REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WALLACE, IDAHO

December 11, 2019

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

**Roll Call:** Council members present: Elmer Mattila; Heather Branstetter; Rick Shaffer and Michele Bisconer. Council members absent: David DeRoos and Dean Cooper.

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the November 13, 2019 regular meeting and the special meeting held on November 25, 2019, accounts payable in the amount of $234,781.77 and the advance payroll for December. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Reports:**

**Mayor:**

Mayor Mogensen stated she has held meeting with the Public Works Department and the Shoshone County Sheriff’s Office regarding blight and parking. She also announced there is a 6th St. Bridge Open House tomorrow night at the Wallace Junior/Senior High School from 4-7 PM.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Shaffer read the Sheriff’s report submitted by Sheriff Gunderson stating that during the month of November 2019 the Shoshone County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched to 112 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Branstetter made the motion to approve the Sheriff’s report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. 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 48 times for medical emergencies and 7 fire responses in Wallace for November 2019. Council member Mattila made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All Ayes. Carried.

**Street:** Council member Bisconer read the Public Works report submitted by Sean Wilson. The report included the following: holiday decorations are complete, leaf clean up, de-icing tank has been assembled, fallen tree has been removed, repairs done to the wall on High Bank, work done on line a visitor’s center, and a snow plowing plan is being drafted. The department has also installed a “No right turn” sign for Second and Cypress. Jim Roletto is working on the storm drain on River Street.

**Finance:**

Council member Branstetter read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has $651,718.83; Street $-28,784.16; Library $36,399.56; Parks & Rec. $74,182.76; Insurance $28,848.06; Sewer $114,906.96; USDA $98.77 for a total of $877,370.78. Wells Fargo Savings $353,087.48 and Wallace Inn UDAG $194,986.63. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All Ayes. Carried.

**Library:** Council member Mattila stated the library foundation board has voted to add Molly McGee to the board. The Wallace City Council will address this nomination next month.

**Sewer:** No report.

**Parks and Recreation:** Council member Branstetter is continuing to work on the re-write to the historic preservation plan. The Friends of the Pool sent out approximately 2,500 letters soliciting donations for the Wallace pool repair project. They are also selling ornaments with a portion of the proceeds going to the pool. Mayor Mogensen stated the City has received a check from the Estate of Mark Davis for the pool.

**Business:**

**Approve contract with the Shoshone County Sheriff’s Office** **(*Action Item*) –** Mayor Mogensen stated this contract was discussed at a prior meeting and the suggested changes to the Automatic Renewal and Termination sections have been made. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the contract with the minor changes and approved by the city attorney. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Floodplain Variance 6th St. Bridge – Jim Roletto *(Action Item) –*** Mayor Mogensen read the letter addressed to Mr. Scott Wood at LHTAC regarding the variance request for the 6th St. Bridge. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve the variance to the floodplain ordinance in concurrence with the City’s floodplain manager and Shoshone County’s floodplain manager for the design elevation of the new 6th Street Bridge since it meets the conditions for a variance under the City’s current ordinance. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Approve Liquor and Beer/Wine Licenses for 2020 (*Action Item*) –** Mayor Mogensen read the list of businesses that turned in their paperwork. This list includes –

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| 1313 CLUB | Liquor |
| ALBI’S GEM BAR | Liquor |
| BEAMIS HICO | Beer and Wine |
| BLACKBOARD CAFÉ | Beer and Wine |
| COGS SPOKEHOUSE | Liquor |
| FAINTING GOAT | Beer and Wine |
| HISTORIC METALS BAR | Liquor |
| LUCKY HORSESHOE | Liquor |
| NORTH IDAHO MOUNTAIN BREW | Liquor |
| OLIVERS MERCANTILE | Beer and Wine |
| O’ROURKES | Liquor |
| PIZZA FACTORY | Beer |
| RED LIGHT GARAGE & TACO | Liquor |
| SILVER CORNER LUX HOTEL | Liquor |
| THE BROOKS HOTEL | Liquor |
| THE WALLACE SUPER STOP | Beer and Wine |
| WALLACE BREWING COMPANY | Beer and Wine |
| WALLACE ELKS CLUB #331 | Liquor |
| WALLACE HARVEST FOODS | Beer and Wine |

Discussion held on what type of license Albi’s Gem Bar holds. Discussion held on what type of paperwork the businesses need to submit to the city for their license. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the license requests for the so named bars and restaurants in Wallace, and contingent on the Jameson and Wallace Corner Hotel getting their act together, and also finding out if Albi’s is beer/ wine or liquor. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Metals Catering Permit - Katie Watterson (*Action Item*) –** Katie Watterson, owner of the Metals Bar, was present. Discussion held on permit details. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve the catering permit for the Metals for the 27th and 28th of December for the Cruzan family reunion at the Day Rock. Seconded by council member Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.

**Approve results from the November 5, 2019 election (*Action Item) –*** Mayor Mogensen read the results provided by Shoshone County for the November 5, 2019 Election. Position #1/David G. DeRoos - 127 votes. Position #1/Jon Ruggles – 39 votes. Position #3/Heather Branstetter – 145 votes. Position #5/Michele Bisconer – 144 votes. Council member Mattila made a motion to approve the results from the election. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Discuss Electric Car Charging Stations at the Depot (*Action Item*) –** Shauna Hillman was present. Shauna is researching installing an electric car charging station at the Depot. This project qualifies for grant match money from the State of Idaho, but does require a commitment from the City. Discussion held on moving the power source. Discussion held on the location of the charging station on the Depot grounds. Council member Branstetter stated that eventually the city would make money off of this project. Shauna said the city will get a percentage for each kilowatt. Council member Bisconer asked what the cost is for one charging station. Shauna stated $60,000. Discussion held on the city’s commitment and where the City’s $10,000 match would come from. Council member Branstetter made a motion that the city commit to allowing an electric vehicle charging site at the Depot museum parking lot along with a commitment to match a grant up to $10,000. Seconded by council member Mattila. Discussion held. Council member Branstetter suggested committing $10,000 to this project in the next fiscal year. Discussion held on the future of electric cars. Council member Shaffer said he is in favor of the project but is uncomfortable with a new skid steer and pool. Shaffer stated he would like someone to look at the finances and see how comfy we are. He further stated, if there is not a deadline on the grant he doesn’t want to push anything off that is already on the table. Shauna stated she is not looking for a monetary commitment, she is looking for a commitment of forward thinking as a community. Council member Branstetter withdrew her motion and made a new motion that the city commit to allowing permission for an electronic vehicle charging station at the Depot in the parking lot. Mayor Mogensen suggested Shauna reach out to different cities who have done this. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**“Wallace’s History as Cultural Capital” presented by Ron** Roizen – Ron Roizen addressed he council. He suggested the city’s section of the website that addresses history be updated. He also suggested that the city have a historian on staff, maybe a rotating post, and pay this person a stipend. The duties could include developing articles in the newspaper, giving lectures to the hotels, presentations at meetings, adding historical content to the webpage, etc. Discussion held. Mr. Roizen feels the city could do more. More discussion held.

**General Comments:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Branstetter made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.

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Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

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Kristina Larson

City Clerk/Treasurer