

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
July 8, 2020

Council member Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**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 June 10, 2020 regular meeting and the June 24, 2020 special meeting, accounts payable in the amount of \$64,749.73 and the advance payroll for July. Seconded by Council member DeRoos. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Reports:**

**Mayor:**

No Report

**Sheriff:**

Council member DeRoos read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Gunderson stating that during the month of June 2020 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 226 calls for service within the City of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Shaffer 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 12 times for medical emergencies and 2 fire responses in Wallace for June 2020. Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All Ayes. Carried.

**Street:** Council member Bisconer stated the Public Works Department cleaned up the stairs on the South Hill and painted curbs around town. She attended a walkability seminar put on by Gary Patterson along with Cory Harshman, Public Works Supervisor. Council member Shaffer stated the State of Idaho has started their project on Front Street, which includes removal of the jersey barriers and installation of a sidewalk along Front Street.

**Finance:**

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$636,045.31; Street \$-72,822.30; Library \$41,895.48; Parks & Rec. \$131,307.04; Insurance \$49,449.87; Sewer \$115,070.16; USDA \$98.77 for a total of \$901,044.33. Wells Fargo Savings \$353,108.02 and Wallace Inn UDAG \$194,997.96. Council member DeRoos 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 the library reopened on June 1, 2020 after the shutdown due to Covid. The hours of operation are now Monday and Thursday from 12:00 to 8:00 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 to 5:30. Per the librarian, face masks are required. They are averaging about 12 patrons a day. The new internet, wifi, firewall and filtering system has been installed. The outside stairs will be recoated.

**Parks and Recreation:** Council member Branstetter stated the Walkability workshop was a success. The group will be back in town in September to address the council. The pool subcommittee is moving slowly due to people not being able to attend meetings. The City Clerk has been in contact with Panhandle Area Council regarding a block grant. The first step in this process is to conduct an income survey, which PAC will do for the City for a fee. Council member Branstetter stated the funds to pay PAC should come from the reserves the City has for the pool project. Discussion held on timeline for project and setting up meetings with donors.

**Business:**

**Discuss making diagonal parking permanent (under review for two years per the April 2017 council meeting) –** Council member Cooper stated the diagonal parking was implemented on a 2-year probation

period. The council is asking for written feedback from the citizens. Council member Cooper stated adding a month to both ends would work with the City's snow clearing activities. Council will vote on this item next month.

**Decision re Exchange of Services/Goods for Repair on City Personal Property / Grader – (Action Item) –** Council member Bisconer gave background on potential buyers for the grader. She stated Cory Harshman has been talking to Chris Burmeister about an exchange for services for the grader. Mr. Burmeister would repair our equipment in exchange for the grader. Keisha Oxendine, city attorney, stated she has been asked to draft the agreement. It is her understanding that the grader was valued at \$2,000 and the work that Mr. Burmeister will perform will be at least \$2,000, so as long as there is equal exchange of value the City could move forward with this exchange through a contract. Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Mayor signing the agreement upon presentment. Seconded by council member DeRoos. Discussion held on state of the grader. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Approve Tentative Budget for FY 20/21 (Action Item) –** Council member Cooper asked if anyone had questions about the budget. No questions or comments. Council member DeRoos made a motion to approve the tentative budget for FY 20/21. Seconded by council member Mattila. Council member Cooper stated there may be a change to the insurance fund due to the large carry forward amount. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Executive Session per I.C. §74-206(1)(f) - To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated (Action item) –** Council member Shaffer made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Shaffer made a motion at 7:15 to enter into regular session. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**General Comments –** Council member Branstetter addressed the council about the City requiring people to wear face coverings.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Shaffer made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All Ayes. Carried.



Dean Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer