



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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

Call to Order

Mayor Jeremy Grimm called the regular meeting of the Sandpoint City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 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
Councilor Rick Howarth

The Mayor and all Councilors present.

Mayor Grimm announced that Police Chief Corey Coon would serve as sergeant-at-arms for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Reports

Mayor Grimm reported that, as it is still construction season, there are several road construction projects underway around town. He also announced that the City has launched its new website, noting that portions of the site will still be under development over the next several weeks. The Mayor further reported that an informational mailer would be going out to the City's utilities customers regarding the question on the November ballot as to whether a new 1% city sales tax should be imposed on retail sales in Sandpoint, a measure approved by the City Council during their September 5, 2024, meeting.

Council members provided reports from the City's citizen advisory boards, with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Sustainability Committee holding their first meetings in September, and the Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Commission also holding their regular monthly meeting.

At the Mayor's request and invitation, department directors provided updates on projects and activities taking place in their respective departments.

1. Proclamation: National Service Dog Month

Mayor Grimm read aloud his proclamation of September as National Service Dog Month in Sandpoint, which he presented to Lilly Mitsui of Canine Companions, who also said a few words.

Public Comments

Mayor Grimm provided the rules and instruction for public comment, followed by the public comments portion of the meeting.

Consent Calendar - action item

Mayor Grimm noted, for the record, the amount of bills requested for approval, followed by a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion made by Councilor Schreiber, Seconded by Councilor Dick.

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

2. The minutes from Council's September 4, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.
3. Bills approved for payment: \$977,710.99 for regular payables.
4. The Mayor's reappointment of Kendon Perry to the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Board was confirmed by Council, with a new term expiration of September 30, 2027.
5. **Resolution 24-068** Agreement with Simco Development Group, LLC, for Lift Station Replacement (City Agreement A24-3257-8) - approved

Old/Unfinished Business - none

New Business

6. **Resolution 24-069** Authorizing an Application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund, Administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, to Secure Funding for the Final Design and Construction of an Asphalt Pump Track at Travers Park

Following an introduction by Mayor Grimm, Community Planning and Development Director Jason Welker provided a presentation and, along with Mayor Grimm and Construction Manager Erik Bush, fielded questions from the Council members.

Motion by Council President Ruehle, seconded by Councilor Dick, to approve the resolution presented, authorizing an application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund, administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, to secure funding for the final design and construction of an asphalt pump track at Travers Park, with a correction to the resolution noted by City legal counsel Zachary Jones, amending "\$300,000" to "\$350,000", acknowledged and affirmed by Councilors Ruehle and Dick.

Ahead of the vote, Councilor Schreiber desired further deliberation, indicating an interest in amending the motion to approve the resolution. Following Councilor Schreiber's comments, followed by additional comments from Councilor Duquette, Mayor Grimm called for an end to deliberation and a vote on the motion to approve the resolution. As reflected below, there was a tie vote of Council, with Mayor Grimm voting in the affirmative to break the tie and approve the resolution, as corrected.

Motion made by Councilor Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Dick.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Dick, Councilor Howarth, Mayor Grimm

Voting Nay: Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette

7. **Ordinance 1427** Dog Licensing - adopted

Following information provided and questions fielded by Mayor Grimm and Chief Coon, the City Clerk read the title of the ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING SANDPOINT CITY CODE TITLE 5, CHAPTER 4, ANIMAL CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion that the Ordinance pass its first reading by title only and the summary is approved.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Aispuro.

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

Mayor Grimm announced that the Ordinance had passed its first reading by title only, and the summary was approved.

Motion that the rules requiring three separate readings, once in the Ordinance's entirety, be suspended and that the Ordinance pass its second and third readings under suspension of the rules.

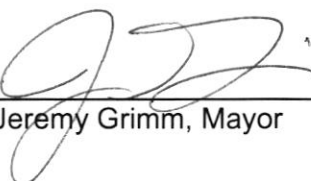
Motion made by Councilor Howarth, Seconded by Councilor Ruehle.
Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Dick, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth

Mayor Grimm announced that the ordinance was considered read, passed and adopted under suspension of the rules and would become effective following publication of the summary in the newspaper.

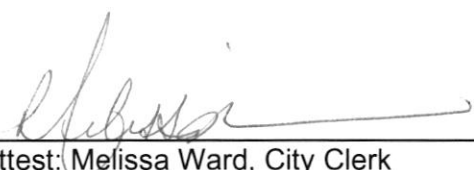
Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, Mayor Grimm adjourned the meeting at 7:31 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 October 2, 2024.



Jeremy Grimm, Mayor



Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk