

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO
October 8th, 2024**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the eighth day of October, 2024 in the Council Chambers located inside City hall at 624 F Street, Rupert, Idaho at the hour of 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Tammy Jones
Councilmembers Present: Thompson, Faux, Wardle, Heward
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: Jeff McEwen, Ginger Smith, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Charlie Creason, Don Garner (Visitors)

Mayor Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Everyone stood for the Pledge.

Don Garner gave invocation.

Mayor Jones called for any addenda to the agenda and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items: A. & B. Approval of the Bills, Payroll & Minutes

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the bills, payroll and the minutes of the September 24th, 2024 regular council meeting. Councilman Wardle seconded and the motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Jones expressed gratitude for the animal control efforts in removing a large number of dogs from a bad situation recently.

ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS

Item: A. Ordinance 24-504

ORDINANCE NO. 24-504

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 8, CHAPTER 9, AND CHAPTER 10, PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF LIQUOR, BEER, AND WINE WITHIN THE CITY OF RUPERT, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that due to recent law changes, the City was needing to update the alcohol consumption codes to stay in compliance with the State and County. The changes

would be allowing sales on Sundays and certain holiday that were previously not allowed. There was also an update to the legal drinking age in the outdated code.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading, by title only, of Ordinance 24-504. Councilman Thomson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

City Attorney, Lance Stevenson, read Ordinance 24-504 aloud by title only.

Councilman Heward made a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-504. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Well 7 Agreement with Mart Produce

Anthon presented the agreement for the well that was put in by Mart produce. The well would be deeded to the City and Mart would be using the well for its operations. The City, as long as meeting the needs of Mart's business operations, would be able to add other users to the well in the future if necessary. There were no concerns with legal counsel.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the well agreement with Mart Produce, as presented, and allow the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Contract with Minidoka County for Planning & Zoning Services

Anthon explained that the previous Zoning & Planning Administrator for the City had retired. The County had presented a contract to handle these services for the City moving forward. The contract seemed reasonable and there were no concerns from legal counsel.

Councilman Thomson made a motion to approve the Contract with Minidoka County for Planning & Zoning Services and allow the Mayor to sign the same. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Creason – Presented three items for consideration:

1. Look into updating the population signs on the highway when entering the City.
2. Change the names of the letter named streets in town to historically meaningful names.

3. The local bars and restaurants are wanting to do a bar crawl around the square in November.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There was general discussion regarding various economic development projects and the City's latest conversations with Bonneville Power Administration.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.