

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
March 29, 2023

Mayor Mogensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

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

Flag Salute

Consent Agenda:

Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular February 8, 2023 and regular March 8, 2023 meetings, accounts payable in the amount of \$73,551.56, transfers and the advanced payroll for April. Seconded by Council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Reports

Mayor:

The Mayor and council member Shaffer are waiting on a meeting with the sheriff's office. If the community has anything they would like addressed, the Mayor encouraged them to call city hall. Les Ryan, local plumber, looked at the pool and city hall. The City is in the process of updating the living quarters for the volunteer fire fighters. Northside Electric fixed the outside lights at city hall. Shoshone Glass is giving the City a bid for new windows. Mayor Mogensen stated there is rumor circulating that there are broken pipes at the pool. She stated this is not the case. There is a broken toilet and urinal, but these will be fixed. The closing process next year will be different based on what the City learned this year. Mayor Mogensen asked the council to let the clerk know in advance if they are going to be gone in the next few months, so meetings can be planned accordingly. Russ Lowe, Mayor of Pinehurst, was in attendance. Mayor Mogensen stated David DeRoos has resigned from council.

Sheriff:

No report was submitted by Shoshone County Sheriff Office. Council member Shaffer stated they are trying to put together a meeting with the Sheriff. They would like to have this meeting before the busy summer season. The City does have an assigned deputy, who is going to training in May.

Fire:

Council member Cooper read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief John Miller stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 8 times for medical emergencies and 5 fire response in Wallace for March 2023. Fire Chief Miller was in attendance. Council member Mattila made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye; Carried.

Street:

The streets are opening up and are in good shape. The streets crew will start sweeping the streets soon. With the snow melting, the dog poop issue is very noticeable. The lack of clean up is "despicable". We need residents of Wallace to be responsible for their dogs.

Finance:

Council member Bisconer read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,064,904.80; Street \$-4,824.23; Library \$30,619.86; Parks & Rec. \$16,964.99; Insurance \$6,629.39; Sewer \$210,263.37 for a total of \$1,261,201.18. Wells Fargo Savings \$353,158.18 and Wallace Inn

UDAG \$195,025.60. Council member Cooper asked why there was a \$1,000,000 transfer and the clerk responded that funds were moved from US Bank to Mountain West. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by council member Branstetter. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye; Carried.

Library:

Numbers have been up at the library.

Parks and Recreation:

The boiler went down in late or mid-August, so it has nothing to do with how the pool was winterized. The City has received a bid to repair it and that will be done this Spring.

Housing:

Council member Branstetter has received feedback regarding the short term/vacation rental and will address this under business.

Business:

Appointment of Richard Matrisciano to council position #1 – (*Action Item*) – Mayor Mogensen recommended Rich Matrisciano for council position #1. Discussion held. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation to council position #1. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider Pub Crawl street closure - (*Action Item*) – Kimberley from the Chamber addressed the council. Discussion held on time, location and other event details. Council member Bisconer recommended the group provide more trash cans. Council member Shaffer stated April is a slow tourist month, so any event that brings people to town is a good thing. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the Chamber’s street closure. Seconded by council member Branstetter. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider Gyro Street closure - (*Action Item*) – Scott Leitch was present for the Gyro Club. The street closure is the same as in years past. Discussion held. The group is still waiting on insurance. Additional trash cans will be provided. Council member Shaffer disclosed he is a member of the Gyro Club. Council member Mattila made a motion to approve the street closure contingent upon garbage cans, insurance and contacting neighbors. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Council member Cooper disclosed he is also a member of the Gyro Club. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Decision to move forward with revising the history section of the Comprehensive Plan - (*Action Item*) Emma Stayduhar, Chair of P&Z, was present. Council member Bisconer confirmed P&Z was proposing to replace the current history section of the Comp Plan with the history section from the Historic Preservation Plan and asked if any other section of the comp plan could be revised at this time. Ms. Stayduhar gave background/timeline on how the proposed update came to be and stated she has had a few meetings with different firms who are interested in working on the plan. Discussion held on the different components included in a comp plan, which are described in the Idaho Code. History is not a required component, but is important to the City of Wallace. Ms. Stayduhar stated that after talking with different firms she feels updating the comp plan is tangible. Further discussion held on grants and other

funding sources. Ms. Stayduhar suggested moving forward with updating the history section of the comp plan, because the work has already been completed with the historic preservation plan. Discussion held on incorporating pages 11 to 24 from the historic preservation plan. City attorney, Ben Allen, stated P&Z is coming before council because there is a financial component to this process, which the council has to be informed about. Council member Shaffer gave his support to P&Z to continue their work on the comp plan.

Discuss request of additional distribution from Innovia endowment fund for pool boiler- (*Action Item*) – The estimate to fix the boiler is approximately \$14,000. Through the Innovia endowment fund the City will receive \$2,500. The City can request an additional \$5,000, but the money will not be available until June. Discussion held about taking money from savings, and then paying back this withdrawal when the monies are received in June. Discussion held regarding the importance of getting the boiler fixed and the out-of-pocket for the city. Council member Bisconer made a motion to move forward with an additional distribution from Innovia to take care of the pool boiler. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Discuss the draft ordinance pertaining to short term rentals and whether to send the draft to legal counsel (*Action Item*) – Council member Branstetter stated that there cannot be neighborhoods without neighbors. The issues addressing Wallace are in influx of short-term rentals, affordable housing and camping within the city. Council member Branstetter stated the proposed language in the ordinance addresses limiting residentially zoned vacation rentals, but not limiting the short-term rental in the general commercial zone. The ordinance will also address implementing licensing. Discussion held on parking, limiting vacation rentals in the residential districts and requiring people that own short term/vacation rentals to live here. Council member Branstetter went on to recap some feedback she received. Council member Bisconer stated there are some positives that go with short term rentals, i.e. they employ people to clean, shovel and owners keep them tidy so people will want to rent them. Council member Bisconer stated the public will have a chance to give their input. Further discussion held. Council member Branstetter made a motion to allow legal counsel to review the draft ordinance and come back in the next couple of meetings with input. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Council member Shaffer asked legal if the draft ordinance is ready to be reviewed. City attorney Ben Allen stated this topic is relatively new in the legal world, so they will be offering opinions because there is not a lot of case law. Roll Call Vote. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

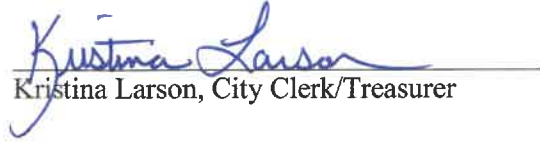
Approve Personnel Policy - (*Action Item*) Discussion held on when pay checks are issued, capping and monetizing sick days. Council member Bisconer made a motion in the employee personnel policy that sick leave be changed to six days. Employees can roll over six days. There can be no more than twelve days accumulated. Roll Call Vote. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Branstetter Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Cooper made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All in favor.



Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson, City Clerk/Treasurer