

**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-third day of February, 2021, 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: Jones, Faux, Swensen  
Councilmembers Absent: Heward  
City Administrator Kelly Anthon  
City Clerk Bayley Maughan  
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

**Visitors:** Jeff McEwen, David Joyce, Leslie Garner (Employees)  
Rand Fagg, Joel Parker, Rick & June Larsen, Paul Aston (Visitors)

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

Councilwoman Faux led everyone in the Pledge.

Father Rand Fagg gave invocation.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **Items: A. & B. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, & Minutes**

Councilman Swensen made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, and the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the motion carried.

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Wilson Theater's Use of Fremont Plaza**

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, presented everyone with a draft agreement for the exchanged use of both the Wilson Theater and Fremont Plaza, by both entities. Anthon suggested the Council review the agreement and allow time for the Wilson Theater Board to also review the agreement, and then bring it back on the agenda for action at a later meeting.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to table item 8.A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Wilson Theater's Use of Fremont Plaza until the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Councilwoman Faux, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Swensen

**Nays:** None

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

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item: A. Public Hearing & Possible Approval of Country Fields Subdivision Phase I Final Plat**

Zoning Administrator, Paul Aston, introduced the application for final plat. The developer had already ran the plat through the Planning & Zoning Commission with the recommendation to move forward.

Joel Parker, the developer for Country Fields, explained that there would be 22 townhouses in Phase I and that he had already been working with DEQ and the City to make sure that utility services would be provided appropriately.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:17 PM.  
There were no public comments.

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to approve the final plat for Phase I of Country Fields PUD.  
Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Councilwoman Faux, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Swensen

**Nays:** None

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

**Item: B. Public Hearing & Possible Approval of New Haven Subdivision Phase II Final Plat**

Aston, presented the application for final plat of Phase II for the New Haven Subdivision. This phase would consist of 10 lots and would be located just off of A Street on what would become East 13<sup>th</sup> Street. This plat had also gone through Planning & Zoning with the recommendation to move forward.

Rick Larsen, the developer for New Haven Subdivision, explained that the homes would be similar to those in the first phase and would be under the same covenants.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:22 PM.  
There were no public comments.

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 7:23 PM.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the final plat for Phase II of New Haven Subdivision.  
Councilman Swensen seconded and the roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Councilwoman Faux, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Swensen

**Nays:** None

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

**Item: C. Wastewater Department Annual Report**

Wastewater Superintendent, David Joyce, updated the Mayor and Council on that the wastewater treatment facility had been processing over the past year, as well as what projects had been accomplished. There was also some discussion regarding new projects that were on the horizon.

Mayor Brown and Administrator Anthon both commended Joyce for his hard work and efforts in working for the City.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.