

**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO  
AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-third day of July, 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:** Ginger Smith, Leslie Garner, James Taylor, Jeff McEwen, Jeremy Normand, Roger Davis, Taylor Scott, Caleb Underhill (Employees)  
Jim Vonbusch, Keith Goodsell, David Lazenby, Alan Clawson (Visitors)

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

Jim Vonbusch 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 July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 regular council meeting. Councilman Wardle seconded and the motion carried.

**RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS**

**Presentation of Basic Patrol Certification to Taylor Scott & Caleb Underhill**

Mayor Jones and Police Chief Jeff McEwen presented Officers Taylor Scott and Caleb Underhill with their Basic Patrol Certification from the Peace Officers Standards & Training Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Kallie Carney**

Kallie Carney was not present. There was information still needed for the permit.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to table Item: 9.A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Kallie Carney indefinitely. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: B. Discussion & Possible Bid Award for the Chip Seal Project**

Roger Davis presented the only bid received for the chip seal project. The bid came in for \$159,800.00, which was within the budgeted amount.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to award the bid for the Chip Seal Project to Kloepfer Concrete, in the amount of \$159,800. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: C. Discussion & Possible Approval the Pilot Test Agreement for the ARPA Water Grant Project**

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that there were several documents that were needing to be executed in conjunction with the ARPA grant received. This specific agreement had to do with the iron and manganese filtration system for the drinking water improvements.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the Pilot Test Agreement for the ARPA Water Grant Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: D. Discussion & Possible Approval of the POD Transfer for Wells 7 & 8**

Anthon explained that the document being presented was regarding two new wells in the City that needed to have water rights transferred to the new points of delivery.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the POD Transfer for Wells 7 & 8 and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

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

This item was not yet ready for council action.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to table Item: 9.E. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Well 7 Agreement with Mart Produce until the next regular council meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: F. Discussion & Possible Approval Railroad Water Line Crossing Agreement**

Anthon explained that it had been discovered that the City had a main water line crossing under the railroad tracks from approximately 100 years ago. The railroad was not requiring that the City have a crossing agreement and pay fees as a result of being on their property. There were no concerns from legal counsel.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Railroad Water Line Crossing Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: G. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Pocatello Water Lease Agreement**

The City, along with other cities involved in the coalition of cities, had been involved in a water lease agreement with Pocatello for several years as the resolution of a water curtailment settlement. There were no substantial changes to the lease, other than market adjustments.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the Pocatello Water Lease Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: H. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Anthem**

Anthon presented an updated agreement for the equipment that Anthem Broadband puts on top of the water tower. As compensation for the use of the tower, internet services are provided to the City. There were no concerns from legal counsel. Anthon did have a few clerical errors to clear up on the document.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the water tower lease agreement with Anthem, pending final review and approval by Kelly Anthon and Lance Stevenson, and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keith Goodsell – Expressed concerns over ongoing wastewater treatment plant issues. Requested a meeting be held with the neighbors again. Mayor and Council agreed and would set a date and contact him.

Alan Clawson – Expressed concerns over a private park that was being marketed in his neighborhood and asked if the City might be interested in trying to purchase it to keep it a park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Heward made a motion to move to Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 to have discussions under subsections (1)(a), (1)(c) and (1)(f). Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Executive Session Began: 7:53 PM.**

Discussions under subsections (1)(a), (1)(c) and (1)(f).

**Open Session Resumed: 8:32 PM.**

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

There was general discussion regarding the Snake River Seed Property Cleanup.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.