



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 05, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

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

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### **Call to Order**

Mayor Jeremy Grimm called the regular meeting of the Sandpoint City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

### **Roll Call**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Jeremy Grimm  
Councilor Deb Ruehle, City Council President  
Councilor Justin Dick  
Councilor Kyle Schreiber  
Councilor Pam Duquette  
Councilor Rick Howarth

#### **ABSENT**

Councilor Joel Aispuro

As required by the City's adopted Code of Ethics and Civility, as the presiding officer, Mayor Grimm identified law enforcement personnel in the room serving as sergeant-at-arms for the meeting: Sandpoint Police Chief Corey Coon.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcements and Reports**

1. Bonner County Airport Manager Dave Schuck provided a report on the obstruction removal project at the Sandpoint Airport and fielded questions from the Mayor and Councilors. Information only; no Council action.

Mayor Grimm read aloud a proclamation, proclaiming the City of Sandpoint's support of military and veteran caregivers in our community, encouraging all who care for and support veterans and service members in Sandpoint to also recognize and extend that support to their caregivers, and presented his proclamation to representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution Wild Horse Chapter Regent.

Mayor Grimm announced that the Idaho Economic Advisory Council approved a performance-based investment incentive for Sandpoint business Timberline Helicopters, Inc., facilitating a significant expansion of the company's operations in Sandpoint, with the anticipation of creation of 24 new high-paying jobs.

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

At the invitation of the Mayor, Department Directors and staff provided reports on projects and activities in their respective departments, including a pinning ceremony for Firefighters Stephen Omodt, Connor Nelson, and Carson Nicholas, who have completed their probationary period. Firefighter Nicholas was also promoted to Engineer.

## Public Comments

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

## Consent Calendar

Mayor Grimm noted for the record the amount of bills presented for payment approval, and the Consent Calendar was **approved** by a unanimous vote of Council members present, as noted below.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

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

2. The minutes from Council's February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.
3. Bills presented in the amount of \$973,350.07, reflecting \$200,050.95 for regular payables and \$773,299.12 for payroll, were approved for payment.

## Old/Unfinished Business - none

## New Business

4. Project Manager Erik Bush provided an update on Phase 3 of the Downtown Revitalization Project and, along with Public Works Director Holly Ellis, fielded questions from the Council members. Information only; no Council action.

## Executive Session

5. As noted below, Council voted to Convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code, and Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Ruehle.

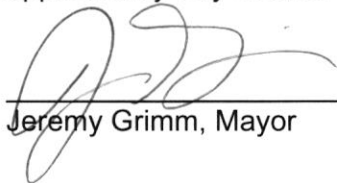
Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Dick, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth

6. An executive session was held under Idaho Code §§ 74-206(1)(d) and (f), as described above.

## Reconvene Regular Meeting and Adjourn

Following conclusion of the executive session, the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that the foregoing minutes, prepared by the City Clerk, were approved by City Council during their meeting held March 19, 2025.



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Jeremy Grimm, Mayor



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Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk