

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
August 9, 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; Heather Branstetter; Michele Bisconer and Dean Cooper. Council members absent: Rick Shaffer

Flag Salute

Consent Agenda:

Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting, accounts payable for June in the amount of \$95,387.18 and July in the amount of \$97,876.87 transfers and the advanced payroll for September. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Reports

Mayor:

The Mayor attended the soft opening for the Tin Snug. The new equipment at the Pine Street Park is installed and looks great. The Mayor, along with others, had a meeting with the Sheriff to discuss expectations. The 6th St. Bridge went to bid and the City rejected the bids, because they were about \$1.5 million over the engineer's estimate. The project will have to be re-bid.

Sheriff:

Council member Matrisciano read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of July 2023 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 124 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Elmer made the motion to approve the Sheriff's report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Fire:

Council member Shaffer read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief John Miller stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 18 times for medical emergencies and 3 fire response in Wallace for July 2023. Fire danger is set at "very high". Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Street:

Council member Shaffer was absent. Mayor Mogensen stated the kids hired for the summer have been working hard.

Finance:

Council member Matrisciano read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,375,980.12; Street \$-43,601.78; Library \$10,769.98; Parks & Rec. \$-40,147.90; Insurance \$-4,547.58; Sewer \$234,517.47; USDA \$50.00 for a total of \$1,533,020.31. Savings \$33,835.55 and Wallace Inn UDAG \$195,143.46 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; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Library: Council member Mattila read a report submitted by librarian, Annette Kologi. The library hosted a successful summer reading program. Council member Mattila went on to discuss repairs that need done outside of the basement of the library. The total cost of the repairs will be around \$7,300. The WWI memorial rock at the library fell over and needs put back in place.

Parks and Recreation: Council member Bisconer stated that there were 871 swimmers in June. In July there were 2772 swimmers. Fifty-four kids took swim lessons. Panhandle health donated umbrellas and the rotary club donated a new life guard chair. Council member Bisconer stated she may have a donor to repair the wooden steps at the pool. The playground is completed, but it still needs another 40 yards of ground cover (woodchips).

Housing – Council member Branstetter stated she is going to look into grants to help renovate some of the older downtown buildings. She is going to reach out to see if Cindy Lien would be interested in helping her.

Business:

Consider Street Closure for Center of the Universe rededication - Wallace Chamber (*Action Item*)- Julie George addressed the council. Discussion held on length of time for the closure, toilets, garbage and contacting neighbors. The group has already provided their insurance. Further discussion held. Council member Bisconer made a motion to accept the street closure request to the Historic Wallace Chamber on September 15 at 4:30 pm – September 16, at 8:00 on 6th St. between Bank and Cedar. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider annual 9/11 stair climb - Shoshone County Fire District (*Action Item*) – Fire Chief Miller recapped the event. They would like Hotel St. by the pool closed. They will access the stairs and will fix any stairs before and after the event. Further discussion held. Council member Branstetter made a motion to accept the street closure for the 9/11 stair climb on September 11th from 8:00 to 12:00. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider police memorial dedication – Police Memorial Commission/Spike Angle (*Action Item*) – Mayor Mogensen stated this has already been worked out. The sheriff's office is going to take care of the traffic during this event.

Update on Under the Freeway Flea Market – Cindy Lien – This item was not addressed.

Consider installation of three portable toilets in town – Shauna Hillman (*Action Item*) – Ms. Hillman addressed the council. The city has way more tourists than toilets. Many attractions are on limited hours. Merchants that are posting signs that say “No Public Toilets” might as well state they are not open for business. The solution is portable toilets. Ms. Hillman is proposing putting a portable toilet by Samuels Park with a nice covering over it. Another toilet would be put in by Past & Present and another in the alley behind the Bordello. Further discussion held on location, funding and safety. Shauna stated this is an issue that needs addressed. Council member Matrisciano asked if Shauna is proposing to keep the toilets up year-round. Ms. Hillman stated she is proposing from April 15th to October 15th. Ms. Hillman stated she has funding for one toilet to be placed behind Past & Present. Council member Cooper made a motion to

approve the placement of a portable toilet by Past & Present. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Mattila asked Ms. Hillman to come back and give an update on how it went.

Consider amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan to update the history section with suggestions outlined in the Historic Preservation Plan 3.3.1 dated 2020 – Emma Stayduhar, Chair of P&Z (*Action Item*) – Ms. Stayduhar addressed the council. She stated a public hearing was held relating to this action item. She is asking the council to ratify the amendment to the comprehensive plan pending contracts being awarded to engineering firms to make changes to the comprehensive plan. Ms. Stayduhar went over the portion that will be replaced. Further discussion held. Council member Branstetter made a motion to move forward with resolution to formally adopt the changes to the historic section of the comprehensive plan as outline by Emma and that legal council take action. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Selection of engineering services and/or surveying services pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2320 – Emma Stayduhar, Chair of P&Z (*Action Item*) – P&Z underwent the RFQ review process for engineering firms in the areas of general planning, general engineering and land surveying. The RFQ is the way governmental bodies choose engineering firms to be potential chosen for awarding contracts. Ms. Stayduhar went over the process used to rank all the engineering firms that applied and the ranking for all firms. She asked that council approve the recommendation of the ranking of the firms submitted by the commission. Further discussion held. Legal counsel, Ben Allen, stated what the city has accomplished with this process is it has created a pre-approved list of engineer firms for various projects. Council member Branstetter made a motion to endorse the scores doled out by the Planning & Zoning committee for land surveying, general engineering and general planning, when selecting engineering firms for projects for the next five years. Seconded by council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Bisconer went on to make a motion to have legal draw up a Master Services Agreement for each of the firms on the roster pursuant to the City of Wallace RFQ for engineering – information instruction 2023 which was publicly circulated as part of our advertisement for the RFQ, the master service agreements would be extended by August 23rd. Seconded by Council member Branstetter. All Ayes. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.


Consider re-appointment of Emma Stayduhar to Planning and Zoning, Historic Preservation Commission - (*Action Item*) – Mayor Mogensen suggested Emma back to P&Z. Council member Cooper made a motion to support that recommendation. Seconded by Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Public Hearing re: budget for FY 23/24 (*Action Item*) – Council member Cooper made a motion to enter into public hearing to consider budget for FY 23/24 at 6:28 pm. Seconded by council member Branstetter. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried. No comments made. Council member Cooper made a motion to exit the hearing at 6:29. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, Council member Branstetter made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried.


Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer