



**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
APRIL 13TH, 2021**

Minutes of the regular council meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the thirteenth day of April, 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, Heward, Swensen
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: David Joyce, Paul Nelson, Randy Thompson, Vincent Sandstoe, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Tony Poovey, Richard Chesser, Chris Hall, Todd Wheeler (Visitors)

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

Councilman Swensen led everyone in the Pledge.

Mike Larsen 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 Swensen made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, and minutes of the March 23rd, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS

Items: 2021 Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Brown read the 2021 Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Proclamation aloud and signed the same, declaring April to be Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month in Rupert, Idaho.

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Brown read aloud a report from the Justice Department regarding Rupert officer Sam Kuoha's involvement in a federal case involving the takedown of sexual predators in Idaho. Mayor Brown expressed appreciation for Kuoha's involvement and success in these types of investigations, keeping local children safe.

OLD BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Minidoka Irrigation District Discharge Agreement

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, expressed that there was a concern with some of the language in the agreement, causing the need for more review with Minidoka Irrigation District before signing.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to table Item 8.A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Minidoka Irrigation District Discharge Agreement until the April 27th, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Naming & Use of the New Building at the Rupert Range

Rupert Range Board Chairman, Chris Hall, came before the Mayor and Council to ask for a blessing to name the new training facility and meeting center to be officially named 'Freedom Hall'.

There was discussion regarding the creation of a resolution to formally name the facility, and then to display at the facility.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to table Item 9.A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Naming & Use of the New Building at the Rupert Range until the April 27th, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilman Swensen seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval to Waive Park Fees for the St. Nicholas School Gala Event

Justine Lynch came before the Mayor and Council to ask for the use of the Fremont Plaza for their annual Gala fundraiser event. They were requesting use of the plaza, electrical and sanitation services and also use of the huts and fireplaces.

There was discussion regarding the use of the huts and fireplaces and recouping the costs of those items through donations. Lynch was asked to come in and meet with City administration to make these arrangements.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to waive the park fees for use of the Fremont Plaza for the St. Nicholas Gala Event, and to provide electrical and sanitation services for the event on September 25th, 2021. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: C. Discussion & Possible Setting of the FY 2022 Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing Date

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to set the FY 2022 Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing date as August 24th, 2021. Councilman Swensen seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: D. Annual Presentation & Update from the Sanitation Department

Paul Nelson gave an overview of what the Sanitation Department had accomplished in the previous year, as well as the goals that the department has set for the upcoming year.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - Tammy Bennet from CSI Head Start handed out pinwheels to promote Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Swensen 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). Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Executive Session began: 7:57 PM

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

Open Session Resumed 8:55 PM.

With no further business before the Mayor & Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.