

**CITY OF WEISER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
55 West Idaho Street  
Weiser, ID 83672  
Monday  
**JULY 8, 2024**  
7:00 pm

**Call to Order 7:00:01 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Herb Haun and Marg Chipman.

**STAFF:** Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Bill Taylor, Carl Smith and Sherri Breaux.

**Guests:** Thereasa Rasmussen, Coleen Grant, Bryan Syme, Tony Edmondson, Wes Higgins, Cheri Clausen, Steve Clausen and Dennis Lance.

**Invocation was given by Reverend Wes Higgins. 7:00:51 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Thereasa Rasmussen. 7:01:15 PM**

**Commission Reports: 7:01:37 PM**

Sterling Blackwell, Airport Committee Report. The Airport Committee met and discussed the possible re-zone. They also discussed getting their funds together for next years project, the re-paving of the Taxi Runway. This is the only item not completed on their Ten Year Plan.

Sterling Blackwell, Library Report. Sterling presented the June Library statistics report.

**Committee Reports: 7:03:41 PM**

Sterling Blackwell, Design Review Committee Report. Preparing to present design requirements for Commercial Zoning to the Council.

**Department Reports** were presented by Clerk McDaniel. **7:04:45 PM**

**7:08:19 PM** – Mike Campbell, Commercial Street Project Update. This will be from E 1<sup>st</sup> to E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Discussion followed.

**MINUTES 7:14:02 PM**

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Mike Hopkins to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on June 10, 2024 as presented and place them on file.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Katie von Brethorst.  
NAYES: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**BILLS 7:14:21 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 and Katie von Brethorst.  
NAYES: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HISTORICAL PRESERVATION REQUEST FOR RE-ZONE.  
CONSIDER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION REQUEST FOR RE-ZONE – Action Item.**

**Opened: 7:15:40 PM**

**PRESENTATION:** Tony Edmondson, 598 Pioneer Rd, Weiser Idaho. Presenting in behalf of both the Historical Preservation Commission and the Property Owners involved as well as some of the neighbors. Tony gave a detailed narrative about the creation of the Historical Preservation Commission, including it's legal background. Tony noted that one of the most historically intact neighborhoods in Weiser exist just west of downtown encompassing sections of W. Idaho, W. Main, W. Court and W. Liberty Streets. They believe that properties within the block identified in this request were originally zoned A-Residential like the properties surrounding them. One of the greatest concerns is that there are no defined commercial uses for the C zoning designation. There has been no opposition to this proposal. Questions and discussion followed.

**IN FAVOR OF: 7:27:26 PM**

Cheri Clausen, 206 W Court, Weiser ID. Cheri emphasized the importance of keeping the historical nature of this neighborhood with it's heavy concentration of historic homes. She feels that this re-zone would be correcting a zoning mistake made in the past.

Wes Higgins, 1585 Hwy 95, Weiser ID. President of the Snake River Heritage Center. He thinks we have to be real careful in keeping residential areas zoned residential.

**UNDECIDED: 7:31:45 PM** None.

**AGAINST: 7:31:56 PM** None.

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:32:12 PM.**

**CONSIDER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION REQUEST FOR RE-ZONE – Action Item.**

**7:32:14 PM.** Clerk McDaniel added that if there is a motion it needs to define that the re-zone is from Zoning C to A-1 Residential. Discussion followed.

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the Historical Preservation Request for Re-zone from Zone C to A-1 Residential.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYES:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FY2025 BUDGET – Action Item. 7:34:00 PM**

Mike Campbell, the budget in the Council packets includes all the changes discussed at the first budget hearing.

**Mayor and Council Department:**

01-411.00-48 Dues S.R.E.D.A., \$5,500.00.

**Police Department:**

01-422.00-19 Overtime & Sickleave, back to \$30,000.00.

-32 Operating & Special Department Supplies, back to \$55,000.00.

-61 Repair & Maintenance – Auto, up to \$16,000.00.

