

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
April 8, 2020

Mayor Mogensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held telephonically due to the Governor's stay-at-home order.

Roll Call: Council members present: David DeRoos; Heather Branstetter; Elmer Mattila; 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 March 11, 2020 regular meeting, minutes from the March 20, 2020 special meeting, accounts payable in the amount of \$91,790.06 and the advance payroll for April. Seconded by Council member Branstetter. All Ayes. Carried.

Reports:

Mayor:

Mayor Mogensen stated she has had various discussions with the Sherriff and the Commissioners, and there will be a meeting, in the near future, with all the local Mayors.

Sheriff:

Council member DeRoos read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Gunderson stating that during the month of March 2020 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 109 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Mattila made the motion to approve the Sheriff's report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All Ayes. Carried.

Fire:

Council member DeRoos read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Cagle stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 19 times for medical emergencies and 0 fire responses in Wallace for March 2020. Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Cooper. All Ayes. Carried. Mayor Mogensen stated if there is a need to quarantine any of the first responders, they will be using the apartment above the fire hall.

Street:

Council member Bisconer stated the Public Works Department worked on the following items: repaired broken signs, organized shed, garbage pick-up, tuned up all winter equipment, graveled South Hill, fixed broken fencing, purged boiler at City Hall; cleaned out storm drains, posted COVID-19 signs at city parks, swept streets and worked on fence at the top of the viaduct.

Finance:

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$664,320.85; Street \$-29,749.42; Library \$45,459.40; Parks & Rec. \$175,095.81; Insurance \$44,135.14; Sewer \$79,645.84; USDA \$19,873.77 for a total of \$998,781.395. Wells Fargo Savings \$353,105.13 and Wallace Inn UDAG \$194,996.37. Council member DeRoos made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.

Library:

The library is closed to the public. The library staff is using this time to clean and organize. Frank Baca repaired the damage that was done to the concrete by weather and/or vandalism.

Parks and Recreation:

Gary from Idaho Health and Welfare came and is doing an assessment of our parks. He would like to give a presentation to the council in the near future. There is a survey that community members can fill out. Chris from Vitruvian Planning would like to come and do training June 22nd and 23rd if the social distancing requirements are lifted.

Business:

Discuss if the City, working with the Girl Scouts of the USA, would be willing to accommodate a dog park across from the Visitors Center - Council member Branstetter and Akira (Action Item) – Akira was present. Akira is a junior at Kellogg High School and is part of the Girl Scouts. She would like to work with the City to put a dog park in the lot across from the Visitor's Center for her Girl Scout project. Akira referenced the handout she provided to council and went over the potential layout. Akira said she still needs approval from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Discussion held regarding what portion of the lot would be used. Council member Branstetter said one concern is the snow coming off the interstate. The plan is to have the park open year- round. Council member Bisconer stated she is concerned with having enough room to store snow. Council member Branstetter stated Jim Roletto said ITD is fine with the City using the property. Discussion held on other locations to store snow. Mayor Mogensen asked about the funding. Akira stated her ideas are to hold a bake sale, set up a Go Fund me page, solicit donation for materials and apply for grants. Council member Branstetter stated the Wallace School District has fencing the City could purchase for cheap. Discussion held on clean-up of park. Council member Shaffer asked for a written proposal. Akira stated the project was in the early stages. Right now, she is getting approval from the City and the Girl Scouts. Discussion held on why she chose Wallace and clarification on the park rules Akira provided. The main points of discussion were aggressive dogs and dogs being vaccinated. Council member Bisconer stated the vaccination requirement should be posted on the park rules. Council member Cooper made a motion to support the efforts and continue looking into this project. Seconded by Shaffer. All Ayes. Carried.


Discuss \$50,000 match to the Innovia Grant - (Action Item) – To date only \$5,000 has been made to the Innovia \$50,000 match. Discussion held on what funds the City has for the match. Council member Bisconer asked if the Friends of the Pool would split the difference. Discussion held. Council member Branstetter made a motion to use up to \$45,000 from the Capitol Improvement Expense in the Pool Fund for the cash match. Seconded by Council member Cooper. Roll Call. DeRoos Aye; Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Street Closure - Wedding at the Center of the Universe on June 5th – Chris Berkey (Action Item) Chris Berkey and Nicole were present. They would like to get married at the Center of the Universe on June 5th. Discussion held on length of the event and number of guests. If social distancing requirements are still in place, it was stated the event would just consist of them and a photographer. Council member Cooper stated the couple needs to get permission from ITD and provide a street closure form. The item was tabled until the May meeting.

Discuss reserved parking in front of the Sierra Silver Mine Tour - (Action Item) – Council member Bisconer stated she was contacted by Sue at the Sierra Silver Mine Tour. Currently there are three parking spots in front of the mine tour that are reserved by signage. There are issues with people parking in these spots and she is requesting that these spots be painted yellow. Council member DeRoos disclosed he rents to Sierra Silver Mine Tour. He stated they tried to use tape on the curb, but it did not last. Discussion held on moving the designated parking closer to the corner of Cedar and Fifth. Council member Shaffer stated the motor coaches parking downtown is an issue. Council member Cooper stated the council needs to address the Mine Tour's request and not amend it. Council member Branstetter made a motion to allow the curb in front of the mine tour to be painted as part of the City's regular painting schedule. Seconded by council member Cooper. All Ayes. Carried.

General Discussion – No comments.

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


Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer