

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WALLACE, IDAHO  
January 8, 2025

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, and Dean Cooper.  
Council members absent: Rick Shaffer and Michele Bisconer.

**Flag Salute**

**Consent Agenda**

Council member Lien made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024 regular meeting, accounts payable for December in the amount of \$189,708.92, transfers and the advanced payroll January. Seconded by council member Cooper. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; and Cooper Aye. Carried

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

One hundred twenty-four people have signed up for Text My Gov.

**Sheriff:**

Council member Richardson read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of December 2024 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 116 calls for service within the city of Wallace. Seventeen of those calls resulted in a written report. A report was attached. Council member Cooper stated the new report showing the graphs is "wonderful". Deputy Minier was present. Council member Lien made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Council member Mattila. All in favor. Carried.

**Fire:**

Council member Lien 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 4 fire response in December 2024. There is a fire engine at the Wallace fire station. The department has conducted a few business inspections. No burn permits are needed. Council member Mattila made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

**Street:**

No report given.

**Finance:**

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$723,863.45; Street \$-62,495.08; Library \$-12,937.98; Parks & Rec. \$-16,366.64; Insurance \$-16,765.13; and Sewer \$287,235.29 for a total of \$935,267.19. Savings \$34,801.55, 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. All in Favor. Carried.

**Library:**

Council member Mattila read the library report. In December, the library had 269 patrons visit the library, 453 items were checked out, 79 items requested from other libraries, 225 items sent from the Wallace library, withdrew 8 items from the shelf and added 14 items to the collection.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Zipty moved wire by Pine Street Park. John Hansen contact council member Lien and stated that if the parallel parking is not going to be enforced, the signs should be taken down.

**Business:**

**Consider street closure for Wallace Music Festival - (Action Item)** – Cindy Lien stated she is on the board for the Wallace Music Festival. Katie Watterson addressed the council. This group is not associated with the Blues Festival. The requested street closure is from 6<sup>th</sup> Street alley to alley. The gazebo will be between Sixth and Cedar and Silver Corner. The main stage will be set facing east on Cedar at 5<sup>th</sup>. The event will be free. Further discussion held on set up of bands, garbage, toilets, etc. Katie will forward the insurance to the city when she receives it. Council member Mattila made a motion to approve the street closure for Wallace Music Festival from July 11, 2025 at 6:00 am to July 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Seconded by council member Richardson. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Abstain; and Cooper Aye. Carried

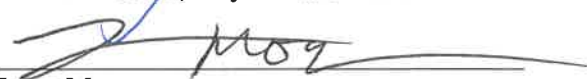
**Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-01 “Special Event” - (Action Item)** – Council heard public comment from Christine Berry and Katie Watterson who opposed the draft ordinance. They also heard from Kimberly Keyton, Scott Birkbeck and Jocelyn Bachman who were neutral. Council went through the draft ordinance and suggested changes to the draft. It was agreed that the council would hold another workshop at the next meeting to review an updated draft.

**Discuss revisions to Wallace City Code – Chapter 32 Public Safety and Law Enforcement (Action Item)** – Ben Allen addressed the council. The fire department contacted the city, because their board was concerned with certain language in this ordinance, which is not compatible with the current structure of the fire district. There are certain responsibilities given to the fire chief that they do not want him tasked with and they feel he cannot enforce. The fire department submitted changes they would like to see to the ordinance. The council had no issues with the suggested changes. Mr. Allen went through a few changes he put into the draft. Council would like the section regarding fees removed. Discussion held on inserting the word “may” charge an individual for fire protection under section 32.32. Under section 153.021, discussion about removing the language mentioning the Planning and Zoning Chair. Mr. Allen said he could modify. Mr. Allen will make the changes and send it to the fire district for review.

**Re-Appointment of Molly McGee to the Wallace Library Board (Action Item)** – Mayor Mogensen put Molly McGee’s name forward for re-appointment to the Wallace Library Board. Council member Cooper made a motion to reappoint Molly McGee to the library board. Seconded by council member Lien. Carried. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; and Cooper Aye.

Council member Lien made a motion to adjourn 7:41. 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