

**CITY OF WEISER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
55 West Idaho Street  
Weiser, ID 83672  
Tuesday

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

7:00 PM

**Call to Order 7:00:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, and Katie von Brethorst

**ABSENT:** Marg Chipman.

**STAFF:** Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Taylor Walker, Mackenzie Kissell, Pete Ney, Bill Taylor, Carl Smith and Sherri Breaux.

**Guests:** Theresa Rasmussen, Phil Janquart, Pat Caldwell, Layna Hafer, Jim Metzger, Dick Sullender and Jeremy Roberts.

**Invocation was given by Reverend Dick Sullender. 7:00:27 PM**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Janquart. 7:00:47 PM**

**Department Reports** were presented by Clerk McDaniel. **7:01:44 PM**

**Commission/Committee Reports: 7:06:07 PM**

**7:06:15 PM** - Sterling Blackwell, Economic Development postponed meeting until 11-15-24.

**7:06:24 PM** - Sterling Blackwell, Design Review Committee met, no progression as they are still working through paperwork on other codes to see if they are a better fit so are in the process of doing the overlay.

**7:06:42 PM** – Sterling Blackwell, Public Safety Committee met with Fry Foods. We will cover what we went over in that meeting later in this meeting.

**7:07:12 PM** - Sterling Blackwell, Weiser Preservation Commission, we put some lights up on the Train Depot, we will continue to install more lights next Friday with the help of our city bucket truck to get up to the top of the Depot.

**7:07:40 PM** - Sterling Blackwell, the Animal Shelter is officially a 501-3C, this will help them with the grants they are seeking and land they are approaching the railroad about.

**7:08:05 PM** - Sterling Blackwell, Library Report. I know they are still doing their STEM and Art. The Arts and Crafts Show was a great success with all tables being sold out. The Dolly Pardon Book Program is now open to Washington County. It provides books to preschool children 1 – 5 years old.

**MINUTES 7:10:41 PM**

**Motioned by** Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the minutes of one (1) Special City Council Meeting on June 18, 2024, one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on October 15, 2024, and one (1) Special City Council Meeting on October 29, 2024, as presented and place them on file.

**AYES:** Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:  
ABSTAINED:  
MOTION CARRIED.

**BILLS 7:11:16 PM**

**Motioned by** Mike Hopkins and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and present them to the Treasurer to have warrants drawn for payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Herb Haun and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:  
ABSTAINED:  
MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE INCREASE ON WATER FILL STATION/HYDRANT METER.**

**OPENED AT: 7:12:20 PM**

**7:12:32 PM** - City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read the public hearing notice into the record.

**OPENING COMMENTS: 7:13:58 PM**

Mike Campbell explained that we used to have two different rates but residential never gets used so we moved it to one rate. We are now only set up for commercial use with larger tanks. The \$25.00 minimum covers billing costs for the users who don't use the fill station very often. The maintenance costs for the fill station increase every year, these rate increases will help defray some of these costs. Mike informed the Council about who uses the fill station. Bill Taylor gave some water usage stats and customer numbers for the Fill Station. Bill also shared the billing process and why the minimum charge was needed.

**IN FAVOR OF:** None. **7:17:31 PM**

**UNDECIDED:** None. **7:17:40 PM**

**AGAINST:** None. **7:17:49 PM**

**CLOSING COMMENTS:** None.

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:18:00 PM**

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION #695 RATE INCREASE ON WATER FILL STATION/HYDRANT METER – Action Item. 7:18:06 PM**

Sterling Blackwell asked about the number of customers that use the Fill Station. Bill Taylor, we have six or seven consistent customers every month. This year in July with the Maverick Project our usage went very high. Mike Campbell, we only bill them if they use the Fill Station that month. We do not bill other taxing entities. Katie von Brethorst asked what the process is to use the Fill Station. Clerk McDaniel explained the process.

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to adopt Resolution #695 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE INCREASES AT THE AIRPORT.**

**OPENED AT: 7:21:17 PM**

**7:21:26 PM** - City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read the public hearing notice into the record.

**OPENING COMMENTS: 7:22:21 PM**

Jim Metzger, Weiser Airport Manager. Jim gave a brief history of the commercial airport users and in that address the reasons to raise the commercial/business fees from .15 cents per square foot to .20 cents per square foot. Jim gave a brief update on the newly updated City T-Hanger. Jim requested that the T-Hanger fee be increased from \$600.00 per year to \$150.00 per month (\$1,800.00 per year) not only due to the upgrade, but because the hanger market justifies it. Jim added that both these rates will still be attractive in the market. Discussion followed.

**IN FAVOR OF:** None. **7:33:09 PM**

**UNDECIDED:** None. **7:33:21 PM**

**AGAINST:** None. **7:33:30 PM**

**CLOSING COMMENTS:** None.

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:33:35 PM**

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION #696 RATE INCREASE AT THE AIRPORT – Action Item. 7:33:38 PM**

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution #696 for the rate increases at the Airport.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Mike Hopkins, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Herb Haun and Sterling Blackwell.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER THE PROPOSED NEW BLUE CROSS CITY OF WEISER LOGO – Action Item. 7:35:11 PM**

Mayor Hibberd explained that one of the benefits of this grant was that they designed a new logo for us, and we would like to present it to you and get your input.

**7:35:54 PM** - Layna Hafer, 50 Lundberg Place. Layna explained where the new logo idea came from and why there were issues with using our current logo. The council received an email with several proposed brands/logos to consider. These designs are just a starting point, we can also make suggestions if we have other ideas we want them to add.

**7:39:39 PM** – Clerk McDaniel, even though this is on the agenda as an action item, this is just a presentation. Discussion followed about the styles and color scheme they chose.

**7:45:04 PM** – Sterling Blackwell, have we done an investigation into what it would cost us to rebrand? You have a design, but what is the cost to put it on our police cars, all our city vehicles, etc. Mayor Hibberd, I think we would kind of do this overtime.

**7:45:41 PM** – Police Chief Carl Smith, I have not seen the new logos, but I’ve been here for going on thirty-six years now. I’m not sure if you’ve been told the history of the logo, our patch, a local person designed it. Over my last thirty-five years traveling places with my patch, I have had so many requests for that patch, it is overwhelmingly wanted everywhere. This patch, the logo, is near and dear to my heart.

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE BLUE CROSS PARK GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00 – Action Item. 7:46:51 PM**

Mayor Hibberd, this is to accept the \$85,000.00 Grant from the Blue Cross Foundation. The decision on what we do with the funds is ours to make.

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Blue Cross Park Grant not to exceed \$85,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Herb Haun, Sterling Blackwell, Katie von Brethorst and Mike Hopkins.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SUNNYSIDE SIPS – Action Item. 7:48:48 PM**

Police Chief Carl Smith recommended approval of this liquor license. Alcohol Beverage Control, the State Police have approved their application.

**Motioned by** Herb Haun and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the Liquor License for Sunnyside Sips.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR MAVERICK – Action Item. 7:50:40 PM**

Police Chief Carl Smith recommended approval of the Maverick Beer & Wine License.

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the Beer & Wine License for Maverick.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION #694 FEES FOR FRY FOOD, INC. – Action Item. 7:51:18 PM**

Clerk McDaniel, we have to have a resolution for the fees at Fry Foods that is separate, this rate increase reflects the recent city water and sewer rate increases put into a resolution.

**Motioned by** Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve Resolution #694 Fees for Fry Food, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg and Herb Haun.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN FRY FOODS PERMIT – Action Item. 7:52:42 PM**

Mackenzie Kissell, Wastewater Operator gave a brief address about the annual Fry Foods Permit. Mackenzie noted that the 2025 Fry Foods Discharge Permit is required by the State of Idaho and DEQ. Sterling Blackwell asked how the Fry Food request to clean the pH probe twice a day was going. Mackenzie, it is manageable, and the results seem OK with what we are doing. Mackenzie stated that Fry Foods is a good partnership, they are doing what they need to do. Last year Fry Foods had no violations.

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the 2025 Fry Foods Permit and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER THE OVERAGE INVOICE FOR STONE EXCAVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800.00 – Action Item. 7:57:51 PM**

Mike Campbell explained that the overage was caused by the two extra days it took to reset the manhole due to issues created by ground water and an unseen belly in the line that had to be fixed. Discussion followed.

**Motioned by** Herb Haun and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the overage invoice for Stone Excavation in the amount of \$4,800.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg and Sterling Blackwell.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**RODDA PAINT TO PRESENT SERVE DAY REQUEST – Action Item. 8:01:57 PM**

Jeremy Roberts, Rodda Paint Ontario and President of Better Together Inc. Jeremy gave a brief history about Serve Day, the kind of projects they are involved with, who is involved in making Serve Day happen and how to get involved. Serve Day is the last Saturday in April each year, the 2025 date is April 26<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy would really like to expand Serve Day into Weiser. To join a team, go to [serveday.info](http://serveday.info) and click on “join a team” or “suggest a project” to submit your project idea.

**CONSIDER PROSECUTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WALKER LAW OFFICE – Action Item. 8:21:12 PM**

Mayor Hibberd explained that our current Prosecution Services Agreement with Walker Law expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Discussion followed. Police Chief Carl Smith stated that Walker Law handles all of the city’s misdemeanor cases. Chief Smith added that they have worked with Delton Walker for many years and are very satisfied with his misdemeanor prosecution. Clerk McDaniel, the annual renewal would normally be from October 1st to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Mayor Hibberd explained that this extension was because we were waiting on election results.

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the Prosecution Services Agreement with Walker Law Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg, Herb Haun, Sterling Blackwell and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER SECOND ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR JAN 2025 WITH WALKER LAW – Action Item. 8:25:23 PM**

Mayor Hibberd, our contract runs out on January 1<sup>st</sup> and Delton Walker leaves office as Prosecutor on January 12<sup>th</sup>, this addendum covers those twelve days.

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the second addendum to the Agreement for January 2025 with Walker Law Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Katie von Brethorst and Herb Haun.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE KELLER ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000.00 – Action Item. 8:26:34 PM**

Mike Campbell, there was extra money in the Child Risk and Safety Grant to people who could get this put together by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Where Indianhead Pathway has already been designed, this \$21,000.00 covers the cost of the engineering to have that bid ready by December 1<sup>st</sup>. This would allow the Mayor to sign this contract so it could move forward as fast as possible. Mayor Hibberd, this would finish up the original design of the Indianhead sidewalk. Discussion followed. Sterling Blackwell noted that the grant deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike, we have to have the contract with Keller to finish the design by December 1<sup>st</sup> to receive the funds. We budgeted \$21,000.00 for this this year in anticipation this could happen.

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the Keller Engineering Contract for the Pedestrian Safety Grant, not to exceed \$21,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Herb Haun, Sterling Blackwell, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:31:54 PM**

**Motioned by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:32:03 PM**

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**Randall Hibberd, Mayor**

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**Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk**

