

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
December 11, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:** Council members present: Patrick Richardson, Elmer Mattila, Cindy Lien, Michele Bisconer, Rick Shaffer and Dean Cooper.

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda**

Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024 regular meeting, accounts payable for November in the amount of \$110,350.53, transfers and the advanced payroll December. Seconded by council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

The Mayor read a thank you from the Wallace High School Student Council thanking the city for allowing them to hold their homecoming parade. Mayor Mogensen attended a Wallace School Board Meeting to discuss putting in a basketball/pickleball court somewhere around the high school. Some of the funding will come from the Bill Zanetti Trust, which is distributed to Wallace and Osburn every year. Planning and Zoning members Courtney Friehe and Scott Lewis were not in attendance, but Mayor Mogensen recognized them for their work on the Planning and Zoning commission.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Shaffer read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of November 2024 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 98 calls for service within the city of Wallace. Sixteen of those calls resulted in a written report. A report was attached. Council member Bisconer asked if the report could include charts instead of a list of each incident? She thinks it will provide a better picture for the council. Discussion held. Deputy Minier was present. Council member Lien made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Council member Richardson. 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 12 times for medical emergencies and 2 fire response in November 2024. There is a fire engine at the Wallace fire station. The department has conducted a few business inspections. Business licenses can be issued without inspections. They will be approved with conditions until the inspection is complete. No burn permits are needed. Fire Chief Miller stated there should be no burn barrels on sidewalks. 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:**

Crews are plowing and graveling. The Sheriff's office is addressing the parking on the South Hill. Council member Bisconer will notify the resident that complained about the water districts no parking sign that the district was asked to remove their signs and they said they would.

**Finance:**

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$1,006,296.91; Street \$-67,113.86; Library \$-59,039.12; Parks & Rec. \$-73,531.69; Insurance \$-47,217.13; and Sewer

\$295,740.55 for a total of \$1,055,135.66. Savings \$34,713.85, Mt. West CD \$210,879.10, Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$205,758.38. Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the finance report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All in Favor. Carried.

**Library:**

In November, the library had 493 patrons. Four hundred twenty-two items were checked out. The public requested 56 items and the library distributed 233 items. Thirty-three items were added to the collection.

**Parks and Recreation:**

No report given.

**Business:**

**Consider bids received for replacement of boiler at the city pool – (*Action Item*)** - Council member Bisconer stated the boiler at the pool stopped working this past swim season. She gave some background on the ventilation issue. The city received 5 bids. Atlas (they submitted three prices), Mid Mountain and Thermal King. Discussion held on the price of the bids, the boiler types, efficiency, warranties, the timeline for repairs and the use of arpa funds. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the low bid. Council member Shaffer recommended the city inquire about having an emergency shut off switch installed with the new boiler. Council member Shaffer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye, Cooper Aye. Carried.


**Discuss draft of Special Events Ordinance –** Council member Bisconer thanked those that provided their comments. She stated the intention and spirit of the ordinance is to streamline the approval process for an event. What the ordinance does is put in writing the long standing, unwritten, and implied rules and responsibility of the events. It is to protect the city and make sure rules and responsibilities are communicated the same way from year to year. The Chamber read their letter aloud. The letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Siobhan Curet submitted a letter that is entered into the record as Exhibit B. Further discussion held on when a special events permit would be required. Council member Shaffer suggested each council member review the draft and send their comments to the city clerk. She will compile them, and they will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Discuss revisions to Wallace City Code – Chapter 32 Public Safety and Law Enforcement –** Chief Miller addressed the council. He stated the issue his department has is that the current city code has the fire chief in charge of building inspection. The fire department wants zero part of the building inspections, since the fire chief is no longer a city employee. The fire district sent proposed changes they would like made to the code. The council asked for more time to review the changes. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

**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 Shaffer made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:17 pm. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call Vote. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Shaffer made a motion to exit executive session at 6:41. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye.

Council member Shaffer made a motion to adjourn 6:41. 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



December 11, 2024

RE: Special Event Ordinance

Dear Wallace City Council,

On behalf of the Historic Wallace Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express our stance on the proposed special event ordinance. While we recognize the importance of ensuring public safety and welfare, we believe that the current draft of the ordinance may be an extreme response to an unfortunate situation which occurred earlier this year as a result of the now defunct Wallace Blues Festival.

The Chamber believes that the ordinance, as currently written, poses undue burdens on our community without commensurate benefits and poses the risk of reducing the number of special events held in Wallace that our community depend on for our livelihood.

The Chamber also believes that passage of ordinances like this deserves to be given time for thoughtful public comment by the community and stakeholders impacted. We respectfully request more than 47 hours to review propositions like this. Additionally, we request an opportunity for public hearing at a future date to allow all stakeholders time for thoughtful comments to be generated. For all such public hearings, we request consideration of notice to be at least two weeks in advance and posted in multiple highly viewed platforms (such as the City text messaging system and the City website) and for the most current draft of documents to be available at the time of notice.

Specific to the Special Event ordinance as drafted, the Chamber requests at a minimum, the following modifications:

- Section 115.04.a.5     Removal of specific toilet requirements
- Section 115.05        Removal of all fees and deposits (and any mention in ordinance of same)
- Section 115.06        a. add to make all documents available online
- b.3-7 Remove. The Coordinator of the event can fulfill this role of contact
- c.2-3 Is it feasible to have these a minimum of 60 days in advance of an event? If not, consider removal or modifying condition to be one week prior to event.
- Section 115.07        Add language that the approval of the permit and conditions will not be unreasonably withheld.
- b.6 Add language that conditions set will not be unreasonable



Section 115.11            b. Remove entirely. This can be addressed through future permits.

Section 4                    Be specific and list any sections being repealed or remove this section.

The Chamber would like to take a moment to acknowledge that the City of Wallace considers itself a "place to party" and "HERE FOR THE FESTIVALS" as featured on the home page of the City's website. The spirit of Wallace is embodied by several key characteristics, one of those being our festivals. We urge the City Council to reconsider the "spirit" of the Special Event Ordinance and to draft such governing language through the spirit of Wallace, here for the festivals, not as a reaction to a now defunct event and penalizing all future events.

In conclusion, the Historic Wallace Chamber of Commerce appreciates the City Council's consideration of our input and extends the offer to work with the City to host collaborative public forums on ordinances like this and any future ones.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The Historic Wallace Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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**From:** Siobhan Curet <siobhan.isnt@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** skiwallaceid@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Feedback Regarding Porta-Potty Requirements in Special Events Permit  
  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Wallace City Council,

I am writing to share feedback about the proposed portable toilet requirements outlined in the special events permit. While I appreciate the goal of ensuring adequate facilities, the numbers specified in the table seem excessive, especially for a community like ours with existing infrastructure.

For our Ski Jor event, we anticipate 2,000–3,000 visitors over the course of the weekend (I believe many other events ie. Depot Day, Huck Run etc. have a similar number of attendees). Based on the new requirements, event organizers would need to provide 38 portable toilets for 2,000 attendees or 57 for 3,000 attendees. By comparison, in previous years, we were required to rent just four portable toilets for a similar number of attendees, at a cost of \$464.20. This arrangement worked well, with no complaints about the facilities or their capacity.

Requiring 38–57 portable toilets would result in a cost increase of approximately \$4,000–\$6,000, an expense that would be prohibitive for most events, particularly nonprofit events like ours, which are designed to bring business and tourism to the local community. Additionally, the limited footprint of the downtown event area—primarily along 6th Street from Pine to Bank and Cedar Street from 5th to 7th—would not accommodate such a large volume of portable toilets without significantly disrupting the event layout and access.

Our town already benefits from numerous restaurants, bars, and shops that provide restroom access for customers, which has historically helped reduce the need for portable facilities. While I understand that four toilets for 2,000–3,000 attendees may not be sufficient, I believe the proposed table significantly overestimates the actual need.

I respectfully request that the council revisit these requirements to better reflect the unique realities of our community. A more reasonable approach would ensure events remain viable and affordable to put on, while meeting sanitation standards.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

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