

**City of Weiser**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
55 West Idaho Street  
Weiser, ID 83672  
Monday

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**  
6:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MINUTES**

**A PUBLIC HEARING** to present and receive comment on the Vendome Event Center Rental Rates was opened by Mayor Randall Hibberd at **6:03:24 PM** with the following present:

**PRESENT:** Layna Hafer, Larry Hogg, Cliff Barberis, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Mackenzie Kissell and Sherri Breaux.

**GUESTS:** Christina Stanley and Phil Janquart.

**VENDOME EVENTS CENTER RENTAL RATES. 6:03:41 PM**

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel, referring to a room diagram Council had in their packets compared the existing Vendome Rental Spaces to the proposed simplified plan consisting of Room 1, Room 2 or the building in it's entirety. Clerk McDaniel then shared that currently the Vendome can be rented in two hour increments on weekends or week days. They simplified it to a (6) six hour half day slot or a 7 AM to 12 AM whole day rental. Rates will be increased by thirty percent, for example the big room weekend rate was \$135.00 for half day, we raised it to \$175.00, the full day is \$250.00.

**6:06:01 PM** – Layna Hafer, for a better perspective, in considering half day and full day, if you look at the entire building, the old rate for a whole day, week day was \$350.00 for twelve hours. The new whole day (7am - 12am) rate is \$500.00 for a week day and \$600.00 for a weekend, we gave them a lot more hours. We also went out and looked at rates for other event centers do and they did not complicate it with two, three or five hours, they go with the whole day or half day rental. Our thought is that it is still very affordable and very competitive compared to what everybody else is charging. We can put this in place for a year, we can always go back and reevaluate it and adjust things if need be.

**6:07:47 PM** – Clerk McDaniel, the only other thing on the rates that we were going to change is instead of the Hold Fee being 25% of the Rental Fee, it's going to be \$50.00 and the Security Deposit for the meeting room only will be \$100.00, an event with food \$300.00, an event with food and alcohol \$500.00. Anybody and everybody who has an event there will put down that Security Deposit and that's just to cover us in case there is damage to the building, the floor, the kitchen, anything like that. That Security Deposit is refundable if there are no damages or anything. The other thing that we did do away with is the Dance Fee, we have just kind of included that in the raising of the rates to kind of cover the extra cleaning of the floor or anything else, that would cover.

**6:08:55 PM** – Larry Hogg, on the second page of the full agreement it's talking about Kitchen Fees it says for full use of the kitchen \$125.00 flat fee or Kitchen Use \$75.00 per hour with a 2 hour minimum which would be \$150.00. Clerk McDaniel, the difference with that would be, the full use of the kitchen for \$125.00 would be if you were using the kitchen along with your event. The individual by hour would be utilizing the kitchen for an event outside the Vendome.

**6:10:10 PM** – Larry Hogg, asked a question pertaining to the contract, Clerk McDaniel informed him it was Public Hearing to discuss rates only. Larry asked that his remark be deleted. Clerk McDaniel, it's stricken. Larry, I do have a question about rates, does everybody pay the same rates whether or not you are a nonprofit or a for profit or a government agency or whom ever? Layna Hafer, we are creating a

form for non profits or anyone asking for any type of a discount. That isn't going to be anything that is going to be taken care of in the Vendome Fees. That letter will be brought over to the Mayor, the Mayor will have to review it and consider if it's non profit paperwork or if it's a taxing district and that will be the Mayor's discretion. That will then go back to the Vendome for payment. Clerk McDaniel, each will be on an individual basis if there will be any fees waived or discounts.

**6:12:14 PM** – Mayor Hibberd, I will keep things as consistent as I can. Local taxing districts within Washington County would be waived, the State would pay the full amount, Nonprofits that are 501-3C's would probably be half price. I've talked to some of the Nonprofits and they've said that is no problem at all. We will probably never make money on this, but we have expenses and we need to recoup what we can. It is a great facility and this allows us to keep it up.

**6:13:48 PM** – Sterling Blackwell, simplification is great, thank you for the work on that.

**6:13:53 PM** – Clerk McDaniel thanked Layna Hafer for the time you put in on this, I appreciate it.

**6:14:02 PM** – Mayor Hibberd opened up the meeting for public comments.

**IN FAVOR OF:** None. **6:14:08 PM**

**UNDECIDED:** **6:14:24 PM**

**6:14:33 PM** - Christina Stanley, 440 W Idaho, Weiser ID. I have a question about the full use of the kitchen, we have two rooms that accommodate large crowds how is that going to work if both want use of the kitchen? Layna Hafer, this is only about the rates. Christina, this is about the rates because it's \$125.00 for full use of the kitchen what does that mean, does that mean no one else can use the kitchen at that time? Layna, whoever reserves it first would have the rights to the kitchen if they paid for it. The secondary person would be advised that the kitchen was already in use. Christina, OK, I like the new rates.

**6:15:26 PM** – Margaret Taggart, 1001 E Park, Weiser ID. I just have a question on the bottom line of your matrix where it says Hourly rate: \$100 weekday and weekend (minimum 2 hours). That's confusing to me with the matrix above. I don't know if that's something you need to look at differently? Layna Hafer, the thought behind that one is, maybe somebody doesn't need it except for just a meeting and so for \$100.00 they can come in and have a meeting. Clerk McDaniel, the reason it's comparable to the \$125.00 is that we're still going to have to set it up, tear it down and clean up. Margaret, it's just that you have 6 hours for \$125.00, but then 3 hours at the hourly rate could cost you \$300.00, so I was confused. Layna, the weekend rate is \$175.00, if someone wants to have a meeting on the weekend it's only \$100.00 instead of \$175.00.

**AGAINST:** None. **6:16:51 PM**

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 6:17:01 PM**

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**Randall Hibberd, Mayor**

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**Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk**