

**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 tenth day of December, 2024 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: Thompson, Faux, Heward, Wardle
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan

Visitors: Roger Davis, Ginger Smith, David Joyce, DJ Price (Employees)
Keith Goodsell, Chainey Rhoades (Visitors)

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

Councilwoman Faux 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 November 26th, 2024 regular council meeting. Councilman Wardle seconded and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS

Item: A. Presentation of the Build a Better Mousetrap Award

Chainey Rhoades, representing LHTAC, presented DJ Price with an award for the idea for a road bridge repair project that he had submitted.

ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS

Item: A. Resolution 24-106 Findings URA – Shelton Property

OLD BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Acceptance of the Eligibility Study for Shelton Property

RESOLUTION No. 24-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUPERT IDAHO, FINDING AND DECLARING PROPERTY IN RUPERT, IDAHO TO BE A DETERIORATED AND DETERIORATING AREA AND REQUESTING ACTION OF THE RUPERT URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY.

Councilman Heward made a motion to indefinitely table Items 7.A. & 8.A as they were not quite ready for council action. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. PUBLIC HEARING – Creating of Industrial Wastewater Utility Rates and Creation of Electric Department Solar Application Fees

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that the City had previously only addressed industrial wastewater fees through contract agreement. The City was now establishing set fees.

Also, being proposed was an increase to electrical service rates, which had not gone up in two years, in an amount less than four percent. There were also new fees being created to go along with the solar metering application process.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Keith Goodsell – Asked if the rate was to be in place of the industrial rate contracts or as a fallback if necessary.

It was explained that the rate would be in place if industrial wastewater agreements were not executed and kept.

With no further comment, Mayor Jones closed the hearing at 7:20 PM.

ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS

Item: B. Resolution 24-109 Wastewater Industrial Rate Creation

RESOLUTION NO. 24-109

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO, ADOPTING NEW WASTEWATER CHARGE RATES FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CITY PURSUANT TO THE USER CLASSIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED IN RUPERT CITY ORDINANCE 842; PROVIDING THAT NEW RATES FOR ALL CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE.

City Attorney Lance Stevenson read Resolution 24-109 aloud by title only.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-109. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: C. Resolution 24-110 Electrical Rate Increases & Creation of New Fees

RESOLUTION NO. 24-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO, REVISING ELECTRICAL RATES FOR THE CITY OF RUPERT'S RATE CATEGORIES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED IN RUPERT CITY CODE 10-6-4 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Attorney Lance Stevenson read Resolution 24-110 aloud by title only.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-110. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: D. Resolution 24-111 Grant Agreement Authorization

City Attorney Lance Stevenson read Resolution 24-111 aloud by title only.

Councilman Heward made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-111. Councilman Wardle seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Contract for Services with High Output Development

Public Works Director, Roger Davis, explained that the City had previously awarded bid for the child safety pedestrian grant project to High Output Construction and now he was seeking approval of the contract for services. There were no concerns from legal.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the contract with High Output Construction and allow the Mayor to sign the same. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Agreement for the 100 West Sidewalk Grant Project with the Idaho Department of Transportation

Davis explained that the agreement being presented was with the Idaho Transportation Department and outlined the obligations of the grant and the grant process. There were no concerns.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the agreement with ITD for the 100 West Sidewalk Grant Project and allow the Mayor to sign the same. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There was general discussion regarding the Snake River Seed Property.

There was also general discussion regarding the Pool cover project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Faux 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 Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Executive Session began: 7:59 PM.

Open Session resumed: 8:55 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: D. Discussion & Possible Approval of the City Administrator Evaluation

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the City Administrator evaluation as presented Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.