



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2024 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, November 20, 2024, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Reports

Mayor Grimm thanked Councilor Dick for his willingness to represent the City on the SPOT Bus Board. He reminded the public regarding winter street parking rules and announced that City crews are completing annual leaf pickup around town and working on some lift station upgrades. Redesign of the downtown parking lot is moving forward, and generation of bid documents is underway for Downtown Revitalization Phase III.

Councilors provided reports from the City's citizen advisory boards on which they serve as Council liaison.

Department Directors provided reports on projects and activities in their respective departments.

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 noted for the record the amount of the bills presented for payment approval, followed by a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended with Councilor Duquette's removal of Item 4, Proposed Resolution Accepting USDA/Idaho Department of Lands Grant to be Used in Support of the City's Urban Canopy Maintenance Activities Project.

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 November 6, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.
2. The bills presented were approved for payment in the amount of \$383,727.85 for regular payables.
3. **Resolution 24-080** Awarding Bid and Approving Agreement for Ruth Avenue to Boyer Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project (City Agreement No. A25-3257-1) approved

Old/Unfinished Business - none

New Business

5. 4/10 Employee Work Schedule Pilot Program

Mayor Grimm presented his proposal for a 6-month pilot program, offering a schedule of 4 10-hour workdays per week for City employees, with City Hall closed on Fridays. Following discussion, questions from Council members fielded by Mayor Grimm, along with suggestions from the Councilors on possible alternatives and a desire for input from the public, this item will come back as Old Business at Council's next regular meeting.

6. Proposed Resolution Waiving Membership Fee to James E. Russell Sports Center for City Employees

Following discussion and questions from Council members fielded by Mayor Grimm and Community Planning and Development Director Jason Welker, this item was postponed to the next regular meeting, with a desire by Council for data on the number of current employees who would use and take advantage of this benefit. Some Council members also expressed a desire for additional public input.

Motion made by Councilor Aispuro, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Ruehle

4. **Resolution 24-081** Accepting USDA/Idaho Department of Lands Grant to be Used in Support of the City's Urban Canopy Maintenance Activities Project

This item was moved to New Business, following its removal from the Consent Calendar by Councilor Duquette. The City's Urban Forester, Erik Bush, fielded questions from Councilor Duquette, followed by a motion to approve the Resolution.

Motion made by Councilor Schreiber, Seconded by Councilor Ruehle.

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

Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 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 _____, 2024.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk