



**MINUTES OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUPERT  
JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

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

**Visitors:** Roger Davis, Leslie Garner, Travis Freeman, Samuel Kuoha (Employees)  
J.C. Holt (Visitors)

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

Lance Stevenson gave invocation.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, and minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular council meeting. Councilman Heward seconded and the motion carried.

**7. ORDINANCE – RESOLUTIONS**

**Item: A. Ordinance 21-506 – Bond Ordinance Amendment**

City Administrator, Kelly Anthon, explained that the surety policy for the bond refinancing required additional language to the ordinances previously adopted.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to suspend the rules and have one reading, by title only, of Ordinance 21-506. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

City Attorney, Lance Stevenson, read Ordinance 21-506 aloud by title only.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-506. Councilman Heward seconded and the roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item: A. Department Presentation from Public Works**

Public Works Director, Roger Davis, updated the Mayor and Council on what the Street, Shop, Park, Building and Fire Departments have been working on over the past year.

### **Item: B. Discussion & Possible Approval of the 2021 Safe & Sane Firework Sales Permit Applications**

Davis presented the Firework Sales Permit applications that had been submitted by Family Fun Fireworks and Phantom Fireworks. Both entities had registered with the state fire marshal and were return vendors that had no prior issues.

Councilman Heward made a motion to approve of the 2021 Safe & Sane Firework Sales Permit applications from Family Fun Fireworks LLC, and Phantom Fireworks Eastern Region, LLC. Councilwoman Faux seconded and the roll call was follows:

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

**Nays:** None

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

### **Item: C. Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Operation Underground Railroad Grant**

Travis Freeman and Samuel Kuoha came before the Mayor and Council to present information regarding an opportunity for an Electronic Device Sensing K9 Grant through Operation Underground Railroad. The grant would provide the dog, in addition to any living expenses for the dog for its entire lifespan. The dog would be used for finding incriminating electronic devices in searches and also as a therapy pet for victims.

There was general discussion regarding how this grant has worked in other departments that have participated. Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to see a manual or policy written for how the K9 would be handled, trained, used and cared for by the officers. This manual would be submitted to the City attorney and to the liability insurance provider for approval and then brought to council before any action would be taken on this item.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.