



**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT
AUGUST 24TH, 2021**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of Rupert, Idaho on the twenty-fourth day of August, 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: McGhie, Jones, Swensen, Heward
City Administrator Kelly Anthon
City Clerk Bayley Maughan
City Attorney Lance Stevenson

Visitors: Suzette Sorenson, Leslie Garner (Employees)
Joe Parker, Derek Smith, Darrell Paque, Brad Wilson (Visitors)

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Brown asked Councilman Swensen to lead everyone in the Pledge.

Derek Smith 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 August 10th, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: A. PUBLIC HEARING – Annual Appropriation Ordinance 21-507

A copy of the proposed appropriations ordinance for fiscal year 2022 had been advertised for the last two weeks and was open for discussion for the public.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM
There were no public comments or questions.

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

ORDINANCES – RESOLUTION

Item: A. Ordinance 21-507 – FY 2022 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Councilman Swensen made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading by title only of Ordinance 21-507. Councilwoman Jones 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 21-507 aloud, by title.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-507. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Item: B. PUBLIC HEARING – Country Fields PUD – Phase II Final Approval

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that the City had been working with the developer on Country Fields for quite some time. Phase I had been approved and finalized earlier in the year. Tonight's hearing and action would now be for Phase II which had already been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:09 PM.

Brad Wilson asked if there were any single-family dwellings in this phase. Joel Parker, the property developer, explained that there would be and that there had been multi-family dwellings in the first phase.

With no further comments, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to approve of the final plat for Phase II of Country Fields PUD. 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. Discussion & Possible Approval to Waive Park Fees for The Springs Calvary Church Concert at the Square

Darrell Paque from the Springs Calvary Church came before the Mayor and Council to ask for use of the Rupert Square on Saturday, September 4th for a Christian Concert. The group was requesting trash receptacles, stage extension and power to the gazebo, as well as some parking blocked off for the tour bus to park to unload the band's equipment. The concert would be free to the public. Church members would be cleaning up the park after the event.

Councilman Heward made a motion to allow the Springs Calvary Church to use the Square on September 4th, to provide electricity at the gazebo, and trash receptacles, and block off a section of street parking for the event, and to waive all fees. 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. Discussion & Possible Approval to Transfer Irrigation Assessments to the Minidoka County Tax Roll

City Clerk, Bayley Maughan, presented the Mayor and Council with the list of delinquent irrigation assessment accounts that had not been paid in the previous year. The City now needed to transfer the assessments to the County tax roll and prepare the new billings.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to write off the presented list of delinquent irrigation accounts in the total amount of \$1,883.98 and transfer them to the Minidoka County Tax Roll. 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: E. Discussion & Possible Approval of the Agreement with Pacific Office Automation for Phone Service

Maughan presented a contract for phone services with Pacific Office Automation for phone services for the entire City. The cost of the new system would be approximately \$500 per month less than the current service provider. The City had solicited two other local businesses with no response. The City IT Department had also researched an in-house motion but decided it would not be feasible for the City to do so. The details of the service had been discussed at budget meetings earlier in the year.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to approve the contract with Pacific Office Automation for Phone service in the amount of \$1,296 per month for a term of 60 months, and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. 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: F. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Water Right Lease with the City of Pocatello

Anthon explained that City had, in previous years, entered into a water lease with the City of Pocatello, in order to help offset water shortages in the Eastern Idaho Snake River Plain and fulfill the City's obligation to provide a certain amount of acre feet of water into the system. The lease would be for approximately 7650-acre feet of water in the total amount of \$15,081.56. The water being purchased from Pocatello, is then discharged into the direct flow system by the City of Pocatello.

Councilman Swensen made a motion to approve of the Water Right Lease with the City of Pocatello, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Councilwoman Jones seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There was general discussion regarding the intersection at 100 West and 50 South roads.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

