

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
February 12, 2020

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

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

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 8, 2020 regular meeting, accounts payable in the amount of \$88,078.10 and the advance payroll for February. Seconded by Council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye, Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye.

**Reports:**

**Mayor:**

Mayor Mogensen introduced the City's new Public Works Supervisor, Cory Harshman. She also stated she held various meetings with the city attorney and Sheriff Gunderson.

**Sheriff:**

Council member DeRoos read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Gunderson stating that during the month of January 2020 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 136 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 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 18 times for medical emergencies and 5 fire responses in Wallace for January 2020. Council member Mattila made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Branstetter. All Ayes. Carried.

**Street:**

Council member Bisconer stated she drove around town with Dan Jaggard, former employee of the Public Works Department, and he gave her some information about plowing the streets.

**Finance:**

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$688,072.10; Street \$-42,085.09; Library \$46,900.95; Parks & Rec. \$174,563.63; Insurance \$53,453.22; Sewer \$59,171.17; USDA \$98.77 for a total of \$980,174.75. Wells Fargo Savings \$353,096.00 and Wallace Inn UDAG \$194,991.00. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.

**Library:**

Council member Mattila stated over the last month there have been two instances of vandalism at the library and the City may want to look into installing cameras at the library. Council member Mattila stated the library was without internet for a few days, with the Suddenlink outage, and it was a hardship for them. The City is talking with J&R Electronics about what internet services they can provide.

**Parks and Recreation:** Council member Branstetter stated she was contacted by a gentleman at Panhandle Health and they would like to work with the City to make sure the parks are age friendly and have community engagement. Council member Branstetter said she hopes this will be a route to getting a dog park.

**Business:**

**Draft ordinance, Title 3, Peddlers and Solicitors/Mobile Concessions:** review drafts, discuss, and authorize preparation of final for approval at March council meeting (*Action Item*) – Council member Bisconer outlined the changes that were made to the draft Peddlers and Solicitors and Mobile Concessions ordinance. She stated the big change is the ordinance is separated into two parts – Peddlers and Solicitors and then Mobile Concessions. Some additional changes include: background check for all employees;

applicant must provide 2x2 photo, proof of auto (mobile concession), proof of vehicle registration (mobile concession), proof of worker's comp, proof of liability insurance, proof of food handling card and proof of \$2 million liability insurance. Discussion held on additional new requirements. Further discussion held regarding operating a business on private property. Council member Shaffer asked about a vendor conducting business on the sidewalk in front of the store. Council member Bisconer stated they would be considered a peddler. Discussion held. Council member Bisconer stated she would talk with the city attorney about the peddlers on the sidewalks. Council member Branstetter asked how the fees were established. Council member Bisconer stated she did a lot of research on this topic and the fees are comparable to other cities. Council member DeRoos asked where the \$2 million dollar liability insurance came from. Council member Bisconer stated she thought that's what the city already required from people for events. Discussion held. Council member Branstetter asked if groups like the Gyro Carnival have to abide by this ordinance. Council member Cooper stated events are an exception. Council member Bisconer did state if the vendors are going to stay for the event, they will need to work with the event coordinator or move to the alternative area on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion held on event coordinator getting a waiver from the city. Council member Shaffer stated pursuant to getting answers on a few of the issues the council should move forward.

**Discuss pool bids received on January 16<sup>th</sup> (Action Item)** – Jim Roletto, city engineer, addressed the council. Mr. Roletto stated the City put the pool project out to bid for the second time. Two bids were received, one from Nature's Landscaping and the other from S&L Construction. Nature's Landscaping's bid was irregular, so S&L was the only valid bidder. Mr. Roletto stated that S&L's current bid was higher than the first time they bid, because they are going to sub out the plumbing portion of the project. Mayor Mogensen asked if the project could be done in phases. Discussion held on the issue with Nature's Landscaping's bid and the increase in S&L's bid. Mr. Roletto stated at this point the city could negotiate with S&L and sign a modified contract based on those reductions. Council member Branstetter stated Zanetti's said they would donate concrete, or construction, and maybe that could be taken into consideration as a reduction in the bid amount. Mr. Roletto said another option is to make changes to the design and bid it again. Mayor Mogensen stated contractors are "not hungry" and it is unfortunate for the City. Mr. Roletto stated the City has 45 days from the receipt of the bids to take action. Further discussion held. Council member Cooper asked Mr. Roletto what the council should do. Mr. Roletto stated a letter needs to be sent to Nature's Landscaping saying their bid was irregular and the council could have him negotiate with S&L to see if the bid could be reduced. Council member Branstetter asked if setting up a payment plan with S&L is possible. Discussion held. Council member Cooper made a motion to identify S&L as the apparent low bidder and support the city engineer going and get a value engineering package for council. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye, Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye.

