

**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 twenty-second 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, Thompson, Faux, Heward  
City Administrator Kelly Anthon  
City Clerk Bayley Maughan  
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

**Visitors:** David Joyce, Ginger Smith, Leslie Garner (Employees)  
Don Garner (Visitors)

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

Don Garner 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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 council meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

**RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Mayor Jones read aloud the Child Abuse Prevent Month Proclamation and signed the same.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Rate Increase and Creation of Certain Fees**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing t 7:12 PM.

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that the city was in the process of adjusting some of its recreation fees. Some fees were being reduced and one fee, bowling, would be seeing an increase due to an increase in the amount that the bowling alley charges the city each year. There was also the creation of new fees, involving the rental of the baseball fields.

Aside from Recreation, the City was also looking to make adjustments to the industrial wastewater fees being charged. This change would mean breaking out the different charges for solids rather than a combined charge on a tiered structure.

With no comments or questions from the public, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

## **ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS**

### **Item: A. Resolution 25-101 – Recreation Fees**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-101**

#### **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING RATES, FEES AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF RUPERT RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Attorney, Lance Stevenson, read Resolution 25-101 aloud by title.

Councilman Heward made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-101, amending certain recreation fees.

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: B. Resolution 25-102 – Wastewater Rates**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-102**

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 25-102 aloud by title.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-102, amending certain wastewater fees.

Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

### **Item: C. Ordinance 25-504 – Wastewater PH**

#### **ORDINANCE No. 25-504**

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 5, OF THE RUPERT CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATING WASTEWATER USE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Wastewater Superintendent, David Joyce, explained that the City had outdated code that allowed for a PH level of 5.5 from the industries, that is not healthy for the treatment plant. The PH level being allowed by code damages the membranes and kills bacteria in the plant. The ordinance being proposed changes the acceptable PH level in from 5.5 to 6.5.

Councilwoman Faux made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading by title only of Ordinance 25-504. Councilman Thompson seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

Stevenson read Ordinance 25-504 aloud by title only.

Councilman Heward made a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-504. 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 (Continued)**

#### **Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval to Waive Fees & Provide Services for the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Event**

Noemi Juarez came before the Mayor and Council to ask that the Women & Children's Shelter be allowed to use the Square for the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Domestic Violence Awareness Event on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The group would only be needing electricity in the gazebo.

Councilman Heward made a motion to waive the park fees and provide services for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event on April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Councilman Heward made a motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 to have discussions under subsections (1)(a), (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: 7:48 PM.**

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

#### **Opens session resumed: 8:35 PM**

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

There was general discussion regarding various City projects.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.