

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the eighth day of April 2025 in the Council Chambers located inside City Hall at 624 F Street, Rupert, Idaho at the hour of 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Tammy Jones
Councilmembers Present: Wardle, Faux, Heward
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: Jeff McEwen, Ginger Smith, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Matt Adams, Janet King (Visitors)

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

Deacon Janet King gave invocation.

Mayor Jones 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 the minutes of the March 25th, 2025 council meeting. Councilman Wardle seconded and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS

Item: A. Proclamation in Recognition of Landscape Architects

Matt Adams, from the Land Group, came to speak on the proclamation being presented in support of landscape architects and in appreciation of the work that was done on the Rupert Square and Fremont Plaza in previous years.

Mayor Jones read aloud the proclamation, proclaiming April to be Landscape Architecture Month in Rupert, and signed the same.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding REDS Projects & Application

Ginger Smith presented the projects that had been planned for operation facelift including work on flower gardens at the Avenue of Flags, the weed stop at the new Fire Hall and benches and lighting around the gazebo.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to approve of the listed projects for the REDS application. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

Councilman Thompson was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval to Waive Fees& Provide Services for the Easter Egg Hunt Event on the Square

The Council had previously heard details and service requests from the Carney Realty Group regarding their annual Easter egg hunt on the square.

Councilman Heward made a motion to waive the fees for the annual Easter Egg Hunt event in the square and provide the necessary services. Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

Councilman Thompson was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Revised ESPA City Agreement for Allocation of Mitigation Obligations under the Final Settlement Agreement

City water attorney, Chris Bromley, went over the update to the ESPA agreement. there were no significant changes and no concerns from legal counsel.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the revised ESPA City Agreement for Allocation of Mitigation Obligations under the Final Settlement Agreement as presented. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

Councilman Thompson was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Item: D. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Purchase of a Police Department Vehicle & Associated Paperwork

Jeff McEwen presented the paperwork for the buy out of one of the police vehicles that the department had been leasing. This transaction was approved during the budgeting process. The purchase amount would be \$9,000.

Councilman Wardle made a motion to approve the purchase of the police department vehicle from Bancorp in the amount of \$9,000 and allow the Mayor to sign the necessary documents. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

Councilman Thompson was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

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)(b), (1)(c), and (1)(f). Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilman Wardle

Nays: None

Councilman Thompson was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Executive Session Began: 7:47 PM.

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

Open Session Resumed: 8:09 PM.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.