

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO
AUGUST 22ND, 2023**

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

Visitors: David Joyce, Jeff McEwen, James Taylor, Leslie Garner,
Ginger Smith, Suzy Sorenson, Travis Morell (Employees)
Amanda Larsen, Travis Turner (Visitors)

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

Travis Turner gave invocation.

Mayor Brown called for any addenda 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 August 8th, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Public Hearing - Ordinance 23-503 - Annual Appropriation Ordinance

**ORDINANCE 23-503
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$47,534,764.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF RUPERT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS AND IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There was a quick review of the budget that was put together by the departments for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:09 PM.

With no public comment or questions, Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

ORDINANCES - RESOLUTIONS

Item: A. Ordinance 23-503 - Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Councilman Heard made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading by title only of Ordinance 23-503. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Leslie Garner read Ordinance 23-503 by title.

Councilman Heward made a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-503. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Ryan McEuen was not present to speak on the requests. There had been no updates at City Hall regarding payment or paperwork filed. There was no action taken.

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

The contract for the purchase was still not yet available.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to table Item: 8. B. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Purchase of Haymill Substation until the next regular council meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

This item was still not quite ready for any action.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to table Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the City Owned Liquor License until the next regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Item: B. Discussion & Possible Award for Well 6 Pressure Relief

The City's water engineers had recently handled a bidding process for the Well 6 Pressure Relief Project. The low bid came in, with all of the necessary components, from Extreme Excavation for \$94,500.

Councilman Heward made a motion to award the bid for the Well 6 Pressure Relief Project to Extreme Excavation in the amount of \$94,500. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the MID Contract for South A Street Stormwater

The item required further review and was not yet ready for action.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to table Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the MID Contract for South A Street Stormwater until the next regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: D. Discussion & Possible Approval to Submit the Application Request to Cross Waterways

Wastewater Superintendent, David Joyce, explained that the City needed to cross MID's waterways and then maintain that easement for the Mart Produce project sewer line. Joyce was looking for permission for the Mayor to sign the application which would obligate the City to maintain the easement indefinitely.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the request to cross waterways application to be submitted to MID. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**Item: E. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Beer & Wine Licenses
Applications from Doc's Pizza and Lulu's on the Square**

City Clerk, Bayley Maughan, presented applications from two new business owners on the square looking to sell beer and wine. The applications were complete and there were no concerns.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to approve the beer and wine license applications from Doc's Pizza and Lulu's on the Square. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.