

**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

**Visitors:** Randy Thompson, Leslie Garner, James Taylor, Vincent Sandstoe, James Bowers (Employees)  
Todd & Carol McGhie, Kathy Thompson, Brady Workman, Kyle Carpenter (Visitors)

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

Mayor Brown led everyone in the Pledge.

Kyle Carpenter gave invocation.

The Mayor called for any addenda to the agenda, and there were none.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the motion carried.

**6. RECOGNITIONS – AWARDS – PROCLAMATIONS**

**Item: A. Presentation to Todd McGhie**

Mayor Brown presented Todd McGhie with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service with the City as a councilmember and employee.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

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

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, went over some of the items that were being worked into an agreement, between the Wilson Theater and the City, that would be presented at a later meeting.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to table Item 8.A. until the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

**Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Operational Agreement for the Rupert Range**

Anthon explained that the only change in the language from the previous agreement was the City's ability to remove board members at will, when necessary. This change was at the request of the board.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the Operational Agreement for the Rupert Range.

Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the FY 20 Audit**

Brady Workman, from Workman & Co., presented the Mayor and Council with the audit from the 2020 fiscal year. The audit presented no material discrepancies. The auditors were presenting an unmodified opinion.

There was general discussion regarding some of the net changes in certain funds. There was general discussion regarding the general fund accounts.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the FY 2020 audit as presented. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

**Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Purchase of Dumpsters out of Contingency**

Sanitation Superintendent, Randy Thompson, came before the Mayor and Council with a bid for the purchase of 8 dumpsters, both 4 yard and 3 yard in size. The dumpsters would replace the dumpsters that have fallen out of commission. The bid was in the total amount of \$8,176.00.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of 8 dumpsters from Enterprise Sales Inc. in the total amount of \$8,176.00. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

**Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the New Water Meter Options**

Water Superintendent, James Taylor, presented the Mayor and Council with information regarding the new meters that he had installed to test out with the Beacon Software that allows the customers, as well as the City, to more closely monitor usage and detect leaks with water services. To continue moving forward with the program, the City would need to pay a one-time cost of \$4,475.00 for the software and training.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the one-time payment of \$4,475.00 to Hydro Specialties Company for Beacon Software. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

**Item: D. Discussion Regarding the Development of a Tree Trimming Policy**

There was general discussion regarding the need for tree trimming and maintenance throughout the City as it interferes with utilities and public safety. There was discussion regarding collecting bids for services to see what the City would need to plan for to move forward.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.