

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
November 8, 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; Rick Shaffer and Dean Cooper. Council members absent: Michel Bisconer

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023 meeting, accounts payable for September in the amount of \$80,410.74, transfers and the advanced payroll for November. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

The Mayor congratulated Cindy Lien on her election win.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Shaffer read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of October 2023 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 115 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 Branstetter. All in favor. 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 3 fire response in Wallace October 2023. Further discussion held. Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. All in favor. Carried.

**Street:**

Council member Shaffer stated the streets crew has been picking up leaves and trying to keep the gutters cleared.

**Finance:**

Council member Matrisciano read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,407,811.96; Street \$-115,860.26; Library \$-7,167.34; Parks & Rec. \$-68,059.16; Insurance \$-17,960.49; Sewer \$261,183.88; USDA \$50.00 for a total of \$1,459,998.59. Savings \$33,946.88, Mt. West CD \$200,000, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$195,143.46 It was noted that the end-of-year transfers have not been done. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All in favor. Carried.

**Library:**

Council member Mattila stated library attendance is steady. The new concrete wall is complete. The door and light will be addressed next. Cory has been asked to replace the heat tape above the door.

**Parks and Recreation:**

No report given.

**Housing :**

Council member Branstetter she is putting together a committee to review the short-term rental ordinance.

**Business:**

**Street Closure for Home for the Holiday Parade – Wallace Chamber (*Action Item*)** – Valerie Finlay addressed the council. Discussion held on route. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve the street closure for the Wallace Chamber of Commerce for the Holiday Light Parade with the modification of not taking a right on Fifth, but continuing on Cedar and taking a right on Fourth and ending at the Stardust. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Street Closure for Paw Parade – Cindy Lien (*Action Item*)** – Cindy Lien addressed the council. She stated the route is the same. The challenge they are having this year is getting insurance. Discussion held on raising money for the insurance policy. Council member Cooper made a motion to approve the request contingent upon insurance. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Discussion on direction the city would like legal to take re: 210 Cedar - (*Action Item*)** – Mayor Mogensen stated a few residents have contacted the city regarding the state of the property and the City would like to work with Mr. Mollman to find a solution. City attorney, Ben Allen, stated Mr. Mollman had been sent a notice a violation letter and the City has not heard back. Mr. Mollman stated he didn't realize the issue had gone to city council. He is aware the house needs work. Discussion held on timeline to make repairs to the property. Mr. Mollman agreed to put together a timeline and present to the council at the December meeting.

**Potential vacation of property next to 902 Residence St. – Bruce Baraby(*Action Item*)** – Mr. Baraby addressed the council regarding the “abatement” of property next to his property at 902 Residence to make his property “square or rectangular”. Mr. Baraby stated the 9<sup>th</sup> street alley was given to the two adjacent neighbors but was not recorded. Further discussion held on what Mr. Baraby is asking for and the process he needs to go through. Ben Allen, city attorney, stated that sometimes it's beneficial to do a title search and to hire an attorney to help him through this process.

**Consider Ordinance 2023-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLACE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, ENACTING A NEW ORDINANCE UNDER WALLACE CITY CODE TITLE 9, CHAPTER 94, NOISE ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; REQUIRES LIMITATIONS ON NOISE PRODUCTION AND SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICES; LIMITS SIGNALING DEVICES; PLACES CONSTRAINTS ON THE TIME THAT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY MAY OCCUR; LIMITS NOISE GENERATED BY MUFFLERS, AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES, AND ANIMALS; OUTLINES EXCEPTIONS AS WELL AS SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY VARIANCES; EXEMPTS HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES. (*Action Item*)** – Council member Matrisciano addressed the council.

Discussion held on the draft ordinance. It was determined that council member Matrisciano would compile feedback from the council and bring an updated ordinance to the next meeting. Council member Shaffer made a motion to have comments submitted to council member Matrisciano within two weeks. Seconded by council member Branstetter. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Amendment to Personnel Policy implementing “no show” language - (*Action Item*)** – Addressed with the next agenda item.

**Resolution 2023-218 re: updated personnel policy - (*Action Item*)** – Discussion held on vacation time and carry over. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve resolution 2023-218 adopting a new personnel policy contingent to include “no show” language. Seconded by council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Shaffer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Donations for use of parking lot across from the Visitor Center – Elmer Mattila (*Action Item*)** – Discussion held. Council member Mattila made a motion to approve a donation box at the VC. Seconded by Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Shaffer 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 Mattila. All in Favor. Carried.

  
Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer