



CITY OF WALLACE
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
703 Cedar Street, Wallace ID 83873
May 14, 2025
5:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mogensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Wallace City Hall in the Council Chambers.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Mogensen, Mayor
Michele Bisconer, Council President
Patrick Richardson
Elmer Mattila
Cindy Lien
Rick Shaffer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Allen, Legal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dean Cooper

FLAG SALUTE

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA: (ACTION ITEM)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (ACTION ITEM)

- Minutes from the April 9, 2025 regular meeting
- Accounts payable transfer for April totaling \$46,974.30
- Advanced payroll for May

Motion by R. Shaffer, seconded by M. Bisconer to approve consent agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Mogensen gave the following report -

- Working on getting a new roof for the pool
- Depot Days was a success
- A citizen may be donating the lightening for the 6th St. Bridge.

Fire Report

- No report given

Finance Report –

R. Shaffer read the following report -

- General fund - \$806,555.65
- Street Fund - \$-19,808.62
- Library Fund \$-14,769.81
- Parks & Rec. \$19,829.08
- Insurance \$-37,251.34;
- Sewer - \$327,755.46
- Savings \$34,941.97
- Mt. West CD \$215,503.41
- Wallace Inn UDAG CD \$210,271.41

E. Mattila motioned, seconded by R. Shaffer to approve finance report.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Motion Carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

C. Lien gave the following report -

- The pool has been emptied, cleaned and refilled
- Atlas will fire up the new boiler soon
- New pump will be installed at the pool
- Parks are being treated for dandelions

Sheriff

Richardson read the sheriff’s report -

- SCSO responded to 124 calls for service
- Nineteen calls resulted in reports
- Deputies spent 413 hours responding to calls, actively patrolling and preparing criminal reports
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R. Shaffer motioned, seconded by M. Bisconer to approve sheriff’s report.

Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Street

M. Bisconer gave the following report –

- HMH is working on a grant for emergency funding for the collapse of the wall by 19 Benthams

Library

E. Mattila gave the following report for April –

- 398 patrons visited the library
- 572 items were checked out
- 93 items were requested from other libraries
- 282 items were sent to other libraries
- 6 items were removed from the collection
- 23 items were added to the collection
- A patron had to be trespassed from the library

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Presentation of FY 23/24 Audit – Magnuson, McHugh, Dougherty CPAs (*Action Item*)

Korby Baker made the following comments-

- The audit is a “clean opinion” which is what the city wants
- In the general fund, tax was down about \$200,000 and accounts payable was up about \$18,000
- In the streets fund, there was about \$27,000 increase in cash which relates to the decrease in pre-paid expenses
- Capital projects had a \$10,000 increase due to interest
- Interest was up by about \$23,000
- Expenditures were up in the general fund about \$109,000 from prior year
- Grant revenues were down in street fund related to 6th St. Bridge
- Sewer fund expenses were up due to manhole project
- Sewer income was up due to payout from the HPC termination
- No deficiencies in internal controls

C. Lien motioned, seconded by M. Bisconer to accept the audit as written.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Motion carried.

Consider street closure for Gyro Days - (Action Item)

Scott Birkbeck made the following comments -

- No changes to the street closure from previous years

Council Comments:

- R. Shaffer disclosed he is a member of Gyros
- C. Lien stated insurance needs to be provided before the event

M. Bisconer motioned, seconded by E. Mattila to approve the Wallace Gyro Club street closure request for Tuesday, June 17th from 1:00 AM to Sunday, June 22nd at 5:00 PM pending the certificate of insurance.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Motion carried.

Consider street closure for Slippery Gulch Dinner at the Elks - (Action Item)

Scott Birkbeck made the following comments

- He would like the area in front of the Elks blocked off. They are expecting about 400 people.

Council Comments:

- C. Lien asked who would be providing the insurance
- M. Bisconer stated it would be the Elks
- C. Lien stated she is on the board and an officer of the Elks
- C. Lien confirmed that people can use the restrooms inside the Elks

M Bisconer motioned, second by R. Shaffer, to approve the Wallace Elks street closure request for July 26th to July 27th from 2:00 pm to noon on Cedar in front of the Elks pending insurance.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Motion carried.

Consider street closure for Spunstrand, Inc.'s Annual Employee Appreciation & Street Dance - (Action Item)

Jill Wagner made the following comments:

- The set up is the same as last year's event

- They will have 2 porta potties and will take care of the garbage
- They will not use the gazebo
- The group already has insurance
- The music ends at 10:00 pm

Council Comments:

- L. Mogensen confirmed the event will be held on a Thursday
- C. Lien suggested one of the porta potties be handicapped
- M. Bisconer stated the alleys need to be open

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted Yes
Council member Lien	Voted Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted Absent

R. Shaffer motioned, seconded by M. Bisconer, to approve the street closure for Spunstrand for July 17th as written. Legal counsel pointed out that there were changes made to the request. A handicap toilet would be added and the time will be 7:00 AM.

Motion carried.

Review bids for water fountain at the Visitor Center - (*Action Item*)

Todd Howard represented the Chamber and made the following comments:

- They would like to install a water fountain with a bottle filler
- They would like the payment to come from the city’s facility budget for the visitor center
- The fountain will be turned off in the winter

Council Comments:

- M. Mogensen suggested grant money be used
- R. Shaffer said the demand for water with the trail right there is high and people should not be relying on the businesses
- C. Lien said the lower bid of \$1898 is the way to go. It is a bottle filler only.
- L. Mogensen suggested when the plumber is there, they get a bid to fix the other fountain. Confirmed by R. Shaffer.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted Yes
Council member Lien	Voted Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted Absent

C. Lien motioned, seconded by M. Bisconer, that the visitor center install the bottle filler only with Buck Plumbing for \$1988 and look into the other fountain.

Motion carried.

Discuss Area of Impact – JUB Engineering (*Action Item*)

Alison Tompkins from JUB made the following comments -

- A memorandum was drafted to confirm the current boundary of the AOI, propose any necessary modification of the AOI boundary and establish a new AOI in accordance with Idaho Code 67-6526
- Utilities, topography and access are factors when looking at areas of growth

Commission Comments:

- R. Shaffer asked if the city is ready to provide the county what they are requesting by May 23rd
- L. Mogensen asked why there is nothing proposed for Nine Mile.
- C. Lien stated most of the areas are included in the current area of impact.

Staff Comments:

- B. Allen stated the city will provide the county with what the council approves. When the county gives the city “the green light” that it has been accepted, the city will reach out to JUB to draft the legal description.
- B. Allen stated putting infrastructure in Nine Mile area would be “impractical” based on the technical advisory group’s review.

M. Bisconer motioned, seconded by R. Shaffer to accept the recommendation by JUB and authorize Kristna to work with legal and JUB to get a packet ready for the county commissioners.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Consider bid for temporary bridge - (*Action Item*)

Council Comments:

- L. Mogensen would like to accept the bid
- L. Mogensen thinks it may be a good idea to include the bridge in the County’s auction

Staff Comments:

- B. Allen advised that the city not accept the bid, because the bid amount was lower than what the council approved and the city could be open to a due process agreement if the lower bid is accepted.
- B. Allen suggested expanding the advertisement
- B. Allen recommended that the city chose a “nice round number” for advertising.

R. Shaffer motioned, seconded by E. Mattila, to move the minimum bid to \$59,000 and expand the sphere of influence to a wider demographic and put a 45-day window.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	No
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	No
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	No
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Motion fails.

P. Richardson, seconded by R. Shaffer, made a motion to keep all the wording the same, set the minimum at \$50,000 and 30- day advertising window.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
Council member Mattila	Voted	Yes
Council member Lien	Voted	Yes
Council member Shaffer	Voted	Yes
Council member Bisconer	Voted	Yes
Council member Cooper	Voted	Absent

Consider Memorandum of Understanding for the North Idaho Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) – Ben Allen, legal counsel (*Action Item*)

Staff Comments (Ben Allen, Legal):

- The program would employ a new federal prosecutor and have them designated as a local employee. This allows approximately 30 high profile cases to be shifted to this federal prosecutor. If convicted, the cost to house these criminals is paid by the federal government.
- It also breaks up criminal networks, because when the case is handled by the feds, if convicted, they get shipped to wherever this is room
- The local contribution for this is only about 10%
- The US Attorney’s office will conduct the interviews.
- Shoshone County will be the host agency

Council Comments:

- M. Bisconer confirmed the City’s portion would be around \$750 per year. This number could increase if any of the cities decide not to move ahead with the agreement
- R. Shaffer supports this cost-effective program to help battle the drug epidemic
- M. Bisconer said it will help our local jail issues

M. Bisconer motioned, seconded by Shaffer, for the City of Wallace to join the North Idaho Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA)

ROLL CALL:

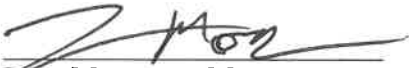
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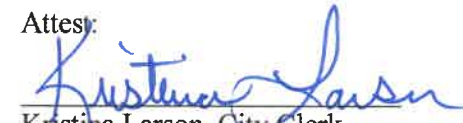
Motion carried.

R. Shaffer motioned, seconded by Bisconer, to adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.


Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

Attest:


Kristina Larson, City Clerk