

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00:23 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst

ABSENT: Mike Hopkins.

STAFF: Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Ron McDaniel, Carl Smith and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Dick Sullender, Theresa Rasmussen, Doug Phillips, Laura Phillips, James E. Reed, Dylan Brown and Veronica Vasquez.

Invocation was given by Reverend Dick Sullender. 7:00:46 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron McDaniel. 7:01:11 PM

Commission/Committee Reports: 7:01:33 PM

7:01:40 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Economic Development Report. Continuing the logo process from grant. We are working with our Main Street America. We have gotten our third welcome sign paid for that will be going in over by Maverik.

7:02:23 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Design Committee Report. They are taking a break while waiting for further direction.

7:03:12 PM – Marg Chipman, Library Report. On March 3rd they will have Dr Seuss Day and on March 6th they are having a “Bird House” Auction at the Train Depot.

7:03:53 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Public Facilities Commission met to decide on how to use the money we received to improve our parks. A new large, covered area will be constructed on the south end of Memorial Park just north of the Tennis Courts and they received a quote to cover the new seating area by the new playground area. After that we will see how much money we have to go further.

7:04:49 PM – Larry Hogg, S.R.E.D.A. has a breakfast meeting coming up on March 7th at 7 am in Ontario at the Cultural Center. The theme of the meeting is on Health Care and its impact on our economy and in bringing new business to town.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:06:20 PM

7:10:18 PM – Discussion about why the monthly sewer numbers were so much higher than the amount of water we treated. Mike Campbell explained that the snow and rain add to it, but we also get a lot of ground water infiltration. Mike also stated that it is not that uncommon to have that big of a difference.

MINUTES 7:11:00 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on January 13, 2025, as presented and place them on file.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:11:24 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman 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: Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun and Marg Chipman.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROSE ADVOCATES UPDATE – PRESENTATION. 7:12:57 PM

Veronica Vasquez, Executive Director of Rose Advocates presented their 2024 update to the Mayor and City Council. Veronica stated the purpose of their organization and the services they provide. They are part of a network of collaborating partners which includes both the City Police and the Sheriff's department. This year they were able to hire a forensic nurse Dainiel Marvin to do the sexual assault exams for Washington County. They received a LOR Grant to remodel their front area and create a private intake room.

Client numbers increased by 49 with a total of 332 clients, 288 females and 44 males. Both domestic violence and adult sexual assault numbers were up this year.

7:16:30 PM – Herb Haun, I want to sincerely thank you for what your organization does. Veronica announced that the Rose Advocates “Rose Bowl” fund raiser will be on February 20th at the Community Church.

CONSIDER EDEN LAWN 2025 AND 2026 – 2028 CONTRACT – Action Item.

7:16:56 PM. Mike Campbell, we approved their 2025 contract during the budget, with no increase. The 2026–2028 contract would include a 3% annual increase. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the Eden Lawn Care contract for 2025 and the 2026-2028 contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **7:20:39 PM**

AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst and Herb Haun.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER SEWER CAMERA QUOTES/USED TRUCK WITH CAMERA – Action Item. This item was removed from tonight’s agenda.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #699 SURPLUS OFFICE FURNITURE – Action Item.
7:21:08 PM. Clerk McDaniel reviewed the list of office furniture to be declared surplus. Clerk McDaniel added that once it is declared as surplus it will be taken to auction.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Resolution #699 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **7:22:11 PM**

AYES: Sterling Blackwell, Herb Haun, Marg Chipman, Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE FULL PAYMENT FOR IDAHO POWER JUDGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,546.91 – Action Item. 7:22:32 PM

Mike Campbell, this is to reimburse Washington County for the City’s share of the Idaho Power judgement. Idaho Power asked for their taxes to be reevaluated, and this is the City’s share of that judgement. Washington County has already paid for this. Discussion followed. Mike then explained how he determined what percentage each department would pay. Sterling Blackwell asked if this would adversely affect any of those department’s budgets? Mike, it will be hardest on the General Fund, but we can definitely make it work.

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the full payment to Washinton County for the Idaho Power judgement of \$5,546.91.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **7:26:38 PM**

AYES: Marg Chipman, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell and Herb Haun.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE TIMING FOR ENACTING CITY POLICIES IN ALIGNMENT WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS POLICY – Action Item. 7:27:09 PM

Clerk McDaniel explained that any policy that is changed by a State or Federal law, the City of Weiser will in a timely manner update our policies to match the state or federal laws. Herb Haun asked if this would have to come back before Council? Clerk McDaniel, this is saying that the Council is giving permission to update our polices per state and federal regulation.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the timing for enacting City Policies in alignment with State and Federal Law Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **7:28:09 PM**

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Marg Chipman, Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg and Herb Haun.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE COUNCIL ON TRUCK REPAIR FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT.

7:28:30 PM. Mike Campbell, the truck the Sewer Department uses to haul solid waste to Payette, has lost an engine. This is the only truck we have that can make that trip. This is a \$35,000.00 expenditure, but we couldn't replace the truck for that.

2024 LOR FOUNDATION GRANTS – PRESENTATION. 7:29:37 PM

Clerk McDaniel updated the Council on the LOR Foundation and what they have done for the community through the City of Weiser. Clerk McDaniel stated that \$132,654.00 in the LOR Foundation grant funds have been processed through the City of Weiser alone. Clerk McDaniel then reviewed the thirteen LOR Foundation Grants that the City of Weiser received and what the funding was used for. Clerk McDaniel stated that future projects include finishing the pavement walkway around the pond, a generator for the Vendome as an emergency gathering place, and water fill stations around Weiser. Comments and questions followed. Katie von Brethorst asked how much longer they would be here. Sterling Blackwell, two years. Clerk McDaniel, I believe the After School Program at the Green House also received funding for supplies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206 (1)(E,F) CONSIDER PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, COMMUNICATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING

LITIGATION – Action Item. Clerk McDaniel explained that this will be on every agenda in case we need it. We did not need it tonight.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 7:36:00 PM

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

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:36:06 PM

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk

