Mayor Mogensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the council chamber.

Roll Call: Council members present: Dave DeRoos; Elmer Mattila; Heather Branstetter; Rick Shaffer; Tommy Hayes and Dean Cooper.

Flag Salute

Consent Agenda:
Council member DeRoos made the motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting and the accounts payable for December totaling $165,929.90 including transfers and payroll for January 2019. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Hayes Aye; Cooper Aye. Carried.

Reports:

Sheriff:
Council member DeRoos read the Sheriff’s report submitted by Sheriff Gunderson stating that during the month of December 2018 the Shoshone County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched to 118 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 Hayes. All Ayes. Carried.

Fire:
Council member Shaffer read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Cagle stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 11 times for medical emergencies and 1 fire response in Wallace for December 2019. Council member Hayes made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member DeRoos. All Ayes. Carried.

Street:
Council member Hayes read the report submitted by Jim Cason. The report stated they have been removing snow, repairing equipment and have fixed the boiler at Wallace City Hall.

Finance:
Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has $512,641; Street $2,770; Library $32,068; Parks & Rec. $63,390; Insurance $13,149; Sewer $86,617; USDA -$4,110.26 for a total of $715,869. Wells Fargo Savings $352,999 and Wallace Inn UDAG $194,938. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Hayes. All Ayes. Carried.

Library:
Council member Mattila stated that at the recent meeting held by the Library Board of Trustees, Teri Dexter - Chairperson, Jenniffer Carrico – Vice Chairperson and Elsie Magnuson – Secretary were re-elected for the ensuing year of 2019. The Wallace Public Library Foundation Board also had their meeting. A budget was set for 2019 and Molly McGee was elected to the board. Jenniffer Carrico – President, Terri Dexter – Vice-President, and Julie Magnuson – Secretary were re-elected for 2019.

Parks and Recreation:
Council member Branstetter stated she has been in contact with Jim Roletto, city engineer, and he is lining up engineers to look at the pool. She is also working on the dog park, recycling in Wallace, and a car charging station.

Business:
Approve Street Closure for Ski Wallace -- Courtney Frieh addressed the council. The group is requesting a street closure starting at 5:00 p.m. on February 15th through February 18th. Mayor Mogensen asked if the group had contacted Zanettis to set up. Council member Branstetter stated both Zanettis and Jim Cason are on board to help. Courtney said Zanettis will haul in the snow, but they will rely on the city to get it to the course. Council member Hayes made a motion to accept the street closure as presented. Council member Shaffer asked if the cleanup will happen on the 18th. Council member Branstetter stated a “Fun Day” is going to be held on the 18th. Council member Shaffer asked if all affected businesses have been contacted. Ms. Frieh said they are still reaching out to the businesses. Council
member DeRoos asked if the streets would be cleared and ready for business on the 19th. Ms. Frieh stated they are trying to avoid the city working on the 18th, which is a holiday, so clean up would begin on the morning of the 19th. Ms. Frieh said they would need assistance with moving the snow. Mayor Mogensen stated that will depend on what the snow situation is with the city streets. Council member DeRoos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Hayes Aye; Cooper Aye. Carried.

Avista Franchise Fee Ordinances — Mayor Mogensen stated the Avista franchise fee agreements are done every 25 years and this is the city’s year to renew. The city attorney has reviewed these ordinances and has given her approval. Mayor Mogensen stated the city would approve these at the March meeting after publication.

Broadband in Wallace/Brandon Vetter — Mr. Vetter addressed the council and stated he would like to bring broadband to Wallace. He stated he has not been in the cable business, but knows a lot about radio communication and can bring broadband to Wallace. Currently, he owns a credit card processing company and designs software. Mr. Vetter shared a power point presentation. Discussion was held on how the city could potentially tie into Shoshone Medical and use their extra broadband, what areas broadband would cover and what the equipment for homes and businesses would look like. Council member DeRoos asked if he is asking to be the sole company providing this service in Wallace. Mr. Vetter said not the sole person, but he wants to know what his competition looks like before he puts money into this venture. Discussion held on potential competition. Council member Hayes asked if the service would be both residential and commercial. Mr. Vetter stated it would be both.

Approve Gambler’s 500 Overnight Parking/Sept. 14-15 — The Gambler’s 500 is a group of car enthusiasts that will be coming from Lewiston and would like to camp in the parking lot across from the visitor’s center on September 14th. Council member Branstetter moved to allow parking/camping for the Gambler’s 500. Seconded by council member Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.

Welcome Walt Jordan back to Wallace/Sept. 14-15 — Discussion on bringing Walt Jordan back to Wallace. Mr. Jordan’s car broke down outside of Wallace in 1962, and for two weeks the townspeople gave him a place to stay. He recently wrote a letter to the Chamber expressing his gratitude and the chamber posted it on Facebook. The story got attention from a local news channel. Jordan said he would like to come back to Wallace after 50 years and thank the town in person. Mr. Copelan stated this is the city’s chance to make it happen. Citizens are donating money for his plane ticket and a place to stay.

Moving #3 Bank home onto city property — Dave Copelan was present. He stated there is a strong chance that the city could receive funds from the Gem Grant to move #3 Bank. The grant would cover 80% and the city would have to pay 20%. He believes the project would be about $10,000, so the city would be responsible for $2,000. However, he thinks this would be covered by private donations. Mr. Copelan is asking permission to pursue the Gem State grant to apply for moving the home. Two companies have looked at the house and they both believe it can be moved. Mayor Mogensen asked where he is proposing to move it to and he stated the Visitor’s Center. Dave is going to be meeting with Chuck Stone, of Mine Heritage, to see if they would want the home on their property. Mayor Mogensen asked that a proposal be submitted so it can be reviewed by the city attorney. She also stated that she is concerned about the liability and maintenance associated with putting the home on city property. Council member Cooper stated that the city has told Mine Heritage there is no more room for exhibits and the sprinkler system can’t take any more concrete structures. Council member Shaffer asked if maintenance of the home is actually maintenance AND renovation. Mr. Copelan said he thinks some of the cost to maintain and renovate the home could be included in the grant. Discussion held. Council member Hayes stated he believes the first step is having a professional mover confirm that the home can be moved. Mr. Copelan said he would have a report at the next meeting.

Airbnb and Vacation Rentals By Owner — Discussion held on the increase of rental properties within Wallace, and if owners are paying the taxes on their rental property. Council member Shaffer stated that if people are making money on lodging they should be paying the proper taxes, because 2% of the state tax goes back into marketing our communities. Janet Filer addressed the council regarding their rental property and Corky Mattila brought up commercial zoning in residential areas. Discussion held. Council member Shaffer stated he would present this topic again at a future meeting for further discussion.
There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Shaffer made the motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All Ayes. Carried.

Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer