

City Council Minutes

Regular Council

January 11, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall 6042 W. Maine St. Spirit Lake Idaho, 83869

Mayor Eastman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.; roll call was taken with Councilors Becki Gaddum, Darrell Woods, and Jeremy Cowperthwaite present. Councilor Gary Ventress appeared by phone.

Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Emergency Amendment to the Agenda- Attorney, Chris Gabbert, explained the purpose of the amendment to the agenda was to add in new business, the appointment of Shanna Swalander to the vacant City Council seat. State Code 74-204 4C - the amendment is due to concern of a lack of quorum and not being able to do business. The emergency amendment was approved in a motion by Councilor Cowperthwaite, second by Councilor Gaddum, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Gaddum, Woods, and Cowperthwaite all voting aye - motion passed.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Minutes for December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Financial Statement December 2021
- c. 1st Quarter Financial Statement
- d. Accounts Payable

The Consent Calendar was approved in a motion by Councilor Cowperthwaite, second by Councilor Gaddum, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Gaddum, Woods, and Cowperthwaite all voting aye - motion passed

Meeting Convened.

Public Discussions and Updates:

- a. Swearing in of the elected Mayor: Jeremy Cowperthwaite
- b. Swearing in of the elected Council Members: Mark Privitt and Darrell Woods
- c. Prayer by Pastor Kim Alexander
- d. Roll Call with New Mayor and Council - roll call was taken with Councilors Gary Ventress, Mark Privitt, and Darrell Woods present.
- e. Swearing in of Officer Vincent Saldana-Rey

New Business:

- a. Approve Appointment of Shanna Swalander to the Vacant City Council Seat- approved in a motion by Councilor Woods, second by Councilor Privitt, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Ventress, Privitt, and Woods all voting aye - motion passed
- b. Elect the Council President - Mark Privitt was elected the Council President in a motion by Councilor Woods, second by Councilor Swalander, followed by a roll vote with Councilor

Ventress abstained, Councilors Privitt, Woods, and Swalander voting aye. - motion passed. At 6:45 PM Councilor Ventress excused himself from the meeting.

- c. Anne Wescott -Presentation on The Spirit Lake Impact Fee Advisory Committee, Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Fire District, and the Interlocal Agreement between the City and KCEMSS - City Attorney, Chris Gabbert, explained this is a proposal for a fire impact fee advisory committee and was approved by the previous Council. Anne Wescott shared the findings of the committee. The impact fee is a one-time fee on new growth. Impact fees are designed to ensure that levels of service do not decrease with growth, not to make the level of service better. Proposed \$1725.00 fire impact fee and \$132 for EMS - per new residential dwelling unit. Councilor Woods stated the numbers do not add up and noted we pay high taxes in the district. Expressed concern that the costs were too cheap for the equipment. Discussion with the Fire Chief, John DeBernardi, about the current and projected costs. The City Attorney, Chris Gabbert, recommend moving forward and is reviewing the Intergovernmental Agreement.
Action to Send to Planning and Zoning for review- approved in a motion by Councilor Woods, second by Councilor Privitt, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Privitt, Woods, and Swalander all voting aye - motion passed
- d. Approve the Mayor to sign the Anderson Bros. CPA 2021 Audit Engagement Letter- approved in a motion by Councilor Privitt, second by Councilor Woods, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Privitt, Woods, and Swalander all voting aye - motion passed

Request to Speak to Council:

- a. Randall Vogt- Permission to hook up mobile concession to City Utilities- No Action taken
- b. Tommy Jude-Vaara - Reserve Big Park for a picnic on August 21, 2022- approved in a motion by Councilor Privitt, second by Councilor Woods, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Privitt, Woods, and Swalander all voting aye - motion passed
- c. Chamber of Commerce- Reserve Little Park for wine tasting on August 6,2022 (4:30-6:30)- approved in a motion by Councilor Privitt, second by Councilor Swalander, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Privitt, Woods, and Swalander all voting aye - motion passed

Department Reports:

A. Police Department – Report presented by the Police Chief, Dennis Sanchez.

- Year to Date Calls for Service – 740
- Grants- School zone sign
- Administration is working on policy manual
- Jail overcrowding
- ICOPA
- Department Training with Probation and Parole
- \$2,000 Impaired Driving Grant

- B. **Public Works Department** - Mayor and Council reviewed the Public Work's Report
- C. **Park & Recreation Department** – Mayor and Council reviewed the Park and Recreation Report

Announcements and Acknowledgements:

The City Attorney, Chris Gabbert, shared he sent the City an updated engagement letter. Informed the new Council there will be some training in February and we will be working on the validation proceeding.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Woods, all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Jeremy Cowperthwaite, Mayor

Attest:



Michelle Wharton, City Clerk