

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
June 14, 2023

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

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

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Cooper made the motion to approve accounts payable for May in the amount of \$546,887.93, transfers and the advanced payroll for June. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye, Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of Joe Grismer and Dick Caron for the Esto Perpetua award. This award was given by the State for his preserving of history in the Wallace. She has held various meeting this month.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Shaffer read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of May 2023 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 103 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 Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Fire:**

Council member Cooper read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief John Miller stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 15 times for medical emergencies and 2 fire response in Wallace for May. Chief Miller addressed the bonfire and burn barrels outside some of the businesses. There was also discussion on residential pits Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Street:**

Council member Shaffer stated the streets are clean and the renovation of Pine St. looks great.

**Finance:**

Council member Matrisciano read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,295,169.45; Street \$-63,129.49; Library \$13,716.40; Parks & Rec. \$2,624.10; Insurance \$-5,045.51; Sewer \$223,040.81; for a total of \$1,466,375.76. Savings \$233,600.18 and Wallace Inn UDAG \$195,025.60 Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All Ayes. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Library:** Council member Mattila read a report submitted by librarian, Annette Kologi. They are planning their summer reading programs. The basement door frame and the mortar problems need to be addressed.

Council member Mattila stated the wall supporting the stairs has been repaired twice, but has failed both times. Cornerstone Construction is going to provide a bid to the city for the needed repairs.

**Parks and Recreation:** Council member Bisconer stated the pool opened today and all the equipment is working and the pool house looks great! The updating of the equipment at Pine St. park continues.

### **Housing**

No report given

### **Business:**

**Proclamation making June PTSD Awareness Month** – Mayor Mogensen read the proclamation aloud and proclaimed June PTSD Awareness Month.

**Street Closure Idaho Statehood Day Parade – July 3<sup>rd</sup>/Wallace Merchant Group (*Action Item*)** – Jim Shields addressed the council. Discussion held regarding the route. The group already has insurance. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the parade request. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Catering permit for Historic Wallace for Blues Fest - (*Action Item*)** – Alex Cook addressed the council. Discussion held on the location of the beer garden, and if the alcohol permit provided by the State covers multiple addresses. Council member Bisconer stated she is concerned that the permit doesn't list the address for the Jameson. Council member Cooper believes the group has what they need for the catering permit. Council member made a motion to approve the catering permit. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Additional Street Closure for Historic Wallace for Blues Fest - (*Action Item*)** – Mr. Cook addressed the council again. He is asking for a street closure on 6<sup>th</sup> St. between Pine and alley to the South (between Jameson and Depot. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the street closure. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Request for us of John Mullan Park by Historic Wallace for Blues Fest - (*Action Item*)** – Mr. Cook stated there would be a band at the Conoco and wants to make sure it's ok for people to gather in the city park next to the business. Discussion held. The council was concerned about pedestrians in that area. Mr. Cook withdrew his motion.

Mayor Mogensen allowed Ms. Arthun to address the council regarding PTSD. She represents a non-profit group called Silver Valley Cares that supports mental health. The group would like to bring mental health training to the schools, first responders, etc. Mayor Mogensen stated this is a much-needed service.

**Discuss implementing more diagonal parking on Hotel Street behind courthouse - (*Action Item*)** – The sidewalk in front of the Building Maintenance lumber yard is horrible shape. Mark Berger, owner of Building Maintenance would like to remove the sidewalk and add diagonal parking. The proposal would add 6 more parking spots and make the road about 3' wider. Mr. Berger said there would be no cost to the

city. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the proposal. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye.


**Approval to proceed with a Request for Qualifications for the comprehensive plan - (*Action Item*)** – Emma Stayduhar, Chair of Planning and Zoning and Historical Preservation, addressed the council. Ms. Stayduhar asked the council formally request the RFQ process to seek out a firm that could do the comprehensive plan revision. P&Z has held workshops and discussed at length the process to hire a firm to revise fully, or in part the comprehensive plan. During the May 3· 2023 P&Z meeting the commission decided to send a request to city council to initial the RFQ process to seek out a firm to do this work. The commission is asking that council allow them to begin the process of finding a firm. Once they have gone through the process and identified a firm P&Z would come back to council . Discussion on the process and timeline led by Ben Allen, city attorney. Council member Matrisciano asked why the city is pursuing this. Ms. Stayduhar stated the city’s comprehensive plan was done in 1980 and Idaho code suggests the plan be updated every five years. She stated right now the commission is working on updating the history section of the comp plan. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve to proceed with the request for qualifications for the comprehensive plan and delegate this task to the P&Z commission. Clarification was given that the RFQ is for a wide range of engineering services not just for updating the comprehensive plan. Mr. Allen then went on to explain how the city would utilize the engineering firms chosen during the RFQ process. Seconded by council member Shaffer.

**Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-2016(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 for a sewer issue. - (*Action Item*)** Council member Shaffer made a motion to move into executive session at 6:27. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Council member Shaffer made a motion to move out of executive session at 7:03. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye.


**Discuss sewer issue at 302 Second Street - (*Action Item*)** – Council member Cooper made a motion to direct legal counsel to offer \$8,000 to settle the claim. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Bisconer Aye; Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye.

**FY 23/24 Budget Workshop - (*Action Item*)** – The City Clerk stated that between now and July, the council needs to look over the proposed worksheets and provide feedback on any changes they want made to the budget. Council member Bisconer questioned if enough money had been allocated for wages for the pool. The clerk pointed out the general fund is healthy and we transfer into other funds to support them. Discussion held on various line items that were increased. The clerk stated the library salaries have been increased. There has been a lot of turn over at the library, and some of the issue could be the pay. The Mayor agreed. The city needs to replace another heater at the Visitor Center. Discussion held on pay for city employees and if the city is “competitive”. Council member Bisconer said the city needs to implement a matrix for pay per department. She said it’s transparent, fair and consistent. Council member Mattila asked if the water district paid their portion of the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge project and the clerk confirmed they had. The council would like to start paying back the savings account for the money withdrawn for the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge. They would like the money put back in savings within 3 years.

Council member Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by council member Shaffer. All in favor

  
Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer