

**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
MARCH 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 March, 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, Leslie Garner, Jim Bowers, Vincent Sandstoe, Shambry  
Emero, Brandon Fry (Employees)  
Travis Turner (Visitors)

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

Everyone stood for the Pledge.

Travis Turner gave invocation.

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

#### **4. 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 February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the motion carried.

#### **7. ORDINANCES – RESOLUTIONS**

##### **Item: A. Resolution 21-104 – Water Grant Sign & Submit Resolution**

The City was asked to submit a resolution with the waterSMART Grant application, authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary documents in connection to the grant. The grant would provide partial funds to bury two ditches, reducing water loss and relieving added pressure being placed on the wastewater system.

City Attorney, Lance Stevenson, read Resolution 21-104 aloud by title.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-104. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Item: A. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Wilson Theater & Fremont Plaza Joint Use Agreement**

Anthon presented the agreement that had been on the agenda previously. The agreement allowed for the Wilson Theater to use Fremont Plaza and the related amenities, at no cost, for specific events and in exchange allowed the City to use the Wilson Theater facilities at no cost for a certain amount of days per year.

Councilwoman Faux stated that the Theater Board was satisfied with the agreement and had no changes.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the Wilson Theater & Fremont Plaza Joint Use Agreement as presented. Councilman Swensen seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

Councilwoman Faux abstained from voting. The motion carried.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item: A. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Broadband/Technology Assessment**

City IT Administrator, Vincent Sandstoe, explained that he had been contacted by Region IV Development about being part of an assessment, at no cost to the City, that could better prepare the City move forward with grant funding for broadband and other technology upgrades. The group performing the assessment, ATS Core, would need access to the City's facilities and information to complete the assessment.

Sandstoe wanted to make sure there were no objections to the assessment before moving forward. There were none. There was no action taken.

### **Item: B. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Bond Refinancing**

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that the City was looking into options to possibly refinance the current water and wastewater bonds. The refinance would reduce interest and reduce the tax burden of residents. There was a \$500 nonrefundable fee to move forward with the process with Zion's Bank.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents to move forward with the refinancing of the water and wastewater bonds, and to approve the nonrefundable \$500 administrative fee payment to Zion's Bank. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

### **Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Office Equipment Leases for City Hall**

City Clerk, Bayley Maughan, presented the Mayor and Council with the bids received for new copier, inserter, and postage machines. The lowest bid package came in from Yost, for all three pieces of equipment, however the early buyout for the inserter and postage machine leases that the City was currently under, was unreasonable. The copier lease for City Hall, however, was already expired and needed to be addressed immediately.

Yost was offering to provide all three pieces of equipment to the City, without an actual lease payment to be due until the current leases were both fully expired. The City would still be required to pay for the copy maintenance change on the new copier, however the lease payments would not start until September 1<sup>st</sup>. This would mean a budget savings in City Hall for the current fiscal year.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to approve of the copier, inserter, and postage machine lease with Yost. Councilwoman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

The motion carried.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.