

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 10, 2025  
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pamela McClain	Mayor	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Marla Sisson	Council President	Jazmine Mills	P&Z Administrator
Michael Higbee	Council Member	Jason Scott	Public Works Director
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Karen Drown	Clerk		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of February 24, 2025 – Working Session
2. Claims for Payment
3. Monthly Department Head Reports – Fire, Police, Public Works, Code Services
4. Commission Minutes – Airport, Library, Planning & Zoning
5. Clerk Report
6. Treasurer Report

Marla moved to approve the consent agenda. Sue seconded the motion. Michael questioned several administration payment vouchers as being refunds for bond overpayment. Autumn explained this are homes that have sold and the owner made a payment but also the title company might have sent a payment from the closing process. Those overpayments are refunded to the seller in the final billing process. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, and Sue voted yes. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of 2025 Pool Season including possibility of not opening: Autumn reviewed the pool round-up information explaining that in 2023 there was a loss of \$63,133.00 and in 2024 the loss was \$53,652. She explained the difference in the loss was there was 22 few days

being open along with the fee increases that Council approved for the 2024 season. She noted even being open 22 less days the chemical costs went up \$8,000.00. She also noted the attendance of the Boys and Girls Club had been tracked and out of the 2,807 kids 358 were from the club and out of the 918 adults 34 were from the club. She also explained to break even the costs would have to be increase 311%. She also stated that efforts with pushing family and individual passes with the raffle still had only 13 family passes sold each year.

Teresa stated she started the process to get lifeguards for the upcoming season on January 6<sup>th</sup>, with advertisements being placed on the website and Facebook. She stated there had been ten inquires and four applications. The four applicates were sent for a pretest where two did not show up and the other two did not pass. Teresa added the process includes receiving the application, sending them for a pretest and the official training. They way if they can't pass the pretest then they don't have to try the entire training. Teresa also stated she had spoke with the Wood River YMCA to see if they had different ideas for finding employees and her contact said she was doing everything right and they see the same thing, she also noted the majority of their lifeguards are retired citizens not teenagers. Teresa also wanted to point out that the nine not returning was not because of the wages, but the fact they had moved on to college and new jobs. She also noted she has spoke with the trainer who has said he would do a special session if we could get the guards needed. Marla thanked Teresa for all her work. Michael noted the Caldwell pool was closed for several years and added it will be missed. Karen noted the Facebook posts asking for lifeguards have been seen 1000's of times. Michael added the sports limits the flexibility for kids to work and it is unfortunate that this is the option. Teresa said the one thing she hasn't done is talk to KMVT, but noted it is also tough without a returning manager.

No action was taken on the agenda item.

Review and Consideration Updated Information of Refunding of Outstanding Water and Wastewater Bonds: Autumn presented the updated information provided by Clearwater Financial. She noted the original presentation included the savings based on the original total funding amount from 2015. She explained that amount had been corrected to the current outstanding amount and the updated savings was \$911,000.00. There was a discussion about interest rates and this process. Autumn explained this is different than a traditional loan and those interest rates. This is actual investors investing in these bonds for a return. Andrew noted he had met with Cameron in questioning this savings. He noted that when the bonds were refunding in 2015 the state was rated as AA and now they are rated AAA which helps with the savings for the city. Michael moved to continue to moved forward with the refinancing the water and wastewater bonds with the projected savings of \$911,000.00. Marla seconded the motion. Autumn stated Cameron had been with Zions when the original bonds were taken out and the refunding in 2015 and Jace Perry with Clearwater was with the Idaho Bond Bank in 2015 so we have knowledge from both sides of the process working for the city this time. Michael noted that is still a lot of money and it would be crazy not to

proceed with this process. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Michael voted yes, Sue voted yes, and Marla voted yes. The motion passed.

Review and Consideration of National Senior Nutrition Month Proclamation: Marla moved to adopt the National Senior Nutrition Month Proclamation and have Mayor McClain sign it. Sue seconded the motion. Marla noted St. Luke's have been helping with teach classes at the West End Senior Center. There was no further discussion. There was a roll call vote. Sue voted yes, Marla voted yes, and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor McClain read the below statement.

We need to make sure that we comply with the law with regards to employee privacy issues. If a member of City Council would like to discuss any issues pertaining to complaints, discipline, etc. of a city employee, those will first need to be discussed with the mayor, who is the chief city administrator per Idaho Code 50-602. After review of the complaint, discipline, etc. if it needs to go before City Council it will be listed under an executive session on the upcoming meeting agenda.

Karen reminded the AIC District meeting was scheduled in Twin Falls and asked if any Council members were able to attend. Marla and Mayor McClain stated they would be going.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizens comments.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – Marla moved that the meeting be adjourned; Sue seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk