

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO
JUNE 27TH, 2023**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-seventh day of June, 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: Faux, Heward, Jones
Councilmembers Absent: Thompson
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: Suzy Sorenson, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Rand Fagg, Sydney Duffin, Steve Trevino, Roli Mack,
(Visitors)

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Jones led everyone in the Pledge.

Father Rand Fagg 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 June 13th, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Execution of a New Liquor Licenses Lease

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that the City was in possession of a liquor license from the purchase of the Blue Room. The City had been leasing that license to Magic Valley Food Services, however, that lease was recently terminated.

The City was now presenting a lease with Lulu's on the Square LLC, for use of the license. There were no concerns with the lease. The lease was presenting in the same terms and provisions as the previous one.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the City's Liquor License with Lulu's on the Square LLC. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Provide Services & Waive Park Fees for the Operation Christmas Child Event

Roli Mack explained that the Grace Church was planning its 5th year of Operation Christmas Child, where they raise funds and put together Christmas packages for children in other countries. The group would be needing electricity for vendors. It was stated that any vendors that would be profiting from their sales at the event would need to pay for the electricity hookups.

Councilman Heward made a motion to waive the fees for the use of the Square for Operation Christmas Child on September 16th, 2023. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

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

Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval to Provide Services & Waive Park Fees for Back to School Haircuts in the Park

Sydney Duffin explained that some local hairstylists were wanting to provide free haircuts in the Square in August before school starts. There would need to be power provided for clippers, preferably at the gazebo. There may be some food vendors invited. It was again stated that any vendors that would be profiting from their sales at the event would need to pay for the electricity hookups.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to waive the fees and provide services for the back to school haircuts in the park event. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

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

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Historic Downtown Lighting

Sydney Duffin came before the Mayor and Council to present information she had gathered on the installment of decorative lighting around the buildings on the square. Duffin wanted to know if the City would be supportive of a project like this being presented to the business owners. There would be more discussions regarding power options and possible financing sources.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to table Item: 9. C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Historic Downtown Lighting indefinitely. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

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

Item: D. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Tort Claim Submitted by Michael Barnes

It was expressed that more information on right of ways and property lines was needed before action would be taken.

Councilman Heward made a motion to table Item: 9. D. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Tort Claim Submitted by Michael Barnes indefinitely. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Trevino - Had follow up questions regarding the truck parking complaint he had brought up at the last council meeting.

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). Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Faux, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

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

Executive session began 8:07 PM.

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

Open session resumed: 9:02 PM.

With no further business before the Mayor and the Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.