



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM

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

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sandpoint City Council was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Grimm at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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

Under the City's adopted Code of Ethics and Civility, the Mayor, as the presiding officer, identified Police Chief Corey Coon as law enforcement personnel who would be serving as sergeant-at-arms for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Reports

At the invitation of the Mayor, Department Directors provided reports on projects and activities in their respective departments.

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

The Mayor reported that the City had been notified that the second of two grant applications submitted for monies offered by the federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program had not been awarded to the City. As neither of these railroad grants had been awarded, the City will not continue pursuing the Great Northern Road rehabilitation project as has been planned, freeing up approximately \$6,000,000 in funding that can be used for other projects in the Northern Revenue Allocation Area, to be explored further with the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency Board of Commissioners.

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 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, followed by a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, amended with the removal of Item 4, proposed resolution for the purchase of budgeted vehicles for the Community Planning and Development Department, Parks Division (PO #25-1453), which was moved to the end of New Business.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Aispuro.

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

1. The minutes from Council's January 8, 2025, Special Meeting were approved as presented.
2. Bills in the amount of \$1,583,113.15, reflecting \$835,994.82 for regular payables and \$747,118.33 for payroll, were approved for payment.
3. **Resolution 25-004** Surplus Personal Property Declaration and Disposition
5. **Resolution 25-006** Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for the Bridge Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project with Keller Associates, Inc. (City Agreement No. A24-2410-3)
6. **Resolution 25-007** First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Lake City Law Group, PLLC (City Agreement A24-1530-2)

Old/Unfinished Business

7. Decision on Appeal of Denial of McGhee Development Water Service Application

Following information provided by Mayor Grimm with notification that the water system pressure modeling data had just been received, Council voted to reopen the appeal hearing at their March 19, 2025, regular meeting to accept additional testimony from the Appellant and City staff prior to Council deliberation and a decision on this matter.

Motion made by Councilor Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Duquette.

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

City Attorney Fonda Jovick noted that the Appellant would be notified of the reopening of the appeal hearing, with a reminder that there should be no discussion amongst or by Council members regarding this matter until the reopening of the hearing.

New Business

8. Potential Land Acquisition for North End Extension of Sandpoint-Dover Community Trail

Community Planning and Development Director Jason Welker and Mayor Grimm presented information on this potential land acquisition, which would encompass unused railroad property north of Larch Street, and fielded questions from the Council members. Council members indicated a desire to have the opportunity to consider the purchase of this property, which will be presented to Council at a later date.

4. **Resolution 25-005** Purchase of Budgeted Vehicles for Community Planning and Development Department – Parks Division (PO #25-1453)

Following Council discussion on this item removed from the Consent Calendar, with questions fielded by Mr. Welker, Central Services Director Cheryl Hughes, and Mayor Grimm, this purchase was approved by majority vote of Council.

Motion made by Councilor Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Dick.

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth

Adjourn

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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