



CITY OF WALLACE
 Special Council Meeting
 City Hall Council Chambers
 703 Cedar Street, Wallace ID 83873
 September 3, 2025
 4:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

L. Mogensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at Wallace City Hall in the Council Chambers.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Richardson
 Elmer Mattila
 Cindy Lien
 Rick Shaffer
 Dean Cooper

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Allen, Legal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rick Shaffer

WORKSHOP

Mayor Mogensen began the workshop by stating the city is incurring expenses for various tasks, such as variances and the expense for these services need to be recouped. M. Bisconer added that the city has many ordinances that refer to fees and they have not been reviewed or updated in a long time. Legal counsel, Ben Allen, stated anytime a public entity is providing services and those services are directly related to benefit an individual, or group of individuals, a public entity has the ability, statutorily, to charge reasonable related fees in order for that service to be received by the individual/applicant or group of individuals. The services can be funded in two ways. The other option it to have it funded by the general tax base. The prevailing thought of most public entities is that if a service is going to benefit a particular individual, or group of individuals, it should be their responsibility to pay the cost rather than increasing the taxation for the community as a whole. A public entity can provide services by either, or a combination, of those means. A part of developing fee schedules is implementing a system where those individuals receiving those services are responsible for paying for the service.

That brings the city to the proposed fee schedule that is designed to consolidate the fees that are already in place, or is contemplating enacting and bring them to one location. It makes it easier for individuals to locate the cost of services. From a city perspective, by identifying all of the fees and bringing them to one location, it allows the city to better monitor and update those fees accordingly to ensure the fees being charged to the citizens accurately reflect the cost that the city is incurring to provide those services. The draft of the fee resolution before the council is a very rough draft. The clerk went through all city ordinances and found all the fees the city is charging for services. She then put them in one table and categorized them by the nature of the service being provided and then looked to a city that is a similar size as Wallace that has reviewed their fees recently. In this draft, the clerk pulled fees from the City of Kootenai and the council needs to ask, based upon what the city is currently charging, does the council want to keep fees where they are, do some of the fees need to be increased, and are there services the city wants to supplement and charge less for? The tables provided by the city clerk are designed to be a starting point for discussion.

Discussion held on changes to the fee resolution.

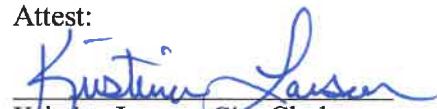
The city clerk and Mr. Allen will work on putting together an updated draft. He suggested P&Z review the draft before it is set for public hearing.

E. Mattila made a motioned to adjourn. Seconded by C. Lien

All in favor. Carried.


Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

Attest:


Kristina Larson, City Clerk