**Approve contract with Northwest Vernacular for CLG Grant - (Action Item)** Council member Branstetter stated the Historic Preservation Plan Committee supports Northwest Vernacular for this project based on their experience. The contract contains the language suggested by Pete L' Orange, Historic Preservation Planner and CLG Coordinator for the State of Idaho. Mayor Mogensen stated the contract has also been reviewed by the city attorney. Council member Shaffer stated there are public meetings coming up so citizens can get involved. He also stated he is comfortable with the deadlines and payment scheduled outlined in the contract. Council member Cooper asked where the funding for this project comes from. Council member Branstetter stated the City received a grant match from the State of Idaho. Discussion held on reimbursement process. Council member Branstetter stated the City will rely on Pete L'Orange to walk them through the process. Council member Cooper stated he would like to confirm that David Sherman is the point on this project and would be making sure everything is tracked. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the contract with Northwest Vernacular and put this project into action. Seconded by council member Branstetter. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye, Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye.

**Flows to the Page treatment plant - Joe Close, South Fork Sewer Dist.** – Joe Close, District Manager for South Fork Sewer District (SFSD), addressed the council. Mr. Close thanked the City for all the work that was done on its sewer collection system, and stated SFSD is seeing reduced flows to their plant, which translates into no increases in fees. Discussion held on graphs that were provided. Mr. Close stated the focus now is to get cities to eliminate sump pumps and roof drains because metals are in the ground water which flows to the treatment plant.

**Preserving what may be the last surviving print copy of the Wallace Press-Times – Ron Roizen (Action Item)** – Ron Roizen addressed the council. Mr. Roizen gave some history of the Wallace Press Times, and stated the collection is being stored at the Coeur d' Alene Press. Mr. Roizen believes this is the last paper copy of the Wallace Press Times. The Idaho State Historical Society has expressed interest in taking the collection, but Mr. Roizen proposes the library be outfitted with some shelving and the collection be

stored in the library basement. Discussion held on the size of the collection, optimal environmental condition to house it, and alternative places to store the collection, such as the Wallace Mining Museum. Council member Mattila stated this request would have to be discussed with the Library Foundation. Mr. Roizen stated he would like the council to support the idea of the collection being held at the library. Further discussion held. Council member DeRoos made a motion to bring the Wallace Press Times back to Wallace. Seconded by Council member Cooper. All Ayes. Carried.

**Discuss Ski Jor event being held President's Weekend - (Action Item)** – Sera White addressed the council. She stated there was an issue this year with the insurance for the event. Ski Wallace had to find a new carrier and there was a \$4,400 difference in price. Due to the increased cost, Ski Wallace was waiting to see if there would be enough snow to have the event. Ms. White stated the insurance agent told her they could have their policy within 24 hours. The policy includes City of Wallace as an additional insured, \$2,000,000 coverage and spectator coverage. Discussion held on storage of snow, the costs and changes to the event. Further discussion held on the course and the schedule. Council member Cooper asked if fireworks are part of the event. Ms. White stated fireworks are not part of Ski Wallace. Mayor Mogensen stated that next year the timeline for the insurance needs to be addressed. Council member Shaffer stated there was no presentation and there was uncertainty as to what the committee was doing. Ms. White stated that in May they presented a detailed plan that was approved and they gave council the means to communicate with them. Mayor Mogensen asked when the group would have the policy in hand. Ms. White stated by 5:00 pm the following day. Council member DeRoos asked who would be removing the snow on Monday. Ms. White stated Zanetti's would be putting the snow back in the berm. Discussion held on where Ski Wallace would put the snow after the event and also when the streets would be open. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the insurance for the event by Friday. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Council member Branstetter disclosed she is on the board for Ski Wallace. All Ayes. Carried.

**General Discussion** – Lee Ligenza inquired as to why the City is requiring background checks for the Mobile Concessions/Peddlers and Solicitor ordinance. Ms. Ligenza thinks it is "wrong and unfair". She also inquired if these regulations are above and beyond what restaurants have to do. Discussion held. Ms. Ligenza said it seems "burdensome". Mr. Roizen asked what portion of this proposed ordinance is to protect the brick and mortar business and how much is public safety. Jon Ruggles asked about farmer's markets. It was stated they are listed under the exemptions. Dick Caron addressed the council and stated 210 Cedar St. is vacant and has fallen into disarray. He made a complaint to the City about a month ago and would like a blight letter sent registered mail. Sera White asked if council members have office hours and what the preferred method of communication is.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Shaffer made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Council member Cooper. All Ayes. Carried.



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Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer