

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO
MAY 28TH, 2024**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-eighth day of May, 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 (Absent)
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: David Joyce, James Taylor, Matt Etherington, Paul Nelson, Ginger Smith, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Chris Bromley, Justin Warr, Frank Warr, Don Garner, Rudy Padilla, Daniel Pieper, Breck Pilling, Paul Aston, Brock Mitchell (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 May 14th, 2024 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – Common Stock Holdings LLC – Buttars Acres Subdivision – Zoning Map Amendment

It was discussed that this item might better be postponed to be rezoned in conjunction with an annexation that will be coming up in an effort to avoid spot zoning.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:13 PM after an introduction by the zoning administrator.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to continue the hearing for the Common Stock Holdings LLC – Buttars Acres Subdivision zoning amendment to the July 23rd, 2024 regular council meeting. Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARING – Pilling Family Trust – Combined Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat for Chapel Hill Estates Subdivision

Paul Aston gave introduction. This property had been developed with homes that had a zero property line and had already been built for separation. Any concerns that the departments had, had been addressed in the HOA covenants. The Planning & Zoning Commission had already given the recommendation to move forward with approval.

Mayor Jones opened the hearing at 7:23 PM.

There were no public comments, for, neutral or against the application.

Mayor Jones closed the hearing at 7:24 PM.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Chapel Hills Subdivision as presented. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Weed Control

There was general discussion regarding the weeds at the lagoon farms. There was no action taken.

D. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Water Lease with the City of Pocatello

Christ Bromley expressed that he would need to renegotiate the water lease with Pocatello in order to better serve the agreement that the City is involved in and to better serve the City of Pocatello. There would be a slight increase to the cost based on current market value. The Council would be presented with a copy of the final lease for approval at a later time.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to allow Chris Bromely to renegotiate the water lease with the City of Pocatello on behalf of the City and the coalition of cities. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

E. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding IGWA Settlement Agreement

Bromley explained that the Coalition of Cities had an agreement with IGWA and that it appears that IGWA is in breach of that contract. Bromley asked for permission to draft a letter notifying them of their breach and to then to seek mediation to resolve the issue.

Councilman Heward made a motion to authorize Chris Bromley to draft a letter to IGWA, on behalf of the City and the Coalition of Cities, informing them of their breach of contract and to seek mediation.

Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follow:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

F. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Banking RFP Responses

The City had recently published an RFP for banking services. Two banks submitted proposals and were scored by staff. First Federal received the highest score.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to move the City's primary banking services to First Federal Bank as of June 1st, 2024. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

G. Discussion & Possible Approval of the DEQ Wastewater Grant Agreement Amendment No. 1

The City was presented an amendment for the extension of the environmental study for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade project. There were no concerns from legal counsel.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the DEQ Wastewater Grant Agreement Amendment NO. 1 and to allow the mayor to sign the same. Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

H. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Contract for Architectural Services with Cole Architects for the Pool Cover Project

The City had previously executed an RFQ process for architectural services and ranked firms for various projects in the City. The City had been talking with Cole Architects about working on the pool cover project. Presented was draft for the use of their architectural services. There were no concerns from legal counsel.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the Contract for Architectural Services with Cole Architects, contingent upon the City administrator's final approval and to allow the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

With no other business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.