

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
May 8, 2024

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, Cindy Lien, Rick Shaffer; Michele Bisconer and Dean Cooper.

Flag Salute

Consent Agenda

Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting, accounts payable for April in the amount of \$35,325.30, transfers and the advanced payroll June. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Reports

Mayor:

The Mayor stated the 6th St. bridge project is underway and the city is preparing the pool for the summer. The mayor assigned council members with different reports. They will be as follows: Matrisciano, sheriff; Bisconer, streets; Lien, parks & rec; Mattila, library; Shaffer, fire; and Cooper, finance.

Sheriff:

Council member Shaffer read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of April 2024 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 98 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Sheriff's report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer 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 13 times for medical emergencies and 2 fire response in Wallace April 2024. Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Street:

Council member Shaffer stated the streets crew is working on sweeping the streets, filling potholes, working on the South Hill and starting on parks. Council member Bisconer stated during the 6th St. bridge construction project, traffic will be rerouted down the trail. There will be a pedestrian and bicycle lane. Discussion held on fixing potholes and sidewalks. Council member Cooper stated Cory has done a good job using the sheriff's labor program. Discussion held on donation station at visitor center.

Finance:

Council member Matrisciano read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,278,343.23; Street \$-26,587.42; Library \$-28,359.31; Parks & Rec. \$8,684.15; Insurance \$-30,653.60; Sewer \$254,965.21; USDA \$50.00 for a total of \$1,456,442.26. Savings \$34,344.60, Mt. West CD \$205,863.01, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$200,846.10. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the Finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

Library:

A report was submitted. The library had 454 patrons last month. The basement floor was cleaned and waxed. The library carpet and windows will be cleaned on May 17th.

Parks and Recreation:

Prepping the pool for the season. Purchased a new vacuum thanks to the Morbeck Foundation. Most of the staff has been hired. Moanna is working on the schedules and getting lessons set up.

Business:

Update on improvements at 210 Cedar St. - (*Action Item*) – The Mayor asked where Mr. Mollman stands with the repairs to his home at 210 Cedar? He has been in contact with a roofing company that should start reroofing within a couple of weeks. The same contractor will also take down the chimney. Council member Shaffer stated they would like to see some progress soon. The house has been in disarray for years. Discussion held on pulling permits and coming before P&Z. Further discussion held. Mr. Mollman stated he will attend the next P&Z meeting. Council member Bisconer made a motion to have Amanada contact Mr. Mollman to let him know what he can proceed with without going to P&Z, when he needs to contact Mr. Teeters, and what he needs to go to P&Z with. Seconded by Matrisciano. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider Street Closure for Gyro Days/Wallace Gyro Club – (*Action Item*) Hunter Gust was present for questions. The council asked who would be putting on the carnival, if alleys would be open, how many garbage receptacles, were neighbors contacted, and has insurance been obtained? Council member Cooper disclosed he is part of the Gyro Club. He said their posters were late but once they received the posters, they would contact the neighbors. Discussion on if the 6th St. Bridge project would interfere with the ball. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the street closure for Wallace Gyro Club for Tuesday, June 11th setup starting at 1:00 AM to Sunday, June 16th with tear down at 5:00 PM. Seconded by council member Lien. Council member Shaffer disclosed he is part of the Gyro Club. Council member Cooper stated there is no financial gain. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider street closure for Silver Corner Bar - (*Action Item*) – Jocelyn Bachman was present. They would like to use the gazebo. She is working with Rossi on the insurance. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the street closure for the Silver Corner Bar. Seconded by council member Matrisciano. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Update on Certified Local Government grant for balconies at the courthouse – Colleen Rosson - (*Action Item*) – Ms. Rosson addressed the council. She stated she wished to have a contract to go over with the council, but she does not. The funding was received for this project. Construction will not happen until September. The Mayor asked when the balconies were last worked on. Ms. Rosson thought about 10 years ago. Council member Shaffer asked the cost of the project. Ms. Rosson said the award was \$95,000. The County is using \$7,500 from another project that they were allowed to carry over and the company, if awarded, has agreed to a 50% match to the grant.

Approval of Trail of the Coeur d' Alenes Special Use Permit Addendum #1 - (*Action Item*) – Council member Bisconer stated the addendum goes over the traffic rerouting and revision. She went on to summarize the addendum. Mr. Allen, legal counsel, stated the contractor shall assume all responsibly, so

he had HMH draft a change order with Apollo and Apollo approved that change order. Parking behind the sheriff's office will be cleared out. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the Trail of the CDA Special Use Permit. Seconded by Matrisciano. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. Discussion held on selling the bridge and getting the project finished.

Discuss business license ordinance – John Miller, Fire Chief/Keith Teeters, Building Inspector - (Action Item) – The fire chief, building inspector and state fire chief were present. Council member Bisconer went over some “guidelines”. Mr. Allen stated after the last meeting, it was decided that it would be best for the fire chief and building inspector to attend a meeting to explain how the city can help them do their jobs. John Miller, fire chief, stated the way Wallace is built is “unique” and it creates problems for the fire department. The buildings are connected through underground shafts and tunnels. Mr. Teeters stated building codes work hand-in-hand with fire codes. Different businesses are coming in and they need to know what buildings are and what the classifications are. Discussion held on why it matters if one business replaces another. Council member Cooper asked how having the businesses register would help? Chief Miller stated it would help them know what products a business has, are storing, contact information, so if they have to go into a building, they can locate keys instead of causing damage to a building to get in. Also, making contact with business owners ahead of time to offer education and resources. The fire department also does preplans, which is a chance for the firefighters to get into buildings and get familiar with the layout.

Council member Bisconer stated people are worried that inspections may prompt business owners to have to do expensive updates. Mr. Teeters said their concerns are life safety. Further discussion on requiring updates. The state fire marshal stated there is a big provision in the international building and fire code for historic buildings. Council member Lien asked Chief Miller if he has the right to go into buildings now? He stated he does. Mr. Teeters stated he does too. Further discussion held.

Julie George stated not all businesses own their own buildings. It was stated that the form has a place to put the business owner and another contact. Discussion held on if existing businesses need to go through the inspection process. Chief Miller said that was his understanding. Further discussion held regarding “grandfathering” current businesses and how occupancy is determined. Suzi Walls asked if the fire department can already come into their business why is the city requiring a business license? Ben Allen, legal counsel, stated businesses having to be compliant with the building and fire code is not new. The issue being brought to the city was making the fire chief aware of changes in occupancy, changes in business type, changes in building and structural components of buildings. Further discussion held. Rob Wuerfel stated a grandfather clause might be something to look at. He went on to say his business is “policed regularly”. They have had multiple inspections in the past and still do.

Ronikae Stevens brought up the fact that many buildings have a business on the bottom and apartments/living spaces above. She asked if inspections would be just for the business and not the upstairs living spaces? The fire marshal stated they do not go into occupied places.

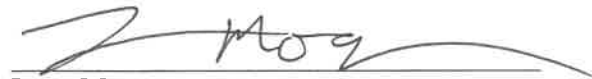
Council member Cooper suggested taking the licensing aspect out and making this a registration, so the business is registering with the city for a nominal fee and is providing a point of contact for each business. Further discussion about informing the fire department of renovations that are happening in buildings. Katie Watterson suggested that if there is a business registration process, it should include proof of

insurance. Further discussion held. Kathy Zanetti stated she understands that the fire department needs a “baseline” with the floor plans, and agrees with the inspections, but does not think inspections should be ongoing and burdensome to business owners. Council member Bisconer recognized there were lots of great suggestions made. She would like the city attorney to incorporate these ideas into a new draft and then hold another workshop. John Hansen stated Chief Miller has been in his buildings and it’s “easy. Patti Herndon said the business she owns has multiple vendors. Will they all need licenses?

Council member Bisconer made a motion to have legal move forward with revising the business ordinance draft, taking into consideration feedback by council, business owners, fire chief and building inspector to come up with a new draft for a workshop. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

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

ATTEST:



Lynn Mogensen
Mayor



Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer