

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
April 9, 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, Rick Shaffer, Michele Bisconer and Dean Cooper.

Flag Salute

Consent Agenda

Council member Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 regular meeting, accounts payable for March in the amount of \$76,589.14, transfers and the advanced payroll April. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Reports

Mayor:

No report given.

Sheriff:

Council member Richardson read the Sheriff's report submitted by Sheriff Lindsey stating that during the month of March 2025 the Shoshone County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 113 calls for service within the city of Wallace. Twenty-seven of those calls resulted in a written report. A report was attached. Council member Mattila made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Council member Lien. All in favor. Carried.

Fire:

Chief Miller read the Fire report stating that Shoshone County Fire District One personnel responded 22 times for medical emergencies and 2 fire response for March 2025. Discussion held on winter hydrant adoption and the free smoke detector program. Council member Shaffer made the motion to approve the Fire report as submitted and read. Seconded by Council member Bisconer. All in favor. Carried.

Street:

The public works department has been cleaning storm drains, and will start working on potholes soon. The owners at 19 Benthams contacted the city regarding the erosion of the bank between their house and the river. The city has been in contact with multiple agencies, and will work on getting this repaired.

Finance:

Council member Cooper read the Finance report submitted stating that the General fund has \$754,833.67; Street \$-25,555.31; Library \$-12,610.60; Parks & Rec. \$19,678.96; Insurance \$-37,251.34; and Sewer \$320,263.47 for a total of \$1,019,358.85. Savings \$34,907.54, 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:

Council member Mattila read the library report. In March the library had 350 patrons visit the library, 564 items were checked out, 84 items requested from other libraries, 304 items sent from the Wallace library, withdrew 21 items from the shelf and added 41 items to the collection.

Parks and Recreation:

The new boiler is being installed at the pool. The public works department will drain the pool to inspect and clean the bowl. The parks will be fertilized soon. The Mayor added the city is still working on finalizing the pickleball/basketball court project.

Business:

Consider Street closure for Wallace Elks Lodge – Scott Birkbeck (*Action Item*) – Scott Birkbeck addressed the city council. They would like the street closed in front of the lodge for the state convention. Neighbors have been contacted. Council member Lien disclosed she was on the Elks board and is an officer. Council member Cooper made a motion to approve the street closure. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider Street closure for Idaho Statehood Day parade – Jim Shields (*Action Item*) – Jim Shields addressed the council. The parade will be July 3rd at 5:00, and the route will be the same as previous years. Council member Shaffer made a motion to accept the street closure. Seconded by council member Bisconer. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried

Consider catering permit for Slippery Gulch - (*Action Item*) - Dennis O'Brien addressed the council. They will be serving beer, wine and liquor. The event will take place on Hotel Street on July 24-26. Council member Cooper and council member Shaffer both stated they are on the board for Slippery Gulch. Council member Lien made a motion to approve the catering permit. Seconded by council member Mattila. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Add angular parking on 7th between Cedar and Bank - (*Action Item*) – Council member Bisconer met with resident, Tanner Marshall to find ways to create more parking. She believes four spots can be created on the west side of the street. For the record, Cory Harshman, public works supervisor, does not agree with adding the angular parking, because it creates issues in the winter for plowing. Discussion held on parallel parking signs. Council member Mattila suggested different wording on the signs. Council member Lien suggested more signs. Council member Cooper stated people know how they should park, but they chose to not follow the signs. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve angular parking on 7th between Cedar and Bank with parallel parking in the winter months. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Add angular parking on Pine between 5th and 6th on side of bowling alley - (*Action Item*) Council member Bisconer stated she is asking for the same request, but on Pine Street between 5th and 6th on the bowling alley side. She thinks four more spaces could be added. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve angular parking on Pine between 5th and 6th on the side of the bowling alley during the same time frame as posted in other parking areas. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Add public parking signs at alley by Conoco to park at lot on side of melodrama - (*Action Item*) – The parking lot by the Melodrama is owned by the City. Discussion held on putting up a sign indicting public parking and also how traffic should flow down the narrow alley. The alley is currently one-way. Council

member Shaffer would like to keep it one-way. Further discussion held on whether to keep it one-way, and if so, what direction the traffic should flow. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the parking in the lot by the Melodrama with entrance from the Hico and have it two-way and instead of no entry, put up public parking signs and restripe it. Seconded by council member Cooper. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Nay; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.


Add public parking sign at lot at end of Cedar by City Hall - (*Action Item*) – Council member Bisconer stated there should be a public parking sign down by city hall. Mayor Mogensen suggested reserved parking next to city hall for the fire fighters. Discussion held. Council member Bisconer made a motion that council approve putting a public parking sign at the city lot at the end of Cedar and 7th. Seconded by council member Lien. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried.

Consider sale of temporary bridge - Resolution 2025-222 “Sale of Surplus Property” - (*Action Item*)
– Discussion held on value of bridge, depreciation of bridge and the bid process. Council member Shaffer made a motion that the city put the minimum bid for the bridge that the city is selling, as soon as possible, at \$65,000. Legal counsel suggested the city state what the value of the property is and what the minimum bid is. The value is \$95,500 and the minimum bid is \$65,000. Seconded by council member Mattila. Discussion held on placement of language in the resolution or the bid form stating the buyer is responsible for transportation of the bridge. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Bisconer made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye

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 Cooper made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:54 pm. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Aye. Carried. Council member Lien made a motion to exit executive session at 6:19. Seconded by council member Shaffer. Roll Call Vote. Richardson Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Shaffer Aye; Cooper Aye and Bisconer Aye.

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

ATTEST:



Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer



Lynn Mogensen
Mayor

