

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO
AUGUST 8TH, 2023**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the eighth 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
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: David Joyce, Jeff McEwen, Roger Davis, Leslie Garner
Ginger Smith (Employees)
Dave Noel, Mariah Fowler, Amanda Larsen, Bob Freeman
(Visitors)

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

Lance Stevenson 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 and Minutes

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the bills, payroll and minutes of the July 25th, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux 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 did not show up to the meeting. There was no discussion or action.

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

This item was still not ready for discussion or action.

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

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, updated the Council on the status of the Liquor License renewal and transfer. There was no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Pre-Selection of the Membrane Equipment for the Wastewater Plant Upgrades

Dave Noel, with Forsgren Engineering, presented the mayor and Council with the information received for the equipment pre-selection of the wastewater upgrades. The engineers are recommending that the City use Kubota equipment in the planning of the upgrades.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to award and proceed with the preliminary engineering design portion of the bid contract presented in the approximate amount of \$520,000, and to allow the Mayor to sign the same, and for the preselection of the Kubota Membrane at \$7,996,619. 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: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Transportation Plan

Mariah Fowler, from Forsgren Engineering, presented the Transportation Plan that had been put together for the City. The City would use this plan for future budgeting and to obtain grant funding.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the Transportation Plan as presented. 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: C. Discussion & Possible Approval of the City Administrator Contract

This item was moved to follow Executive Session.

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) and (1)(f). Councilman Thompson 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: 8:08 PM.

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

Open Session Resumed: 8:42 PM.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Approval of the City Administrator Contract

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the Contract for the City Administrator as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.