



CITY OF WALLACE
 Regular Council Meeting
 City Hall Council Chambers
 703 Cedar Street, Wallace ID 83873
 September 10, 2025
 5:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Richardson
 Elmer Mattila
 Cindy Lien
 Rick Shaffer
 Michele Bisconer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Britney Jacobs, Legal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dean Cooper

FLAG SALUTE

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA: (ACTION ITEM)

R. Shaffer made a motion to amend the agenda and remove the August 20th minutes from the agenda. Seconded by council member C. Lien.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of accounts payable, transfer for August totaling \$104,659.74
- Approval of advanced payroll for August

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (ACTION ITEM)

Motion by R. Shaffer to approve consent agenda. Seconded by E. Mattila.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

M. Bisconer stated the applications for mayor and council has closed. Running for Mayor is Shauna Hillman and Chase Sanborn. Council position #1 is Katie Watterson and Courtney Freih. Council position #2 is Scott Leitch. Council position #4 is Rick Shaffer and Anthony Garcia. Council position #6 is Dean Cooper.

FIRE REPORT

The report was given by Chief Miller. Topics reported on were as follows:

- 21 medical emergencies
- 3 fire calls
- Type-4 fire engine is being housed in Wallace
- Crews attended a few public events
- Crews will attend a tope rescue course in collaboration with central mine rescue
- The 9/11 stair climb will be tomorrow
- Shoshone County Fire Districts will be consolidating in the near future
- No restrictions to camp fires

C. Lien made a motion to approve the fire report. Seconded by council member R. Shaffer.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE REPORT

The report was given by D. Cooper-

- General Fund - \$790,107.86
- Street Fund - \$23,019.08
- Library Fund - \$-23,519.62
- Parks Fund - \$-38,383.77
- Insurance Fund - \$-37,251.34
- Sewer Fund - \$356,399.82
- Savings Acct - \$35,084.63
- UDAG CD - \$210,270.41
- Savings CD - \$215,503.41

R. Shaffer made a motion to approve the finance report. Seconded by council member P. Richardson.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

The report was given by C. Lien. Items reported on were as follows:

- 5654 people visited the pool this year
- Lap swimmers doubled
- The pool made \$14,849 this year.
- There are repairs that are needed and hopefully can be addressed this winter.
- Pool World is offering a \$4,000 grant to the city and C. Lien would like to put it toward swimming lessons.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The report was read by P. Richardson –

- 176 calls for service within Wallace
- 29 of those calls resulted in written reports
- 362 hours spent responding to calls, actively patrolling and preparing criminal cases

E. Mattila made a motion to approve the sheriff's report. Seconded by council member R.Shaffer.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Idaho Transportation asked for a meeting with the city and county. They came to discuss a mandate that is coming down from the Federal Highway Administration requiring, across the country, to remove all flammable, combustible objects from under federal highways. They asked that the different entities help them get the word out. They will provide the press release in the near future. They will also be updating the agreements with the county and city for the areas under the freeway and the visitor center parking lot. The clerk provided them with the agreement the city currently has in relation to the visitor center. M. Bisconer asked if the city could use the lot for paid parking.

LIBRARY REPORT

The report was given my E. Mattila. Items reported on for August were as follows:
369 Patrons visited the library
451 items were checked out
55 items were requested from other libraries
179 items were sent to other libraries
8 items were withdrawn from the shelves
19 new items were added

E. Mattila stated the heat tape needs to go up. He has talked to C. Harshman about it and it needs to get done.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Paranormal Festival (Informational) – KimBerly Keyton

KimBerly Keyton and DJ Graves addressed the council. This item is just informational. They came before council because it's a new festival. It's a multi venue curated event throughout Wallace. It will be held within private places. She stated it's a great way to celebrate the "other worldly culture" and another way to get some economic engagement on the "shoulder season". Discussion held on the timeline of the event. Ms. Graves stated another great thing about this event is it allows people to access the historical architecture of Wallace.

Access and signage for Flume Trail - KimBerly Keyton – (Action Item)

M. Bisconer asked Ms. Keyton to explain where the Flume Trail is. Ms. Keyton wanted to clarify that this is more about signage vs. access. She believes this is an evolving conversation. The trail head is at the west end of High Street. It goes over the old flume system where the water moved through to power the electricity for the city. It is an existing public right-of-way that was historically built in 1905 to carry water to the Wallace electric station on First Street. It was initial funded by a bond voted on by the citizens of Wallace in 1903. In 1905, two flume lines were constructed.

Ms. Keyton went on to provide further information. Currently, many residents do use it as a walking trail. It goes up and along the back of King Street and can connect downtown Wallace to the Pulaski. If the upper Flume trail was connected to the lower Flume trail, it would be about five miles. This could add to the trail system. The trail uses a public right-of-way that predates the current private property ownership and the US Forest Service.

Ms. Keyton stated in regard to parking, residents can use the stairs. If they access it from the Pulaski side, there are turnouts to park, so parking is in existence.

Some benefits of the trail are safety (get people off King Street), it expands an already existing trail network, adds to the tourism, which supports the businesses, and adds to recreation. It is a big part of Wallace's history.

Ms. Keyton came to ask for signage like is posted for the Pulaski. It would help direct people where they are going and should be going and respect property boundaries. From legal right-of-way conversations, there is code that talks about public use of long-established rights-of-way. The historic Flume trail corridor has existed prior to private land purchases.

In regard to liability concerns, the Idaho recreational use statute protects private land owners. The liability is not on the homeowners. It is no different than a sidewalk.

At this time, Ms. Keyton presented a map. E. Mattila asked if any of the landowners have spoken out against it. Ms. Keyton said she did see a sign posted on the trail, but has not spoken to any of the owners. C. Lien asked if there was a legal description or a detailed map of exactly where this right-of-way from 1905 is? Ms. Keyton replied "yes" but feels there needs to be an ongoing discussion so she can put the information into a packet that is easier to review. Further discussion. C. Lien stated it would be better if the council could see exactly where the easement is and the landowners should be notified. M. Bisconer asked if it had been surveyed to identify the trail from beginning to end? Ms. Keyton was unsure. M. Bisconer pointed out that the trail runs through land owned by multiple public entities. M. Bisconer stated allowing signage right now seems too soon. It sounds like a multilayer issue. C. Lien stated it was a good starting place. The more research Ms. Keyton does and provides the city the less cost to the city. Ms. Keyton would like to take a lot of "legwork" on. Shauna Hillman stated the trail is in better shape than it was 20 years ago, but it needs a lot of maintenance. It has the potential for education and ties into the Pulaski trail. R. Shaffer stated it is a great start to a conversation. The more amenities the city has to hold people here longer, the better off for the economy of Wallace. M. Bisconer suggested Ms. Keyton get more information and come back to council.

C. Lien made a motion for Ms. Keyton to gather more information and come back to council at a later time. Seconded by E. Mattila.

All in Favor. Motion Carried

Consider lease with Shoshone County Fire District #1 - (*Action Item*)

B. Jacobs went over the draft lease. She met with the city and Chief Miller to collect information for the draft agreement. Discussion held on the "Assignment and Subletting" section. M. Bisconer stated they should only be able to house employees. C. Lien agreed. Further conversation regarding improvements, pets, etc. R. Shaffer wanted 10. "Use" to change the portion that referenced smoking from five (5) feet to twenty-five (25) feet from the building.

R. Shaffer made a motion to accept the lease with the following changes – Shoshone County Fire District 1 to Silver Valley Fire District, only employees can live upstairs and smoking area moved to 25 feet from the building. Seconded by C. Lien.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	No
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.

Review draft of building permit brochure – Britney Jacobs (*Action Item*)

B. Jacobs stated that due to senate bill 1164, cities need an informational sheet on the building permit process and make it available to citizens if they would like it. Discussion held on the two versions presented by B. Jacobs.

Motion to accept the black and white building permit brochure with the changes. Seconded by E. Mattila.

R. Shaffer suggested the council review with changes. M. Bisconer stated it is just a draft.

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.

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*)

Motion by R. Shaffer at 6:18 pm, second by M. Bisconer to exit regular meeting and enter into Executive Session Per Idaho code § 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.

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.

Motion by R. Shaffer at 6:23 pm, seconded by E. Mattila to exit executive session and enter back into regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Council member Richardson	Voted	Yes
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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.

R. Shaffer motioned to adjourn at 6:23 pm. Seconded by E. Mattila

All in favor. Carried.



Michele Bisconer, Pro Tem Mayor

Attest:



Kristina Larson, City Clerk