

**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO  
JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-fifth day of July, 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:** Roger Davis, Suzy Sorenson, Ginger Smith, Jeff McEwen  
(Employees)  
Jesse Williams, Sydney Duffin, Steve Trevino, Shannon  
McEwen, Andrea Byers (Visitors)

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Jim Von Busch 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 July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Provide Park Services & Permits for a Public Event on the Square**

Ryan McEuen presented the revised plan for the weekly events he was proposing to be had in September. There were questions about security and the location of fencing as well as the sale of alcohol. McEuen also needed to fill out the appropriate paperwork and pay the appropriate fees before moving forward.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to table item: 8.A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Provide Park Services & Permits for a Public Event on the Square until the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: B. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Purchase of Haymill Substation**

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that this item was not yet ready as United Electric had neglected to get the item on their agenda as well. There would be a follow up after their next meeting.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to table item 8.B. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Purchase of Haymill Substation until the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Lease for the City Owned Liquor License**

Anthon explained that there had been some difficulties at the State level with changing the lease holder for the license, due to recent changes in the law. The City was currently trying to work through those issues and this item was not quite ready for action.

There was no action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Waive Park Fees & Provide Services for the MC Center Health Fair Event**

Jesse Williams requested that the MC Fitness Center, in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club, be allowed to use the Square for a health fair event, targeted mainly at youth, on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The plans were not quite formalized; however, the group would be needing electrical and trash services for the event. It was expressed that any for-profit vendors would need to pay for their power, however any power that the Center would need would be provided for free.

Councilman Heward made a motion to waive the fees and provide services for the MC Center/Boys & Girls Club Health Fair Event in the Square on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the State Agreement for Project Development Regarding the 100 West Road Project**

Roger Davis presented the agreement for the 100 West Road Project that would provide the terms and conditions for the completing of the project development and authorize payment, through the Idaho Transportation Department. There were no concerns from legal counsel.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the State Agreement for Project Development for the 100 West Road Project, 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, Councilwoman Jones

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: C. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Alcohol Beverage Permit for the Deana Smith Park Rental**

The Mayor and council reviewed the alcohol beverage permit for the wedding on the Rupert Square. The wedding would be a private event and there would be no sale of alcohol.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the alcohol beverage permit for the Deana Smith Park Rental. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**Item: D. Discussion & Possible Approval of the 2023 Beer, Wine & Alcohol License Applications**

Everyone reviewed the applications presented. There were no concerns.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the 2023 Beer, Wine, & Liquor Licenses for Boonies LLC, Drift Inn, Grandview C Store, J & M Bar LLC, F 7 L Entertainment, Maverick, Mr. Gas, Hill Oil and Valley Wide Co-op and to also approve Family Dollar, Acapulco restaurant, La Piedad Chiquita 2, Ridley's Markets, Sofie's Chatterbox and Josies Boutique & Delicacies, contingent up on the completion of their application process. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Trevino - Followed up on his complaints about the truck parking situation and the ordinance that had recently been adopted to handle such situations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Heward made a motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 to have discussions under subsections (1)(b), (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: 7:58 PM**

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

**Open Session Resumed: 8:26 PM**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

There was general discussion regarding the beer and wine ordinances.

There was also general discussion regarding different Christmas lighting options around the Square and the progress being made on the Swimming Pool Project.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.