



**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT  
JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-seventh day of July, 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 (absent)  
Councilmembers Present: Swensen, Jones, Faux, Heward  
City Administrator Kelly Anthon  
City Clerk Bayley Maughan  
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

**Visitors:** Roger Davis, James Taylor, Jeff McEwen, James Wardle, Leslie Garner,  
Suzy Sorensen, Samuel Kuoha, Travis Freeman (Employees)  
Rick Molina, Travis Turner, Taylor Gee (Visitors)

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge.

Pastor Rick Molina gave invocation.

Council President Swensen called for any addenda to the agenda and there were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, and minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS**

**Item: A. Resolution 21-107 – DEQ Grant Authorization**

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign any all documents necessary for the wastewater study and planning grant. The Council had already taken action to move forward with the grant process with DEQ at an earlier meeting.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-107. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Fencing for the Boys & Girls Club**

Davis came back with the only written bid he was able to get for the fencing at the Boys and Girls club. The bid included the addition of one extra gate that was mutually agreed upon as necessary. The bid was from Butte Fence in the amount of \$14,931.93.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to accept the bid from Butte Fence in the amount of \$14,931.93 for the construction of a fence at the Boys and Girls Club facility. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

### **Item: B. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding SRO Agreement with the School District**

Officer McEwen came before the Mayor and Council with the previously reviewed SRO Agreement with the should district for the City to provide an officer to the three schools within the city. The department was also hoping to be able to provide an officer for St. Nicholas Catholic School, even though they are not in the district. The agreement had been reviewed but was postponed until after budget meetings could take place.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve of the SRO Agreement with the Minidoka County School District. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval to Waive Fees for the Operation Underground Railroad Event on Fremont Plaza**

Taylor Gee came before the Mayor and Council to ask for use of Fremont Plaza for the annual Operation Underground Railroad Event which sheds light on human trafficking and crimes against children in the area. Gee was unsure of what exact electrical needs they would have for the event and needed to confirm details with vendors and participants before the event. Gee was instructed to get with the City Departments over the next week to firm up the exact details so that appropriate services could be provided.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to waive the fees for the use of Fremont Plaza on July 30<sup>th</sup> and to block off Fremont avenue and provide electrical and sanitation services for the Operation Underground Railroad event. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

**Item: B. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Local Suicide Awareness & Prevention Coalition**

Pastor Travis Turner came before the Mayor and Council to ask for a letter of support for local efforts in organizing a suicide awareness and prevention coalition in the area. Turner stated that he would be encouraging anyone who was interested in helping to get involved with the group and that there would be a pie social at Perkins Restaurant on September 30<sup>th</sup> for anyone who wanted more information.

Councilman Heward made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the organization of a local suicide awareness and prevention coalition. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

**Item: C. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Grant Documents for the Jordan Detection K9 Grant**

The Council had discussed and reviewed information for the Jordan Detection K9 Grant with the Underground Railroad organization at previous meetings. The final agreements for the grant were being presented for formal approval.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve of the grant documents and agreement presented for the Jordan Detection K9 Grant. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

**Item: D. Discussion & Possible Approval of the 2021 Beer, Wine & Liquor Licenses Applications**

City Clerk, Bayley Maughan, presented the 2021 beer, wine, and liquor license applications. All of the vendors had submitted all of the necessary paperwork and payments. The list of vendors was as follows: Boonies LLC, Tifni Inc. DBA Doc's Pizza, Drift Inn Hospitality LLC, Henry's Heritage & Hospitality LLC DBA E Street Deli, David L Hill DBA Hill Oil, Joaquin Villagomez DBS J's Bar and Grill LLC, K & S LLC DBA Blue Room, Wally Freiburger DBA Melody Bar LLC, Triple S Oil DBA Mr. Gas #4, Mark Ridley DBA Ridley's Family Markers, Valley Wide Cooperative DBA Valley Country Store, Stinker Stores Inc. DBA Sinker Store #84, and Maverick Inc. #354.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the 2021 beer, wine, and liquor license applications as presented. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

**Item: E. Water Department Annual Report**

James Taylor gave an overview on what the Water Department had been working on in the past year.

**Item: F. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the City Administrator Employment Contract**

The City Administrator Employment Contract had already been reviewed by the Council during the budgeting process. There were no concerns or need for further discussions.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the Administrator Employment Contract as presented. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Council President Swensen was acting as Mayor and not voting. The motion carried.

With no further business before the Council, Council President Swensen adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.