



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 06, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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

The regular meeting of the Sandpoint City Council was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Grimm at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Jeremy Grimm
Councilor Deb Ruehle
Councilor Joel Aispuro
Councilor Justin Dick
Councilor Kyle Schreiber
Councilor Pam Duquette

ABSENT

Councilor Rick Howarth

Mayor Grimm announced that Police Chief Corey Coon was present and would serve as sergeant-at-arms for the meeting and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Reports

Mayor Grimm announced that he was accepting applications from those interested in serving on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, Arts, Culture & Historic Preservation Commission, and the ADA Advisory Committee and provided information regarding these boards and instructions for applying. The Mayor also provided information on annual leaf pickup, planned for November 11-15, and a reminder that, in preparation for snow removal, winter street parking rules will be in effect on December 1, with no parking on the odd side of the street throughout town. The City was not awarded the grant that was sought for the construction of an asphalt bicycle pump track, and the City was also not awarded one of the two railroad grants to which the City applied for funding Great Northern Road improvements. City staff will be corresponding with the trucking community regarding the new configuration on Pine Street; as permanent signage is on order, temporary truck route signage will be posted. Mayor Grimm fielded questions and concerns from Council members regarding the City's truck route/truck traffic and signage. The Mayor relayed appreciation to the Public Works team for their work on this season's multiple road projects. The 1% local option sales tax question on the November 5th ballot, with revenue that would have funded road/sidewalk maintenance, did not receive the 60% approval needed from voters, so it did not pass, and the City is considering a community survey to glean feedback from Sandpoint's voters. The annual downtown Christmas tree is being selected and will be installed soon at Jeff Jones Town Square. An update for Council from the City's development impact fee study contractor is planned in a near future meeting, and a special Council meeting is also planned for November 20, ahead of that evening's regular meeting, for an update on wastewater treatment plant engineering.

Council members provided reports from the most recent meetings of the citizen advisory boards on which they serve as Council liaison.

At the Mayor's invitation and request, City staff reported on current projects and activities taking place in their respective departments.

Information only; no Council action.

1. Presentation: Waste Management Recycling Education and Outreach

At the request of Councilor Duquette, Tami Haggerty, Senior Associate of Education and Outreach with Waste Management, provided a recycling presentation and fielded questions from the Mayor and Councilors. Information only; no Council action.

Public Comments

Mayor Grimm recited the rules and procedure for public comment, followed by an opportunity for comments from the public regarding items included on the agenda and other topics relevant to the business of the City of Sandpoint. Information only; no Council action.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Grimm reported the amount of bills requested for payment approval, followed by approval of the Consent Calendar.

Motion made by Councilor Schreiber, Seconded by Councilor Aispuro.

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

2. The minutes from Council's October 16, 2024, regular meeting were approved as presented.
3. The minutes from Council's October 30, 2024, special meeting were approved as presented.
4. Bills approved for payment: \$2,557,119.25 (\$1,817,672.66 for regular payables and \$739,446.59 for payroll)
5. The following appointments made by the Mayor to the Urban Forestry Commission were confirmed by City Council: Paige Belfry 3-year appointment, Preston Andrews 3-year appointment, Chase Youngdahl 2-year appointment, Mose Dunkel 2-year appointment, and Geoff Gregory 1-year appointment.
6. **Resolution 24-078** Accepting the Recommendation to Permit a Mural at 301 Cedar St. / Belwood Building - approved

Old/Unfinished Business - none

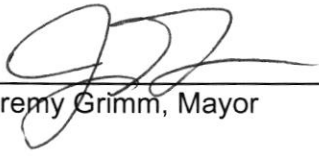
New Business

7. **Resolution 24-079** Accepting the Recommendation of Selected Art for the Fall 2024 Silver Box Public Art on Loan Program and Approval of Accompanying Agreements
Following an introduction of this item by Mayor Grimm, Arts and Historic Preservation Planner Heather Upton provided a presentation and fielded questions from Council members.
Motion made by Councilor Aispuro, Seconded by Councilor Duquette.
Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Dick, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette
8. Following an introduction by Erik Bush, the City's Urban Forester, Erika Eidson with the Idaho Department of Lands provided information regarding the discovery of a spongy moth in the Sandpoint area and, along with Mr. Bush, fielded questions from Council members. Information only; no Council action.
9. Mayor Grimm provided an update and the latest information regarding the regulation of short-term rentals in Idaho and the status of possible impending legislation, relaying his plan to continue to support Sandpoint's ability to permit and regulate STRs in our town, as this issue is discussed in the Idaho Legislature and throughout the State. He invited Council members to reach out with any questions or concerns. Information only; no Council action.

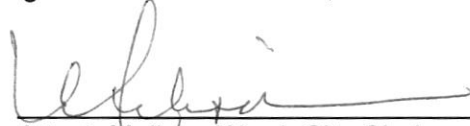
Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the City Clerk, were approved by City Council during their regular meeting held on November 20, 2024.



Jeremy Grimm, Mayor



Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk