



**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT
MAY 25TH, 2021**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-fifth day of May, 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, Swensen, Heward, Faux
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: Vincent Sandstoe, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Rand Fagg, Sara Wright (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.

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 May 11th, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the motion carried.

ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS

Item: A. Resolution 21-102

Mayor Brown explained that this item was not necessary at this time for the bond process.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to table Resolution 21-102 indefinitely. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: B. Ordinance 21-504 – Sewer Bond Refinance

ORDINANCE NO. 21-504

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2021, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,685,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2012; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND APPLICATION OF SEWER REVENUES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; ESTABLISHING FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, EXECUTION, REGISTRATION, MATURITY, AND PAYMENT OF THE BOND; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATING TO THE BOND; APPROVING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE IDAHO BOND BANK AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; APPROVING A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Christian Anderson, with Zion's Bank, gave a brief overview of the bond refinancing process that the City had initiated for the Water and Wastewater Bonds. The two ordinances on the agenda were necessary steps in the process to move forward.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading, by title only, of Ordinance 21-504. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

City attorney, Lance Stevenson, read Ordinance 21-504 aloud by title only.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-504. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Item: C. Ordinance 21-505 – Water Bond Refinance

ORDINANCE NO. 21-505

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2021, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$730,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2012; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND APPLICATION OF WATER REVENUES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; ESTABLISHING FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, EXECUTION, REGISTRATION, MATURITY, AND PAYMENT OF THE BOND; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATING TO THE BOND; APPROVING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY

AND THE IDAHO BOND BANK AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; APPROVING A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading, by title only, of Ordinance 21-505. Councilman Swensen seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Stevenson read Ordinance 21-505 aloud by title only.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-505. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Stevenson explained that the City had not received the revised agreement from Minidoka Irrigation District.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to table the Minidoka Irrigation District Discharge Agreement indefinitely. 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 Lunch in the Park Program

Russ Taylor was ill and unable to attend the meeting. There was general discussion regarding the usual needs of the school district for their lunch program. City staff was directed to follow up with the school district to make sure that the needs of the program were met.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve the use of Lincoln Park and Neptune Park for the Lunch in the Park program and to provide the necessary services for the program. Councilwoman Faux 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 Action Regarding the Park Rental for Grace Church

Sara Wright came before the Mayor and Council to ask for use of the Rupert Square for a fundraising event for Grace Church on September 19th, 2021. The event would be open to the public and the proceeds from the food booth and entertainment would go towards a Christmas program and sends Christmas packages to needy children.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to waive the fees for the Grace Church fundraising events in the Rupert Square and to provide the services needed. 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. Possible Ratification of the Mayor's Appointment of Jose Alonzo to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilman Swensen made a motion to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Jose Alonzo to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.