



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 03, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

The Sandpoint City Council regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Grimm in Council chambers at Sandpoint City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho, on July 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Jeremy Grimm
Councilor Deb Ruehle
Councilor Justin Dick
Councilor Kyle Schreiber
Councilor Pam Duquette
Councilor Rick Howarth

ABSENT

Councilor Joel Aispuro

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Reports

Mayor Grimm reported that he had sent the letter previously discussed to the Army Corps of Engineers, copying Bonneville Power Administration, to make the Corps and BPA aware of the impacts of the Albeni Falls Dam operations on the Sandpoint community. The Mayor noted that it had been six months since he and Councilors Schreiber and Duquette had been sworn into office. He remarked on the updated organizational structure and also reported on wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation progress. The new asphalt patching and sealing equipment has arrived and will be employed immediately. The public hearing on adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan has been scheduled for Council's next regular meeting on July 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Thanks and appreciation to the Sandpoint Lions Club for hosting the annual 4th of July downtown parade, along with celebration and fireworks at City Beach.

1. Presentation: Better Together Animal Alliance

Mandy Evans, Executive Director of the Better Together Animal Alliance (BTAA), provided a presentation on their operations and costs and relayed their request for an increase in the contract amount with the City. Information only; no Council action. The City's available funds for the services provided by the BTAA will be discussed over the course of Council's upcoming meetings, at which time the FY2025 budget will be on the agenda.

Following the BTAA presentation, at the Mayor's invitation and request, department directors provided reports and updates on department activities and projects and responded to questions from Council members.

Public Forum

Mayor Grimm announced that the next item on the agenda would be Public Forum, which allows the public to address the Mayor and Council on items that are listed on the Consent Calendar or on any City of Sandpoint related topic not included on the agenda. The Mayor then recited the procedure and rules for speaking during Public Forum, as well as other opportunities for public comment during the meeting. Following this information, the Public Forum was held. Information only; no Council action.

Consent Calendar

Following Councilor Howarth's removal of Item 5, Proposed Resolution for a Professional Services Agreement with TischlerBise, Inc., for an updated Development Impact Fee Study, which was moved to New Business, Council members present unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, as amended (items 2, 3, and 4).

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Dick, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth

2. Minutes from Council's June 20, 2024, Special Meeting were approved as presented.
3. Minutes from Council's June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.
4. The bills presented were approved for payment: \$1,133,481.97 (\$258,248.04 for regular payables and \$875,233.93 for payroll).
5. *Proposed Resolution: Professional Services Agreement with TischlerBise, Inc., for Development Impact Fee Study (City Agreement No. A24-1910-4)*

ITEM 5 REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR AND TAKEN UP UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Old/Unfinished Business - none

New Business

6. **Resolution 24-047** Change Order No. 1 to Agreement with Ginno Construction of Idaho, Inc., for Construction of Inclusive Playground and Splash Pad at Travers Park (City Agreement No. A24-5300-6)

Following a presentation by Community Planning and Development Director Jason Welker, Council questions and discussion, and public comment, this resolution was approved by majority vote of Council members present, with Councilor Schreiber dissenting.

Motion made by Councilor Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Dick.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Dick, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth

Voting Nay: Councilor Schreiber

5. **Resolution 24-046** Professional Services Agreement with TischlerBise, Inc., for Development Impact Fee Study (City Agreement No. A24-1910-4)

Following questions from Councilor Howarth, who had removed this item from the Consent Calendar, fielded by Central Services Director Cheryl Hughes and Mayor Grimm, this resolution was unanimously approved by Council members present.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Dick, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth

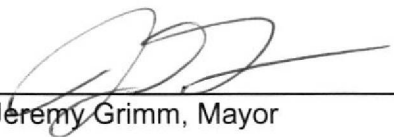
7. Discussion: Policy on Remote Public Comment

The Mayor and Council members discussed the policy on taking comments from members of the public attending meetings on the City's remote/online platforms. With direction and general consensus from a majority of Council members present to allow remote public comment during meetings, the Mayor will direct staff to reopen that option, with the exception of public testimony on quasi-judicial matters, unless prior approval is obtained; the Mayor will work with legal counsel to craft language for a policy addressing this issue.

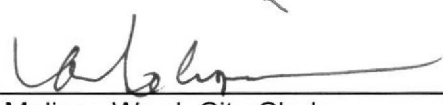
Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the City Clerk, were approved by the Sandpoint City Council on July 17, 2024.



Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: 

Melissa Ward, City Clerk