

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
October 9, 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, and Michele Bisconer.  
Council member absent: Dean Cooper.

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda**

Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 regular meeting, and September 30, 2024 special meeting, approval of accounts payable for September in the amount of \$466,154.29, transfers and the advanced payroll October. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

The City is currently in talks with the sheriff's office regarding the city's law enforcement contact.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Mattila read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of September 2024 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 113 calls for service within the city of Wallace. A report was attached. Council member Lien made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Fire:**

Council member Shaffer read the Fire report submitted by Fire Chief John Miller stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 21 times for medical emergencies and 3 fire response in Wallace September 2024. The annual 9/11 stair climb was a successful event. They raised over \$2,000 for the Jeff Welch Memorial Foundation. The department did inspections of two businesses. Chief Miller stated the deadline for the burn permits may be extended. Council member Bisconer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Street:**

The chairlift at the pool house will need to be looked at in the spring. The pool will be winterized within the next couple of weeks. The manhole project is complete. South Fork Sewer District will be reimbursing the City for their manholes that were repaired. The loader boxes will be delivered the week of the 28<sup>th</sup> and the loader will be here sometime during the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. The paving for the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Council member Bisconer gave a recap of the Arpa funds spent so far. Storm drains have been fixed, loader boxes have been ordered, a statement of work for the pool boiler has been done, and Textmygov has been implemented. The viaduct was inspected today. The city does not know the results. Discussion held on 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge. The dumpster for leaves has been placed at the end of Cedar Street.

**Finance:**

Council member Shaffer read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,129,084.22; Street \$-92,562.92; Library \$-45,939.04; Parks & Rec. \$-72,148.27; Insurance \$-30,452.79; and Sewer \$274,621.63 for a total of \$1,162,602.83. Savings \$34,508.75, Mt. West CD \$210,879.10, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$205,758.38. Council member Mattila made a motion to approve the finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Lien. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Library:**

In September the library had 397 patrons. Five hundred thirty-nine items were checked out. The public requested 136 items and the library distributed 286 items. Five items were added to the collection.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Council member Lien stated the Ziply line by the Pine St. Park will be taken down. Parks will be mowed one more time and sprinklers will be blown out. The pool will be winterized. The moss on the roof at the visitor's center has been removed. The furnace at the visitor center needs to be replaced.

**Business:**

**Consider street closure Ski Wallace/Ski Jor Event - (*Action Item*)** – Siobhan Curet addressed the council. They would like the street closure for President's weekend. Discussion on damage to manhole from last year's event. Council member Lien asked if they could provide the insurance certificate 30 days in advance? Ms. Curet said that shouldn't be a problem. Council member Bisconer stated the city would pile snow "in the regular places". Council member Shaffer made a motion that contingent upon all the things that are checked to be confirmed that we accept the request for Ski Jor 2025. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Installation of bike rack on sidewalk at 220 Sixth – Ryan Smith (*Action Item*)** – Discussion held on location, dimension, and how far bikes will protrude out onto the sidewalk. Council member Bisconer moved to approve the bike rack at Albertinis on Pine Street. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Discussion regarding business license fees - (*Action Item*)** – Mr. Allen, legal counsel, stated the public hearing for the fees will be a week from tonight. Tonight is an opportunity for the city council to review the draft resolution and identify if there are any changes the council would like to make to the resolution. Discussion held on exemptions and surveillance discount. Council member Bisconer asked if one owner has multiple business, but in different physical locations, will they have to pay separately? Mr. Allen stated if the nature of the business is different than yes. Discussion held. Council member Lien asked if the fee is the lowest the city can charge and where the money is going? Mr. Allen stated the fees are going into the general fund and will be used to offset any fees associated with the city's functioning. He went on to give examples of costs associated with the business license registration. Further discussion held on possible fee amounts. Council member Shaffer said he would like to wait to see what the public has to say next week. Council member Lien and Mattila agreed.

**Public Hearing for Liquor License Fee - (*Action Item*)** – Council member Shaffer made a motion to move into public hearing. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried. Jocelyn Bachman, Kathy Zanetti, Luanne Wuerfel and Barb Strothers gave testimony against fee increase. Discussion held on current fees versus proposed fees. Mr. Allen stated

almost the entire updated language comes from state code. Council member Lien disclosed she is on the Elks liquor license, but has no monetary interest. Council member Lien asked if the city has to raise the fees to match the state code? Mr. Allen replied the city does not. Council member Lien would like the fees to stay the same and revise the language to be compliant. Council member Bisconer and Mattila stated they are in agreement with council member Lien. They want the wording updated, but not the fees. Council member Bisconer made a motion to move out of public hearing. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

**Consider Ordinance 2024-04 - AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 111 GOVERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLACE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF WALLACE CITY CODE TITLE XI, CHAPTER 111, ESTABLISHING LICENSE TERMS, DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE CITY CLERK, REPEALING CERTAIN INAPPLICABLE AND DUPLICATIVE PROVISIONS, ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH STATE AND COUNTY LICENSING, AND UPDATING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BEER AND WINE LICENSES. (*Action Item*)** – Council member Bisconer made a motion that the city move forward with the amendments for ordinance 2024-04 but leave the fees for beer on premise, beer retail sale only, wine on premise, wine retail sale only, bottle and the liquor by the drink the same as it was, which was \$100, \$50, \$100, \$100 and 75% of liquor by the drink respectively. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

Council member Shaffer made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried. Mayor Mogensen read the title **AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 111 GOVERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLACE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF WALLACE CITY CODE TITLE XI, CHAPTER 111, ESTABLISHING LICENSE TERMS, DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE CITY CLERK, REPEALING CERTAIN INAPPLICABLE AND DUPLICATIVE PROVISIONS, ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH STATE AND COUNTY LICENSING, AND UPDATING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BEER AND WINE LICENSES.** Council member Bisconer made a motion to suspend the rule that requires the ordinance be read on three separate occasions. Council member Lien seconded it. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried. Council member Bisconer made a motion that Ordinance 2024-04 be adopted by oral amendment on the record this evening by being read by title only. Seconded by Council member Lien. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried

**Consider Resolution 2024-220 “Sale of Surplus Property” (*Action Item*)** – The surplus property is the temporary bridge that was used before the 6<sup>th</sup> St. bridge was repaired. Discussion held on value of the bridge. Council member Bisconer read the entire resolution aloud. Council member Bisconer made a motion that the city approve resolution 2024-220 “Sale of Surplus Property”. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried

**Permission for Ben Allen, city attorney, to attend business license workshop being held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. (*Action Item*)** – Council member Bisconer made a motion to allow Ben Allen to attend a business


license workshop being held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye and Bisconer Aye. Carried

**Discuss carry over of employee's vacation and comp time (Action Item)** – No employees had vacation or comp time to carry over.

**Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(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 Lien made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:26 pm. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried. Council member Lien made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call. Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; and Bisconer Aye. Carried.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Kristina Larson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Lynn Mogensen  
Mayor