

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, IDAHO
NOVEMBER 14TH, 2023**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the fourteenth day of November, 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, Heward, Jones
Councilmembers Absent: Faux
City Administrator Kelly Anthon (Absent)
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: Leslie Garner, Ginger Smith, Jeff & Anna McEwen, Kim Thompson,
Vincent Sandstoe (Employees)
Amanda Larsen, James Wardle, Kirk Buckley, Mikayla Blacker (Visitors)

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

Kirk Buckley 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 October 10th, 2023 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Brown took a moment to recognize and welcome the new police officer Kim Thompson.

Item: A. Christmas City Presentation

Chief McEwen presented a new badge for the Police Department to use during the holiday festivities, presenting the department as the Christmas City Police Department for the duration of the festivities.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Declare Police Department Property Surplus

Chief McEwen explained that the City was in the process of getting new rifles in an effort to standardize the weaponry in the department. The City currently had 4 rifles that were no longer of any use or value to the department and were wanting to use them as trade on equipment to outfit the new rifles that were coming in.

Councilman Heward made a motion to declare the 4 rifles surplus and allow the department to trade them in for the purchase of accessories for the new replacement rifles coming in. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

Councilwoman Faux was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Changes to the Copier Lease with Great American Finance

Vincent Sandstoe explained that he had previously presented the Mayor and Council with a copier lease agreement with specific terms. After that approval, it was discovered that the old lease would need bought out and that the current copier would need the hard drive wiped before it could be sent back. As a result, there was a slight adjustment to the monthly lease cost in the amount of \$24 per month.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve of the revised lease agreement with Great American Finance. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

Councilwoman Faux was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Agreement with Christensen Machine, Inc.

City Attorney, Lance Stevenson, presented a draft copy of an agreement with Christensen Machine, Inc. regarding the possession and storage and maintenance of the sugar beet. This item was not yet ready for action.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to table Item: 9. C. until the next regular council meeting.

Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Heward, Councilwoman Jones

Nays: None

Councilwoman Faux was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashley Dalton – expressed gratitude for how quickly the Mayor and Council resolved an issue that she had brought to them previously.

With no further business before the Mayor and the Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.