

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF WORLAND, WYOMING

August 4, 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 August 4, 2009. Mayor Kreg Lombard presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were: Kathy Newman, Bud Callaham, Jerry Alexander, Loyd Worley, George Hazen, Bill Hankins, Dave Gluyas and Bob Nelsen. Also present were: Airport Manager/Superintendent of Public Works, Gary Thompson; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell; Chief of Police, Greg Bankert; City Attorney, Kent Richins; Building Official, Ron Vanderpool and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmember Justin Pfeiffer was absent.

There were three (3) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Sean Taylor with Boy Scout Troop #45 led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 21, 2009.

By: Councilmember Hazen.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the July bills and the payroll for the periods ending July 26, 2009, July 28, 2009 and July 31, 2009; PAYROLL 7/26/09 - \$61,529.08; PAYROLL 7/28/09 - \$192.53; PAYROLL 7/31/09 - \$2,956.16.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Alexander.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Sean Taylor with Boy Scout Troop #45 is working on his Communications Merit Badge; he was welcomed by Mayor Lombard.

Mayor Lombard thanked the public works department for keeping the city clean and thanked Chief Greg Bankert and Roger and Sue Howe for joining him in the fair parade.

Motion: to appoint Superintendent of Public Works Gary Thompson as the City of Worland's representative to vote at the annual Lower Hanover Canal meeting.

By: Councilmember Callaham.

Second by: Councilmember Nelsen.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard informed the Council of correspondence between Washakie County and the City regarding Washakie Avenue and Lane 12 ownership. The County Commissioners have been invited to attend the August 18, 2009 council meeting.

City Attorney Kent Richins updated the Council on Wyoming Statute 15-1-108, which states that mayors shall have one vote on all matters coming before the governing body upon which a vote is taken. The exceptions to mayoral voting include votes to override a veto, to confirm an appointment or at a hearing concerning the removal or discharge of an appointee. Discussion followed.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented the Law Enforcement Center Agreement with Washakie County for approval.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Law Enforcement Center Agreement by and between Washakie County and the City of Worland.

By: Councilmember Worley.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Council was informed of the Consensus Block Grant Funding issues with projects submitted by the Town of Ten Sleep. The Town of Ten Sleep is applying for \$170,000.00 for their water and sewer project instead of the original amount requested of \$627,000.00. Ten Sleep did receive ARRA Stimulus Funds for this project in May, 2009. Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter to the State Land and Investment Board for the Town of Ten Sleep.

By: Councilmember Hankins.

Second by: Councilmember Callaham.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Greg Bankert contacted Southside School Principal Joe Bishop about the parking issue on Howell Avenue. Mr. Bishop will talk to his staff and ask them not to park on the south side of Howell during school hours.

Airport Manager Gary Thompson informed the Council that there is a problem with the radial gates at the Airport. Gate replacement may be eligible under the grant funds allocated for the rehabilitation project. The cost to replace the gates is approximately \$50,000.00 with a cost to the city of 1% or \$500.00, if grant funded.

Superintendent of Public Works Thompson reported that chip seal will be done August 11, 12 and 13th to redo the chip seal that failed last year. Superintendent Thompson also requested that the hiring freeze be lifted to replace the fulltime employee that was hired last month, but had to be let go.

Motion: to lift the hiring freeze one time to allow Superintendent of Public Works Thompson to hire a fulltime employee.

By: Councilmember Gluyas.

Second by: Councilmember Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lombard asked about the hiring freeze and expressed concern about the timeline required in hiring a replacement employee. Council preferred to leave the hiring freeze in place.

Discussion on the stability of the mosquito sprayer and the assessment fee continued from the last council meeting. Superintendent of Public Works Thompson recommended that the City purchase a new sprayer this budget year and then budget for an additional sprayer in next year's budget. Weed and Pest is willing to help pay for the cost of a new sprayer in the next budget cycle under their mosquito grant funding.

Motion: to amend the motion on the annual pest/weed control fee of \$5.75 to charge all sewer customers the fee except those on the Wyoming Boys School line.

By: Councilmember Worley.

Second by: Councilmember Callahan.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell updated the Council on the applications for the ARRA stimulus funds. The applications will be considered at the September 10, 2009 State Land and Investment Board meeting; representatives from the City will be in attendance at the meeting.

City Engineer Representative Donnell informed the Council that Big Horn Regional is scheduled to drill a new water test well east of Greybull. If the test well produces enough good water it will be developed and put on line and will take some of the pressure off the Worland wells since it is not located in the same area of the Madison aquifer. This well will be drilled in the next few months.

Under Business of Councilmembers:

Councilmember Dave Gluyas informed the Council that the Police Department will be making a presentation at the next council meeting on a new drug similar to marijuana that is not yet illegal to use in the State of Wyoming.

Councilmember Kathy Newman asked the Council to re-consider the presentation given by Tara Sweeney at the last council meeting and recommended that the City allow no smoking signs to be placed in the children's play area at the city parks. Councilmember Bill Hankins stated that he had scheduled a meeting with Mary

Buchanan and invited Councilmember Newman to attend. Councilmember Hankins would like to see community support for this idea. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Kreg Lombard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer