

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
August 14, 2024

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

**Roll Call:** Council members present: 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 July 10, 2024 meeting, accounts payable for July in the amount of \$103,951.62, transfers and the advanced payroll August. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

The Mayor stated the kids working for the public works department have been doing a great job.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Shaffer read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of July 2024 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 108 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Deputy Minier was in attendance. He stated he is working on two blight cases at 910 Maple and 624 Olive. Council member Mattila made the motion to approve the Sheriff's report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

**Fire:**

Council member Shaffer read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief John Miller stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 11 times for medical emergencies and 4 fire response in Wallace July 2024. Chief Miller was in attendance. Council member Lien made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All in favor. Carried.

**Street:**

Council member Bisconer reported the city received a letter from Nancy Hanks asking for speed bumps on Bank St. After talking to Cory, public works supervisor, it was decided speed signs would be put up in that area. Pine Street bridge has been repaired along with others in town. The sidewalk at the visitor center has been fixed. The potholes on Second St. will be fixed in September. MCE garbage will put a recycling bin for metal under the freeway by the other recycling bins. Council member Mattila stated there is a large pothole in the alley by the school. Council member Lien stated there needs to be some kind of signage on Elm. People start down the road and then backout. She is concerned someone will get hurt. Discussion on progress of 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge.

**Finance:**

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,178,685.66; Street \$7,600.01; Library \$-35,719.60; Parks & Rec. \$35,872.250; Insurance \$-30,556.82; Sewer \$269,121.02; USDA \$50.00 for a total of \$1,353,308.02. Savings \$34,508.75, Mt. West CD \$210,879.10, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$205,758.38. 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:**

A report was submitted by the librarian. The library had 367 patrons visit the library during the month of July. They have completed the moving of books and audio per state law. The summer reading program was held during the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Recreation:**

During the month of July, the pool had 2514 patrons. The pool will be open through Labor Day. Innovia sponsored an Olympic pool party. The event was well attended. The boiler has been down for most of the season. The city is soliciting bids to replace the boiler. Council member Lien is also working on getting bids to repair the lift, and looking at the possibility of installing a ramp instead of a lift.

**Consider street closure for Fire District #1 9/11 Stair Climb – Captain John Miller (*Action Item*) –**

Captain John Miller addressed the council. They are looking to close from the swimming pool to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and will communicate with the bus barn, provide one dumpster and one toilet. Contact will be made with business owners in that area and residents along the stairs. They always check the stairs ahead of the event and after and make needed repairs. Discussion held. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the street closure. Seconded by council member Cooper. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Update on Flea Market being held Labor Day weekend – Kathy Harper –**

Ms. Harper provided a map to council that laid out where the vendors, trash and toilets would be placed. The lot will be blocked off on Wednesday night by the public works department. Discussion held. The Mayor suggested they contact the county and/or ITD to get signs cautioning people about pedestrian traffic. Council member Lien also suggested that Ms. Harper have a first aid kit at the information station. Council member Cooper asked how many vendors they have this year. Ms. Harper said they usually have 147 vendors and this year they have 80. They are still working on the trolley.

**Discuss Visitor Center Care & Preservation Plan – Julie George/Valerie Finlay (*Action Item*) –**

Ms. Finlay stated the Chamber is in place to support businesses and promote economic growth. They provided pictures of the chamber building and a document entitled “Visitor Center and Preservation 2024”, and outlined projects they would like to see completed at the Chamber. Ms. Finlay stated they have volunteers that are willing to put in the manpower, but they need financial support from the city. Further discussion held on number of visitors and condition of the building. The Mayor asked what they pay for rent? Ms. George stated they don’t pay rent; they buy toilet paper. She believes at some point the agreement was that the Chamber would provide janitorial services in lieu of paying rent. Ms. Finlay said she is exploring grants to cover some of the improvements. Discussion held on the budget for this fiscal year and next fiscal year. Further discussion held on pictures provided, using the sheriff’s labor program for some of the repairs, dog park and using the funds left in this fiscal year. Mayor Mogensen stated that since there is money already budgeted for repair and maintenance, the Chamber can move ahead with the repair of the roof. Council member Bisconer made a motion that parks and rec will work with the public works department and the chamber to put the building on a maintenance plan. Further discussion held on needed renovations. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Obligate American Rescue Plan Act funds for various projects – Council member Bisconer (*Action Item*) –**

Council member Bisconer went over a list of potential projects to complete with arpa funds. They include: repair of storm drains, replacement of manhole covers, replacement of pool boiler, new notification software called textmygov, new boxes for the loader and skid steer and ramp for the pool. The clerk asked

council member Bisconer to reference the contractors that have provided bids. For the storm drains, bids were received from Idaho North Excavation. Council member Cooper made a motion to approve the allocations from the sheet provided for the arpa funds with the overage coming out of our own sewer fund for the manhole repairs understanding there may be some nominal adjustment to the sheet. Council member Bisconer stated the sheet will be updated as bids are received. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Discuss buyout of current loader and purchase of John Deere 624/P Loader - (*Action Item*)** John Deere will buy back the 10-year-old loader for \$92,500 and that will be put toward the 5-year-old loader leaving a payment of \$51,200. The street fund can absorb this payment, but it was not budgeted for. The new loader will have an annual payment of \$35,091.48. The clerk stated the city will be over on that line item for FY 24/25. Council member Cooper made a motion to enter into a new lease agreement for the purchase of the John Deere 624/P loader and buyout of the current lease in the amount of \$51,200. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Adopt the draft budget for FY 24/25 -(*Action Item*)** – City clerk went over the changes suggested by council last month. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the changes and adopt the draft budget. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.


**Public hearing for FY 24/25- (*Action Item*)** – Council member Shaffer made a motion to move into public hearing. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. No comments. Council member council made a motion to move out of public hearing. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

**Consider Ordinance 2024-01 - AN ORDINANCE BEING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL OF THE CITY OF WALLACE, COUNTY OF SHOSHONE, STATE OF IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AND BY WHICH THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SAID CITY APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF SAID CITY, FOR THE SAID FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 50-1003, IDAHO CODE (*Action Item*)** - Council member Bisconer made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. Seconded by council member Cooper. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. AN ORDINANCE BEING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL OF THE CITY OF WALLACE, COUNTY OF SHOSHONE, STATE OF IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AND BY WHICH THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SAID CITY APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF SAID CITY, FOR THE SAID FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 50-1003, IDAHO CODE. Council member Cooper made a motion to suspend the rule that requires the ordinance be read on three separate occasions. Council member Bisconer seconded it. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member

Bisconer made a motion that Ordinance 204-01 be passed by being read by title only. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

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

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer



Lynn Mogensen  
Mayor