

**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO  
JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the eleventh 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:** Leslie Garner, Cody Pickup, Billy Palmer, Augustus Southern, Clint Wageman, Derek Williams, Justin Woods (Employees)  
Rick Molina, Amanda Larson, Darby & Celes Hawkes, Ryan McEuen, Steve Trevino, Sydney Grant, Amber Wageman, Ben Southern, James McKenzie (Visitors)

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Everyone stood for the Pledge.

Rick Molina gave invocation.

Mayor Brown called for any addenda to the agenda. There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Items: A. & B. Approval of the Bills, Payroll & Minutes**

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, and minutes of the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the motion carried.

**RECOGNITIONS - AWARDS - PROCLAMATIONS**

**Item: A. Recognition of Augustus Southern's Journeyman Lineman Certification**

Mayor Brown & Billy Palmer recognized Southern for his efforts and presented him with his State certificate and certificate from the Northwest Lineman College.

**ORDINANCES - RESOLUTIONS**

**Item: A. Ordinance 23-502 - Truck Parking Ordinance  
ORDINANCE No. 23-502**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 4, OF THE**

## **RUPERT CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF RESTRICTING PARKING IN THE CITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

There was general discussions regarding some of the changes that were presented in the Ordinance as well as enforcement and punishment efforts.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading, by title only, of Ordinance 23-502. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

City Attorney, Lance Stevenson, read Ordinance 23-502 aloud by title.

Councilman Heward made a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-502. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Decorative Lighting on the Historic Square**

Sydney Duffin

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Ryan McEuen presented a plan for a weekly event in the park in September. There was concern over blocking intersections and the placement of some of the entertainment. McEuen was instructed to work with the Parks, Fire and Police Departments to make the appropriate adjustments and then to come back to Council for action.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to table Item 9.A. until the July 25<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 Approval to Waive Park Fees & Provide Services for the Mini-Cassia CASE Event on the Square**

Celes Hawkes requested that her group be allowed to use Fremont for their first fundraising and public information event. Some of the proceeds would even go to the Rupert Police Department.

There was discussion regarding the heat and lack of shade on Fremont. Hawkes was asked to consider the Square for her event, however the City would facilitate her preference either way. City staff would follow up with Hawkes to make any necessary adjustments.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to waive the fees for park usage and provide services for the Mini-Cassia CASE event. Councilman Thompson 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 Purchase of Haymill Subdivision**

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, stated that United Electric was in the process of constructing a much larger substation, across the street from the Haymill Subdivision, which is currently shared with the City. United was looking to sell their interest in the substation, to which an offer had been made to the City in the approximate amount of \$139,500.

Anthon stated that there was not yet any paperwork ready to move forward with, that this item was still in discussions and formal documentation would be presented at a later meeting. There was no action taken.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sydney Duffin - Asked if the City ever considered hosting a farmer's market in the Square.

There was general discussion regarding past attempts at a farmer's market in Rupert.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Brown read aloud a patriotic reading submitted by a local resident.

Mayor Brown also read aloud a card from the Folk Dance Festival Group.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Heward made a motion to move to Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 to have discussions under subsection (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: 8:37 PM**

Discussions under subsections (1)(f).

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED: 9:15 PM**

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.