**Water & Sewer** – The 5% Usage Increases.

**7:34:55 PM** – Mayor Hibberd, gave a brief overview of a meeting held with the Sheriff concerning the \$30,000.00 increase in Dispatch fees. Our contract for Dispatch is from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to make changes to that contract in any year is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The decision was made that we would take a look at it next year. Mayor Hibberd emphasized to the Sheriff that the City would be much more amiable to an increase if the cost was spread out to all the entities that are provided the service.

Mike Campbell, the new Dispatch numbers will be reflected in line item -64 in the Police, Water, Electric, Garbage and Sewer Department Budgets at the next Budget Meeting. Discussion followed. It will be a little more than the annual 3% because the \$4,500.00 the Fire Department use to pay will now be spread out through the other departments. More discussion followed.

**7:40 18:PM** – Sterling Blackwell asked if Mike had found out what percentage we could raise rates without holding a public hearing? Mike Campbell, up to 5%.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION #691 FOR THE USE OF 1% OF FORGONE – Action Item. 7:41:08 PM**

Clerk McDaniel, this was discussed at the previous Budget Hearing, Resolution #691 just identifies the use of the 1% Forgone.

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution #691 for the use of 1% of the Forgone.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN WALKER ADDENDUM – Action Item. 7:42:18 PM**

Mayor Hibberd, we contract out our misdemeanor prosecution. We have a one year contract with Walker Law that expires October 1, 2024. This is a three month extension that allows us to go to the end of the year.

**Motioned by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to authorize the Mayor to sign Walker Addendum.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CALDWELL NPE TRANSFER – Action Item.**

**7:44:13 PM.** Clerk McDaniel, at the Federal level the Airport is allotted \$150,000.00 per year for projects. We are able to bank that money for up to four years, at the cusp of that 5<sup>th</sup> year any money that is left will either go back to the Feds or can be transferred to another municipality that has a project that their money didn't cover. We don't get to choose who receives the money it just laterally transfers. Mayor Hibberd, is it \$18,225.00? Clerk McDaniel affirmed. Discussion followed.

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Mike Hopkins at authorize the Mayor to sign the Caldwell NPE Transfer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN HELPER ENDORSEMENT LETTER – Action Item.**

**7:47:25 PM.** Mayor Hibberd explained that the Helper Act is proposed legislation to help First Responders and Teachers purchase their first home. Discussion followed with concerns voiced and explanations offered.

**Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Mike Hopkins to authorize the Mayor to sign the Helper Endorsement Letter.

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ITD WEISER  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN – Action Item. 7:58:35 PM**

Mike Campbell, Our Transportation Plan was first done in 2002 and has been updated every five years. It is over the 20 year mark and we should look at redoing the whole thing. As we know things have changed significantly over the last 22 years. We applied for the ITD Grant which is federally funded, it has a 7.34% match. We were selected to be the pilot program for this grant so ITD will Lidar the whole city. We asked for \$120,000.00 but being the pilot qualified us for \$255,000.00. Mike then explained the advantages of getting our city Lidarred. We need \$2,000.00 right now to hold this money until October 1<sup>st</sup> so we are budgeted to go forward with it. We do have the funds for that.

Clerk McDaniel requested that the motion include the Mayor's authorization to sign anything that needs to be done moving forward. Council would be updated on anything the Mayor signs.

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the State and Local Agreement for the Transportation Plan as written and authorize the Mayor to sign the Plan and any amendments to the Plan going forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN CARES PARK GRANT REQUEST FOR FUNDS –  
Action Item. 7:03:52 PM**

Mike Campbell, this is the first request for payment towards doing the Park Equipment with the new install. We pay it then they reimburse us. Clerk McDaniel, this would be making payment on the project set-up, the environmental review, project monitoring, labor monitoring, financial management and civil rights. These are all things that have been done so far with the exhibit we chose.

**Motioned by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cares Park Grant Request for funds in the amount of \$10,890.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**8:05:34 PM** – Mike Campbell, if all comes together we will have bid packages out in probably the next two weeks for the Commercial Street Project and could have a contract to approve.

**ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:05:58 PM**

**Motioned by** Mike Hopkins and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to adjourn.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Katie von Brethorst.  
NAYES: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:06:26 PM**

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**Randall E Hibberd, Mayor**

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**Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk**