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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND September 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming met in the Council Chambers at Worland City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on September 17, 2024. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kreg Lombard, Barbara Brookwell, Adam Martinez, William Worley, Wendy Fredricks, Rebecca George, Mike Neuffer and Kody DeMunbrun (via telephone). Also present were Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; Chief of Police, Gabe Elliott; City Attorney, Kent Richins; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz.

There were six (6) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Mayor Jim Gill led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a quorum and asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: to approve the agenda.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the September 3, 2024 regular meeting stand approved as published.

Motion: to approve all vouchers and authorize payment for payroll, utility charges, refunds for City Services, recording fees, postage and other miscellaneous items, during the month of September, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of October and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of September 9, 2024 and Payroll Voucher for the period of September 6, 2024. PAYROLL 9/6/24 - \$70,186.74.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gill announced that it was the time and place to hear the results of the bid opening at 2:00 p.m. today for the Coburn Avenue Resurfacing 15th Street to Howell Avenue Project. City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell stated that the following bids were received:

McGarvin Moberly	\$290,069.51
Wild West Construction	\$308,643.94
71 Construction	\$482,667.50

All bids are in order with a 5% bid bond and residency requirements met. City Engineer Representative Donnell recommended approval of the low bid of McGarvin Moberly.

Motion: to approve the lowest bid of McGarvin Moberly for the Coburn Avenue Resurfacing 15th Street to Howell Avenue Project.
By: Councilmember Lombard.
Second by: Councilmember Brookwell.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Neuffer requested a waiver of the open container law for the year end cornhole tournament in the parking lot behind the American Legion on Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Mr. Neuffer requested use of the light plant and bar-

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ricades for the tournament.
Chief of Police Gabe Elliott had no concerns.

Motion: to waive the open container law for the annual year end cornhole tournament on September 26, 2024 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the American Legion.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: Members voting AYE: Lombard, George, DeMunbrun, Gill, Martinez, Fredricks, Worley, Brookwell; Members voting NAY: None; Members ABSTAINING: Neuffer; the motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.

Cheri Bundren requested approval to use Pioneer Square for the annual Breast Cancer Awareness event on Friday, October 18th, National Mammography Day. Pink décor will be added to the park including a pink banner on the bell tower, lawn signs and pink balloons on Big Horn Avenue. Mrs. Bundren requested assistance from the city crew in placing the banner on the bell tower and asked if the Council would approve placing bras on the trees behind the statue. This would be well communicated to the community and done in good taste. Discussion followed about the reaction of children to the display. It was suggested that the ACS use ribbons versus bras on main street. Visitor Sheryl Ley suggested that the glass case at the Worland Community Center Complex could be used instead. Mayor Gill asked that the requests be done under separate motions.

Motion: to approve the use of Pioneer Square for the annual Breast Cancer Awareness event on October 18, 2024.
By: Councilmember George.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the placing of bras on the trees in Pioneer Square from the 18th through the 30th of October.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Martinez.
Vote: Members voting AYE: Lombard, George, DeMunbrun, Neuffer, Gill, Martinez, Worley; Members voting NAY: Fredricks, Brookwell; Members ABSTAINING: None; the motion passed by a vote of 7-2-0.

Mayor Gill reported on the WAM Region 3 meeting in Powell on September 11, 2024. The new WAM Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith was introduced. Mayor Gill, as a member of the WAM Board of Directors, is impressed with Ms. Harpstreith and stated that with her working relationship with the Governor and Legislators and her leadership, WAM should be in an advantageous position moving forward. Mayor Gill shared his concern over employee retention and salaries at the regional meeting.

City Attorney Kent Richins reported that he had not received a response from Earl Bower Farms and/or their attorney regarding the letter sent requesting that the fence be removed and the street opened back up at South 3rd Street and Coburn Avenue. There may be issues with the condition of the property; Director of Public Works Nick Kruger will be presenting a report dealing with those issues in the near future. City Attorney Richins proposed that the city may have to remove the fence and charge Earl Bower Farms for that work. An update on the status of the street closure will be provided at the next council meeting.

City Engineer Representative Donnell stated that the 2024 Streets Project at 10th Street and Robertson reached substantial completion. There is additional concrete work that needs to be done. Once the substantial completion notice is issued to the con-

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tractor the one (1) year warranty period begins.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch stated that there is a lot going on at the airport. The airport employees started winter training and are getting everything ready for re-certification by the FAA. Mayor Gill appreciated Airport Manager Murdoch's hard work in getting things done at the airport and getting it cleaned up.

Chief of Police Gabe Elliott informed the Council that an individual was tested for a police officer position and a conditional offer has been given. There is still additional testing that needs to be completed before the individual can be hired. Sgt. Duffy will be retiring effective October 14, 2024; "We will lose a really good police officer, he has been a pillar of the department for 20 years." Chief of Police Elliott thanked the Worland Rotary, in advance, for the First Responder BBQ happening this Thursday. There will be ongoing ALICE training with the School District, this training deals with active shooters and is a refresher course for current staff members and training for those new to the district. Most of the kids do well with the training as they have gone through the process in the past. The police department and the school district have a good working relationship. Chief of Police Elliott reminded all present that the Homecoming Parade is next Friday, September 27th at 12:45 p.m. Chief of Police Elliott asked Cheri Bundren to speak about the upcoming hayride.

Cheri Bundren noted that the annual hayride will be the 28th of September, the last day of the Farmers Market from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The route typically runs from North 9th Street to Robertson, down to North 7th Street, in front of the Pepsi building and then back to Pioneer Square. There have been no issues in the past.

Motion: to approve the hayride scheduled for the last day of the Farmer's Market.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously

Mayor Gill noted that the Duffy family has contributed greatly to the City stating that he knew Dave Duffy was always proud of Sean working at the police department. "I am sure Dave is as proud now in heaven as he was when he was alive." Mayor Gill wished Sean Duffy success in his future endeavors.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz announced that she and Deputy Clerk Terre Thiel attended WAMCAT Training in Casper last week and one of the training sessions included certification to become a Certified Public Fund Investment Manager (CPIFM). After completing the training and taking a test both she and Terre Thiel earned the designation.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gill asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Neuffer.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

September 26, 2024