**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**WALLACE, IDAHO**

**January 10, 2018**

Mayor Vester called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the council chambers.

Roll Call: Council members present: Dave DeRoos; Elmer Mattila; Heather Branstetter; Lynn Mogensen and Dean Cooper.

Flag Salute

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Cooper made the motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular December 13, 2017 meeting. The accounts payable for December totaling $821,600.82 including transfers and payroll for January 2017. Seconded by Council member DeRoos. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Mogensen Aye; Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Mogensen read the building report submitted by Mark Magnus.

**Sheriff:** Council member DeRoos read the Sheriff’s report submitted by Mike Gunderson stating that during the month of December 2017 the Shoshone County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched to 63 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Cooper made the motion to approve the Sheriff’s report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.

**Fire:** Report submitted but not read.

**Street:** None.

**Pool:** None.

**Finance:** Council member Cooper read the finance report. Mayor Mogensen asked if there were any questions. Council member DeRoos made the motion to approve the finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All Ayes. Carried.

**Library:** None.

**Sewer Project:**

**Rate Increase/Quarterly Billing** - Steve James from JUB was present. Mr. James stated in order to cover the city’s sewer costs, the sewer rates would need to increase from $8.00 per month to $10.52. Mr. James suggested the council raise the rates to the targeted $11.00 so the city would have a capital reserve fund. Council member Cooper stated that on the three year phase in plan part of that plan was changing from annual to quarterly billing. Further discussion was held regarding rates. Council member Branstetter made a motion to raise the sewer rates to $10.52 per month and begin billing quarterly. Seconded by Council member Hayes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

Sheena Braulick addressed the council to recap the Winter Festival. Ms. Braulick submitted an income statement for the council to review. Mayor Mogensen stated she would like to meet with the Winter Festival Committee to talk about the city’s expenses for this event. Council member DeRoos stated he is sure businesses would be willing to contribute to the festival to help cover some of the expenses. This opinion was also shared by Keith Dary, new owner of the 1313.

**New Business:**

**Swearing in of Mayor/Council members -** Council member Mogensen was sworn in as Mayor. Re-elected council members Mattila, Branstetter, and Cooper were sworn in along with newly elected council members Shaffer and Hayes.

**Election of Council President -** The council appointed Dean Cooper as council president. The motion was made by council member DeRoos. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Hayes Aye. Carried.

**Proposal re: chickens within city limits** - Council member Branstetter addressed the council and asked that the city consider having chickens within city limits. Council member Branstetter referenced the City of Mullan’s ordinance that was recently passed. Council member Cooper suggested Heather and one other council member look at the current ordinance and meet with Keisha and make a proposed update to the ordinance. Tabled until February meeting.

**Revision of current tree ordinance** - Dave Copeland, vice-president of Wallace Planning and Zoning, was present and addressed the council regarding the current tree ordinance. Mr. Copeland described different parts of the ordinance as draconian, and was seeking the council’s permission to move forward with revisions. Council member Shaffer stated plans need to be reviewed on a regular basis, and the tree ordinance is an important one with new people coming into town. Council member Cooper suggested that whoever is working on the revised ordinance get input from people that worked on the 2004 ordinance and find out why they made the changes in 2004 that they made.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member DeRoos made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All Ayes. Carried.

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Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

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Kristina Larson

City Clerk/Treasurer