

Following Council member remarks, there was a motion to approve a bond election to be held on November 4, 2025, for Sandpoint voters to consider the proposition of the issuance of up to \$130,000,000 negotiable wastewater revenue bonds to finance the design, acquisition and construction of improvements to the City's wastewater system and facilities.

Motion made by Councilor Aispuro, Seconded by Councilor Ruehle.

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

The City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REVENUE BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO, THE PROPOSITION OF THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$130,000,000 NEGOTIABLE WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO, TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR RESERVE FUNDING AND PAYMENT OF COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

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 Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

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

Mayor Grimm announced that the motion passed and that the Ordinance was considered read, passed and adopted under suspension of the rules and would be forwarded to the Bonner County Clerk for the question to be included on the ballot for the November 4th election.

With consensus from Council, Item #13 was taken up next, prior to item #12.

13. Presentation/Discussion: Potential Amendment to City Code 3-2-9, Open Container Law

Mr. Welker provided information on the potential for allowing alcohol at City Beach Park, at portions of Travers Park, including the James E. Russell Sports Center, and at the building the Lions Club leases from the City at Lakeview Park and, along with Mayor Grimm and Police Chief Corey Coon, fielded questions from the Councilors.

Council members weighed in with their thoughts on the prospect of alcohol being allowed at each of these locations, providing staff with guidance to bring a proposed ordinance for Council consideration at a future meeting.

12. Deliberation/Decision: Amendments to City Code Title 9, Chapters 1 and 5, Alleys and Off-street Parking Areas/Facilities

Mayor Grimm announced that a public hearing on these proposed code amendments was held and closed on August 6, 2025, with Council postponing deliberation to this meeting date, August 20.

Council revisited this item and deliberated, with Mr. Dean, Mayor Grimm, and Mr. Welker fielding questions, and Council President Ruehle suggesting a motion prior to any additional deliberation.

Councilor Dick made a motion to approve the amendments to City Code Title 9, Chapters 1 and 5, as presented, seconded by Councilor Duquette.

Following this motion, additional discussion ensued, with Councilor Schreiber making a motion to amend the motion to approve, to state that the amendments would be approved as presented, with the exception of the expansion of the parking-exempt zone. This motion to amend the main motion was seconded by Councilor Duquette.

Result of the vote on the motion to amend:

Voting Yea: Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette

Voting Nay: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Dick, Councilor Howarth

The motion to amend failed with all but Councilors Schreiber and Duquette dissenting.

Result of the vote on the main motion to approve the amendments to City Code Title 9, Chapters 1 and 5, as presented:

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Schreiber

Motion passed, with Councilor Schreiber dissenting.

Mayor Grimm announced that an ordinance would be presented at Council's next regular meeting for official adoption in order to effect these changes in City Code.

New Business - none

Executive Session

14. Council voted to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f) for the purpose of communicating 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 Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Aispuro.

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

15. Mayor Grimm asked those not attending the session to please exit the room, announcing that the meeting recording would end, and an executive session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f), as described above.

Adjourn

Following conclusion of the executive session, the meeting was reconvened and then immediately adjourned at 9:22 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 _____, 2025.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk