

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
December 13, 2023

Council President Bisconer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the council chamber.

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

Flag Salute

Consent Agenda:

Council member Cooper made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting, accounts payable for November in the amount of \$51,606.40, transfers and the advanced payroll for December . Seconded by Council member Mattila.

Rich Matrisciano got to the meeting at 5:03

Reports

Mayor:

No report given.

Sheriff:

Council member Bisconer read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of November 2023 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 89 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 18 times for medical emergencies and 1 fire response in Wallace November 2023. Further discussion held. Council member Matrisciano made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All in favor. Carried.

Street:

Council member Shaffer stated with the warmer weather leaf pick up continues. He asked that the public help keep the gutter clear. Work has been done on the equipment so it's ready for winter. Cory has checked all the boilers.

Finance:

Council member Matrisciano read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,239,169.28; Street \$-6,128.36; Library \$-13,237.15; Parks & Rec. \$8,421.41; Insurance \$-17,627.05; Sewer \$267,860.98; USDA \$50.00 for a total of \$1,478,509.11. Savings \$34,116.43, Mt. West CD \$200,000, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$195,143.46 Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All in favor. Carried.

Library:

Council member Mattila stated the library board meeting has been moved to December 18th at 6:00. The work on the library basement is complete.

Parks and Recreation:

No report given.

Housing :

No report given.

Business:

Approve liquor, beer and wine licenses for 2024 - (*Action Item*)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type of License</u>
1313 CLUB	Liquor
ALBI'S GEM BAR	Liquor
BLACKBOARD CAFÉ	Beer and Wine
COGS SPOKEHOUSE	Liquor
FAINTING GOAT	Beer and Wine
FIFTH AND HICO	Beer and Wine
HISTORIC METALS BAR	Liquor
MUCHACHOS TACOS	Beer and Wine
NORTH IDAHO MOUNTAIN BREW	Liquor
O'ROURKES	Liquor
PIZZA FACTORY	Beer
RED LIGHT GARAGE	Liquor
SILVER CORNER LUX HOTEL	Liquor
THE ADVENTURE HUB	Beer and Wine
THE BROOKS HOTEL	Liquor
THE WALLACE SUPER STOP	Beer and Wine
TIN SNUG	Beer and Wine
WALLACE BREWING COMPANY	Beer and Wine
WALLACE CORNER HOTEL	Liquor
WALLACE ELKS CLUB #331	Liquor
WALLACE HARVEST FOODS	Beer and Wine
** Have not received paperwork	

Council member Bisconer made a motion that council approve the liquor, beer and wine licenses for all businesses that are listed and have submitted their paperwork with the caveat that Red Light Garage, The Adventure Hub and The Brooke Hotel have their paperwork in by 4:00 on December 29, 2023. Seconded by council member Matrisciano. Council member Cooper stated he has a financial interest in one of these businesses. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Discuss requiring business licenses - (*Action Item*) – Captain Miller addressed the council. He stated he would like to focus on education, safety and prevention when it comes to the business license topic. Wallace is a unique place and a hazardous place for first responders. Multiple businesses have made “honest mistakes”. He has seen businesses that get signed off on by electrical or HVAC but not the fire department. Chief Miller said that a fire in one building could destroy an entire block. Business licenses will help enforce the code and also provide resources and education to a business that is just opening. The floor was opened up for questions. Britney Jacobs, city attorney, addressed the council and emphasized that the current ordinance does not address established businesses. Council member Branstetter stated she supports a business license as long as the fee is low. Discussion held on cost of the license. Council member Cooper would support a permit. He stated quite a few businesses come and go and they do make changes that can be significant. Further discussion held. Council member Branstetter made a motion authorizing legal to move forward with updating the business license to a registration process taking into account what was discussed tonight and last month. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Discuss draft of short term rental ordinance (*a public hearing will be held at a later date*) - (*Action Item*) - Council member Bisconer stated a committee was formed and reviewed the short term rental ordinance. Changes were made and the ordinance was distributed to the rest of the council for review. She went on to add that tonight the rest of the council can suggest changes so legal can make note. Council member Bisconer stated the committee took out a lot of items that were not trackable or enforceable. Discussion held on the process going forward. Council member Mattila stated he would forward his comments/revisions to legal. Council member Matrisciano stated he is not a fan of the short term rental ordinance. Discussion held regarding the purpose of the ordinance and what council is hoping to accomplish. Legal then asked for clarification on a few items in the draft ordinance. Council member Bisconer made a motion to allow legal to move forward with getting another draft to the council for review and then scheduling of a public hearing at a later date. Seconded by council member Branstetter. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Discuss Shoshone County’s Draft Ordinance – Mountain Overlay District - (*Action Item*) – Council member Bisconer stated the County’s draft is complimentary and similar to the one the city passed. Council member Cooper made a motion to send a letter in favor of. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider CLG grant for the courthouse – Colleen Rosson - (*Action Item*) – The balconies on the Shoshone County Courthouse need replaced. Ms. Rosson is asking the city to partner with her on applying for the CLG grant. As the authority that has the preservation district, the grant would have to come through the city. There is no fiscal responsibility to the city. Further discussion held on the project and the financial aspect of the grant. Council member Mattila made a motion to approve the CLG grant process for the courthouse. Seconded by council member Cooper. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Snow storage for Ski Jor – Siobhan Curet (*Action Item*) – Siobhan addressed the council. She asked for snow storage in the lot next to city hall for one month leading up to the event and also the parking lot by Harvest Food for two weeks prior to the event. Council member Branstetter made a motion to approve Ski Wallace’s request to store snow at the end of 7th and Cedar for a month and if Harvest approves, in the lot

between Hotel St. and Residence St. for two weeks. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Siobhan then asked to amend the request to include storing snow by the Depot. Discussion held. Council member Branstetter stated she would add that request to the motion. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Update re: the condition of 210 Cedar St. - (*Action Item*) – Josh Mollman addressed the council. He owns 210 Cedar. He presented a plan to start repairing the residence. He would like to take the chimney off and reroof the house. He would also like to reside it, or patch some of the siding. He would begin work in April. Discussion held on taking down the chimney and replacing windows. Mr. Mollman was told he would need to go to Planning and Zoning and Historical Preservation. More discussion held the timeline. Council thanked him for coming and addressing the issues at 210 Cedar. They encouraged him to get his application in to P&Z as soon as possible.

Use of city sidewalk and parking spaces by food bank – Cindy Lien (*Action Item*) – This item was not addressed.

Street Closure for WA State Wallace Lineup July 5th to 10th - Alex Cook (*Action Item*)- Council member Bisconer asked Mr. Cook if he had permission from the Trail of the Coeur d' Alene for the beer garden under the freeway. He said he met with the parks department and they did a walk through. They mapped out a specific area Blues Fest could use. Further discussion held regarding the beer garden for Blues Fest.

Mr. Cook then went on to present his WA State lineup. He stated he came to a previous meeting and the council asked that he re-do his streets closure, so they could see what streets would be closed on what days. Mr. Cook went over the events that would be held each day. Council member Branstetter stated she does not understand the concept of the festival and Mr. Cook is asking a lot of the businesses to be shut during this time. Mr. Cook said the businesses won't be shut. Council member Branstetter stated the streets in front of some of the businesses would be closed. Further discussion held. Council member Branstetter asked why Washington is being celebrated? Mr. Cook said Wallace is known as "Lawless Wallace" so he is stealing Washington to do an expo. Council member Cooper stated Wallace is known as historic Wallace not lawless Wallace. Further discussion held on the point of the festival, the marketing of Wallace and the concern for the residents. Council member Bisconer reminded Mr. Cook that his audience is also the residents of Wallace, not just the businesses. Further discussion held on what events are being held on what dates. Council member Mattila brought up that Wallace already supports a lot of festivals, and maybe the people of Wallace do not want a festival everyday of the summer. Discussion held on the state of different businesses in Wallace. Council member Branstetter stated she thinks this event is a bad idea and the community would not like this either. Further discussion held. Council member Branstetter suggested that Mr. Cook ask the businesses what kind of festivals they would like to see. Cindy Lien asked about inconveniencing the citizens of Wallace. Jeremy Watterson asked who the alcohol vendor is for Blues Fest. Mr. Cook replied it was the Brooks. Courtney Friehe stated the proposal is confusing and Wallace already has a lot of Washington tourists and she is against this proposal. Cindy Lien asked Mr. Cook where the proceeds go and he stated the Wallace Arts Council. Sue Hansen stated the use of their lot would be for Shoshone County residents, not Washington vendors. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the street closure request for WA State Wallace Lineup for the 5th to the 10th. Seconded by council member Matrisciano. Council member Mattila asked for the motion to be restated. Council member

Bisconer stated she will reverse the motion and moved to not approve the street closure request for WA State Wallace Lineup for the 5th to the 10th and all that encompasses it. Seconded by council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Branstetter Aye, Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Discuss forming a committee to review the draft noise ordinance - (*Action Item*) – Council member Matrisciano stated he has received feedback on the draft and would like to form a committee of two or three council members. The committee will put together a draft to send to legal. Council member Branstetter stated she would like to be on the committee. Council member Bisconer also volunteered

Canvass election results - (*Action Item*) – Council president Bisconer read the 2023 election result. For Council Seat #3 Christine Berry received 57 votes, Jeff Derbyshire 0 and Cindy Lien 103. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the results from the 2023 election. Seconded by council member Mattila. 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.



Michele Bisconer, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer