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Bob Nelsen was absent.

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

Councilmember Justin Pfeiffer led the Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 2, 2009.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the payroll for the period ending February 8, 2009; PAYROLL 2/08/09 - \$49,893.32.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Hunt, Executive Director of the Worland Community Center (WCC) asked the Council if they would support a study to cover the canal behind WCC by investing \$10,000.00 or one-third of the cost. The other two-thirds would be paid by the County and WCC. WCC had originally included funding for this study in the Consensus Grant Application, but the State Land & Investment Board (SLIB) does not pay for studies. County Commissioner Ron Harvey stated that the County is interested in a study to cover the canal from Washakie Avenue to Wyoming Street not just behind the Center; making the covered canal part of the walk/bike path. City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell suggested that WCC check with the Wyoming Water Development Commission as they will pay 100% for a Level One Study. Discussion followed.

County Commissioner Harvey clarified the County's intent as far as snowplowing roads in exchange for the old County Snowplow. The County would like the City to snowplow the properties annexed into the City and would request assistance in plowing Road 11 and Washakie Avenue; whoever got there first could plow those two roads. The County also offered to train City personnel on the use of the snowplow. Discussion followed.

Motion: to accept the old County snowplow and agree to plow the roads annexed into the City as well as help plow Road 11 and Washakie Avenue.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Hazen.

Vote: Councilmembers voting AYE: Hankins, Hazen, Newman, Pfeiffer, Callaham and Worley; Councilmembers voting NAY: Gluyas and Alexander; the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 2.

Mayor Kreg Lombard acknowledged the award given to Jim Cowdrey by the National Automotive Association and presented by TIME magazine.

Motion: to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a VA authorized community-based outpatient clinic.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Pfeiffer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business Councilmember Kathy Newman asked about the streetlight on Airport Road and Sage Creek. City Engineer Representative Donnell reviewed the easement given to the City by Beverly Wilson and will check with Rocky Mountain Power to see if a light can be put on the existing pole.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #777 for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, ESTABLISHING A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE FLOOD LOSSES WITHIN THE CITY OF WORLAND, BY REPEALING CHAPTER 10A OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE AND REPLACING THE SAME WITH A NEW CHAPTER 10A WITH THE LANGUAGE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A". ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to pass, approve and adopt Ordinance #777 on third and final reading.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #778 for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, ESTABLISHING A LIST OF SPECIAL EXEMPTION USES IN THE B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT BY SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 24-16(C) OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Building Official Ron Vanderpool explained the changes to the B-1 Zone as approved by the Planning Commission and proposed in Ordinance #778. Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #778 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Pfeiffer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Richins presented Ordinance #779 for first reading.

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 approve Ordinance #779 on first reading.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Newman.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to authorize the Mayor to sign the Streetlight Contract with Rocky Mountain Power for service at Swan Drive.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve a Travel Request for Dave Emerson, Jay Hergert, Rob Koch and Jodie Crawford to attend Trenching and Excavation Training in Billings, Montana on February 24, 2009.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the nomination of Tracy Glanz to the WAM/JPIC Board.

By: Councilmember Alexander.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve five (5) Travel Requests presented by Police Chief Greg Bankert.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to ratify and approve the actions of the boards and commissions of the City of Worland.

By: Councilmember Hankins.

Second by: Councilmember Gluyas.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Under Business of the Council:

Councilmember Hankins commended Police Chief Bankert on his professionalism in his expense/travel reports and thanked him for the self-defense training provided to the women of the community.

Councilmember Hazen thanked Superintendent of Public Works Gene Clame and the crew for all the work they have done on the streets. Councilmember Hazen also asked for a motion or discussion on eliminating the annual appointment of Department Heads. City Attorney Richins asked that this be taken to a Commission meeting and a proposal submitted back to the Council for an ordinance change.

Councilmember Gluyas informed the Council that there is a Frisbee Golf Tournament on March 7, 2009 at the Golf Course and invited everyone to attend to see what it is about. Councilmember Gluyas has toured the City parks looking for places to set up a Frisbee Golf Course.

Councilmember Alexander said it was nice to have the City crews taking care of the streets and asked Superintendent of Public Works Clame if we had made a survey of the fences along the canal running through town. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Newman suggested that the City sponsor a weed killer program in conjunction with the Community Clean-up Day. Councilmember Newman has spoken to the Weed & Pest Supervisor who is willing to absorb the cost of a \$2.00 coupon handed out by the City for certain chemicals to kill weeds. Discussion followed. Councilmember Newman would like to see the City have a booth at the Big Horn Basin Trade Fair. The deadline to reserve a booth is March 6, 2009 at a cost of \$185.00 with a \$20.00 refund if the booth is manned for the entire fair. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Pfeiffer questioned the Council as to how to handle the open position on the Council that will be created by his deployment in April, 2009 and asked

if the Council would consider letting him retain his seat and communicate by phone, e-mail or video conferencing. City Engineer Representative Donnell said it would be easy enough to do using Skype. Councilmembers agreed that they would like Councilmember Pfeiffer to retain his seat. Councilmember Pfeiffer invited all to attend a pre-deployment ceremony on April 18, 2009 in Worland.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Kreg Lombard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk-Treasurer