

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
July 10, 2024

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

**Roll Call:** Council members present: Rich Matrisciano, Elmer Mattila, Cindy Lien, Rick Shaffer, and Michele Bisconer. Council member absent: Dean Cooper.

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda**

Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting, accounts payable for June in the amount of \$94,851.97, transfers and the advanced payroll July. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

The Mayor stated there are issues at the pool with the boiler. The summer youth workers have been working hard.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Matrisciano read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of June 2024 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 105 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Sheriff Lindsey was in attendance. She introduced the new officer that will oversee Wallace. His name is Deputy Ronnie Minier. Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the Sheriff's report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All in favor. Carried.

**Fire:**

Council member Shaffer stated there has been training at the fire station in Osburn. Burn permits are needed. Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the fire report. Seconded by Council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

**Street:**

Council member Bisconer reported trees are being trimmed. The roads have been striped. The bark has been ordered for Pine St. Park. She is working with Cory on bids for a two storm drains, new speed signs and possible repair of the sidewalk by the Depot. The sidewalk at the visitor's center will be fixed by Alpine. The potholes on 2<sup>nd</sup> street will be fixed by Kip McGillivray's company. She is also researching different buckets for the loader and skid steer. The loader lease is coming due, so she will meet with Carl from Pape to discuss.

**Finance:**

Council member Bisconer read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,227,759.71; Street \$-46,249.24; Library \$-40,332.25; Parks & Rec. \$-14,139.27; Insurance \$-30,528.15; Sewer \$263,158.60; USDA \$50.00 for a total of \$1,359,729.40. Savings \$34,508.75, Mt. West CD \$205,863.01, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$200,846.10. Council member Bisconer asked the city clerk to clarify why so many accounts have negative balances. The clerk explained that in July the city will receive a large property tax check that will be distributed to these different funds. Also, the city has budgeted for

transfer into these accounts. However, these transfers are not done until the end of the year. Council member Lien made a motion to approve the finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. All in favor. Carried.

**Library:**

Council member Mattila stated there are many changes happening to libraries across the country and in Idaho. He then gave the history of the city library, which was funded by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation in 1910, and all the maintenance that has been done to preserve the building. Council member Mattila went on to read the library report submitted by librarian, Annette Kologi. The library now has packets available if anyone should request a book be reviewed/relocated/removed. The library is being reorganized to accommodate the new laws/legislation. Council member Mattila ended with “it’s getting tough in the library business with all the new laws, rules and regulations. My guess is that Andrew Carnegie is rolling over in his grave these days.”

**Parks and Recreation:**

Council member Lien reported June was a rough month for pool, because there are boiler issues. Atlas is coming out to look at it. One injury was reported. For parks, three trees were taken out of Samuels Park. They were dead frost. Hopefully they will be replaced.

**Update on Splash into Pride event – Kimber Mayfield** – Ms. Mayfield stated she has insurance and security for the event. Council member Bisconer asked the time of the event? It will be held 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussion held on garbage and bathrooms.

**Consider street closure for Center of the Universe Rededication/Wallace Chamber (Action Item)** – Julie George addressed the council. They are asking to close the south end of Sixth Street to Hotel Street. They have insurance. Further discussion held regarding traffic control, garbage, bathroom, etc. Ms. George added that it’s the 20<sup>th</sup> year. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the request for a street closure for the rededication of the center of the universe. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Discuss Wallace Music Fest/July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Katie Watterson- (Action Item)** – Katie Watterson and Barb Strothers addressed the council. They are trying to organize a music festival in a short period of time. The group was able to secure insurance, so they are asking for three different street closures. They are asking for a closure from the Elks to the edge of the Red Light Garage property. The main stage is at the Red Light and they would like the street closed in case there are large number of people. Ms. Watterson said they have been in contact with ITD and they said if the council grants the closure they will reroute. Mayor Mogensen confirmed they have talked to the neighbors in this area. The second street closure request is half of Pine St. Discussion held on the length of time for the closure from Thursday to Sunday. The last closure they are requesting is from the Brookes to 6<sup>th</sup> and Cedar. No music will be set up in this area. They will set up tents for shade and extra space. Discussion held on garbage and trash. The owner of the Stardust was in attendance. She is fine with the closure on Pine St. Further discussion held on contacting neighbors, re-routing traffic, and clarification on the street closure request. Marcy Hayman said it would be “adequately signed”. Council member Bisconer commended them for all the work they are doing in such a short amount of time. This is echoed by other council members. Barb Strothers said “it’s

the story of 1,000 heroes”. Further discussion held. Council member Lien asked that they rewrite the street closure if the event is approved. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the street closure as described. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Consider catering permit for 1313 - (*Action Item*)** – The owner of the 1313 Club requested a catering permit for July 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. They will be serving at the Hanson’s lot for a class reunion. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the alcohol catering permit for beer, wine and liquor for July 26, 2024 from 4:00 to 9:00 PM at the little Hanson’s yard. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Consider approval of scope of work for the comprehensive plan – Emma Stayduhar, P&Z Chair (*Action Item*)** – Emma addressed the council along with Alison from JUB. Emma stated she has had a number of meetings with JUB, which also included the deputy clerk and city attorney. They settled on the original scope of work that was presented months ago. This was supported by the P&Z commission. The proposal has three parts and should be completed within about a year. Alison said it may go about 15 months. The first part is a data collection phase. The second phase involves the gathering of public input. The city will use the template JUB has used for other comp plans. The third phase is creating and presenting the document. The total amount for this project is \$90,000, which will be split between two fiscal years. Emma stated grants were looked into, but nothing was available for this project. There are not a lot of funding sources for comp planning. Discussion held regarding the budget, invoicing, recap of what each phase entails and timeframe. Updated maps are a part of the comp plan, which will be very beneficial for the city. Council member Shaffer asked if the facilitator for the open houses will be managed by JUB? Alison confirmed that. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the scope of work and agreement for JUB for the comprehensive plan. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried. Ben Allen, city attorney, asked if JUB will be sending over a separate contract to supplement the proposed agreement? Alison said they have a standard contract that she can send to Mr. Allen for his review.

**Discuss draft of FY24/25 budget** – Council member Bisconer brought up the line item for law enforcement services. Discussion held on how much of an increase should be implemented and if the city should continue under a contract where prosecution and policing services are combined. The following changes were approved by council -

- Law enforcement would be increased to \$175,000
- P&Z line item for the comp plan would be lowered to \$80,000
- Repair and maintenance for the visitor center increased to \$10,000
- Repair and maintenance for library increased to \$10,000

**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. (*Action Item*)** - Council member Bisconer made a motion to move into executive session at 6:38 PM. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye Carried. Council member

Mattila made a motion to exit executive session at 6:54 PM. Seconded by Council member Matrisciano. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

Council member Bisconer made a motion to adjourn at 6:54. Seconded by council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer



Lynn Mogensen  
Mayor