# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-eighth day of November, 2023, in the Council Chambers located inside City hall at 624 F Street Rupert, Idaho at the hour of 7:00 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Michael D. Brown

Councilmembers Present: Thompson, Faux, Heward, Jones

City Administrator Kelly Anthon City Clerk Bayley Maughan City Attorney Lance Stevenson

**Visitors:** Ginger Smith (Employees)

James Wardle, Amanda Larson, Russ Edgar, Makayla Blacker, Jeff

Gomez, Heather McEwen (Visitors)

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

Russ Edgar gave invocation.

Mayor Brown 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 minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Beet Agreement with Christiansen Machine, Inc. This item was moved to follow Executive Session to allow for discussion with legal counsel.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Issue Credit to the Senior Center Utility Account

City Clerk, Bayley Maughan, explained that the Senior Center utility accounts were starting to build up a balance. It was suggested that a total credit of \$4500 be applied to their utility accounts.

Councilman Heward made a motion to apply a total credit of \$4500 to the Senior Center utility accounts. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jeff Gomez** – Expressed concern and discontent over the snow removal situation over the holiday weekend.

Amanda Larson – Also made comment regarding the snow removal from the previous weekend.

## **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). Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**Executive Session Began: 7:34 PM.** 

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

Open Session Resumed 8:36 PM.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Beet Agreement with Christiansen Machine, Inc. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the release agreement with Christiansen Machine Inc., and to authorize the Mayor to sign the same, Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the gun range and the use of the .22 caliber long range by the 4-H Club.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.