

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
September 9, 2020

Mayor Mogensen first asked anyone calling in to mute their phones. The Mayor 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; Michele Bisconer and Dean Cooper. Council members present telephonically: Dave DeRoos.

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Branstetter made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting, accounts payable in the amount of \$69,119.65 and transfers. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Mogensen congratulated Jim See for the award he received for his work on the Pulaski Trail. She stated Wallace was awarded a Broadband Grant and the City is pursuing a block grant for the pool. Mayor Mogensen also stated the City sent out a letter to residents on the Placer Creek Channel asking them to help maintain the vegetation that may be growing on their properties into the channel.

**Sheriff:**

Mayor Mogensen read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Gunderson stating that during the month of August 2020 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 219 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Mayor Mogensen stated the City has put another "Do Not Enter" sign at the one way on Second Street. 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 Shaffer read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief Aaron Cagle stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 15 times for medical emergencies and 4 fire responses in Wallace for August 2020. Council member Bisconer 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 the Public Works Department cleaned the Placer Creek Channel. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did an audit of the channel and asked the City to contact homeowners that had vegetation growing in the channel. The department also did trash pick-up, painted railings and fixed bridges and fences. Core sampling was done on the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge as well.

**Finance:**

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$697,763; Street \$-59,619; Library \$48,031; Parks & Rec. \$235,323; Insurance \$65,869; Sewer \$132,378; USDA \$98.77 for a total of \$1,119,945. Wells Fargo Savings \$353,116 and Wallace Inn UDAG \$195,002. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All Ayes. Carried.

**Library:** Council member Mattila stated the new internet is great! Lonnie Keats has not finished recoating the steps so Elmer will follow up with him.

**Parks and Recreation:** Council member Branstetter stated fundraising for the pool is moving forward. She also stated the City of Osburn donated \$5,000 to the pool. Council member Shaffer asked if we had heard back regarding the dog park. Council member Branstetter stated we have not, but she expects we will.

**Business:**

**Presentation by Vitruvian Planning re: making Wallace pedestrian friendly –** Council member Branstetter stated the idea is to design the town in ways that drivers don't have to follow signs but just take cues from the environment. Vitruvian talked about improving crossing and also how to bring people from the Trail of the Coeur d' Alene into town. Vitruvian will provide the City with recommendation that it can use to apply for bigger grants. Discussion held on the small things the City can implement and when

the City may receive the written report.

**Public Hearing – Amendment to the FY 19/20 Budget (Action Item)** - Council member Cooper made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Bisconer asked where the funds were from. The Clerk responded they were funds from USDA. No further comment. Council member Mattila made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Approve Amended Appropriations Ordinance #2020-03 (Action Item)** - Council member Branstetter made a motion to read Ordinance 2020-03 by title only. Council member Shaffer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. Mayor Mogensen read the ordinance by title only. AN ORDINANCE BEING THE AMENDED APPROPRIATION BILL OF THE CITY OF WALLACE, COUNTY OF SHOSHONE, STATE OF IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AND BY WHICH THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SAID CITY APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF SAID CITY, FOR THE SAID FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 50-1003, IDAHO CODE. Council member Cooper made a motion to suspend the rule that requires the ordinance be read on three separate occasions. Council member Shaffer seconded it. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Branstetter made a motion that Ordinance 2020-03 be passed by being read by title only. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Approve Fair Housing Resolution #2020-209 (Action Item)** - Discussion held on changes to the resolution that the City previously passed. Council member Branstetter made a motion to pass Fair Housing Resolution #2020-209. Seconded by Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye.

**Discuss/Approve using UDAG money for City of Wallace Pool Renovation Project (Action Item)** - Mayor Mogensen stated the City is raising money for the pool. Some of the donors feel the City should "have a little more skin in the game". Therefore, the Mayor suggested the City contribute funds from the UDAG account with the stipulation that it will be paid back. Discussion held. Council member Mattila asked how much the Mayor would like to borrow from the UDAG. Council member Shaffer asked where the UDAG money came from. Discussion held. Mayor Mogensen said she feels comfortable borrowing from the UDAG account and paying it back. Discussion held on how much to borrow and how to pay it back. Council member Branstetter moved the City commit \$50,000 from the UDAG account to the construction of the pool to be repaid within 2 years, ideally, but up to 5 if necessary. Seconded by Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. DeRoos abstained; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye; Shaffer Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Citizen Complaint: Ryder Gauteraux re: Access Issues** - Mayor Mogensen stated this is not an action item. Mr. Gauteraux addressed the council regarding access issues to 26 Weir Gulch. Mr. Gauteraux stated access to his property has been cut off and he would like to know how the City wants to approach this issue before it becomes a legal issue. He stated the City sent a letter saying it was not City property and the City does not have any interest in it, but then the City moved barriers. Mayor Mogensen said, again, this is not an action item, so the council will hear what Mr. Gauteraux has to say and then take it into consideration. Council member Branstetter asked Mr. Gauteraux for clarification on access to this property. Mr. Gauteraux said he has access to the property at 26 Weir Gulch off of 190 through the South Fork of the Coeur d' Alene River. Council member Branstetter asked if Mr. Gauteraux is wanting to build a bridge there. Mr. Gauteraux replied that he hasn't had to do anything, because people drive through the creek. Mayor Mogensen stated Mr. Gauteraux needs to contact ITD. Mr. Gauteraux stated it is an issue with the City "moving barriers every other week." Mayor Mogensen said the City has permission from ITD. Mr. Gauteraux said he acquired another parcel at the end of Pearl Street and he does not want any streets vacated to any other adjacent property owners, because he is going to use those plotted city streets for access. Council member Cooper said there should be delineation between right-of-ways and streets, because they are two different things. Further discussion held on safety of Wallace, driving through the creek, and the possibility of building a bridge. Mayor Mogensen stated, again, that Mr. Gauteraux should contact ITD. Further discussion held on driving through the creek.

**General Comment** – Someone asked to speak and Mayor Mogensen stated the council is not hearing public comments. Mayor Mogensen asked that they submit their comments in writing.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Shaffer made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All Ayes. Carried.



Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer