



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 2, 2024
6:00 PM**

Location: City Council Chambers, 408 N. Spokane Street, Post Falls, ID 83854

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JACOBSON

Mayor Jacobson was excused, Council President Kerri Thoreson opened the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kerri Thoreson, Josh Walker, Joe Malloy, Nathan Ziegler, Lynn Borders, Kenny Shove

All were present, Councilor Walker was via Zoom.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Final action cannot be taken on an item added to the agenda after the start of the meeting unless an emergency is declared that requires action at the meeting. The declaration and justification must be approved by motion of the Council.

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS AND SITE VISITS

The Mayor and members of the City Council have a duty to serve honestly and in the public interest. Where the Mayor or a member of the City Council have a conflict of interest, they may need to disclose the conflict and in certain circumstances, including land use decisions, they cannot participate in the decision-making process. Similarly, ex-parte contacts and site visits in most land use decisions must also be disclosed.

None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar in order that it be discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items and any contingencies are part of the approval.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Minutes – December 19th, 2023 City Council Meeting
- b. Payables December 12, 2023 - December 26, 2023
- c. October 2023 Cash and Investments

pleasure to serve with you, but I now look forward to spending the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month with my husband Bert. Thank you all very much.

- b. Swearing in of Samantha Steigleder, Randy Westlund, and Joe Malloy to the City Council

- c. Election of City Council President **ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Ziegler to nominate Joe Malloy to be the Council President.

Second by Steidleder.

Vote: Steidleder-Aye, Walker-Aye, Malloy-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Westlund-Aye, Shove-Aye

Motion Carried

Councilor Ziegler read comments from Mayor Jacobson: Happy New Year. I am sorry I can't be there in person, but I asked Councilor Ziegler to share some thoughts with you. First I want to thank Councilor's Borders and Thoreson for your many years of service. Lynn, your service goes way beyond your time on Council, your career in the Fire Department and volunteer work with EMS and other organizations speak volumes. You have made a positive impact on all of us and I want you to know how much it is appreciated. I look forward to your continued contributions to our community. Thanks once again. Kerri, you have been a strong supporter of not only Post Falls but our entire area. Your time on City Council as well as your efforts to support veterans in our area shows your dedication and commitment to causes that are important to you. You thrive when you are involved, and you can direct the direction the spotlight shines. Keep shining, it looks good on you and has a positive impact. I also wanted to congratulate Steigleder and Westlund. Welcome aboard and I look forward to serving with you. I hope you will find both the work we do enjoyable and productive. I can guarantee you will not be bored. Finally, I want to congratulate Councilor Malloy on your reelection. Joe, you have been a voice of reason and are always willing to ask pertinent questions. Your impact over the last two terms has been invaluable, and I look forward to working together with you in the future. Thank you for your wise council. Post Falls is better because of you. Again, Happy New Year and I wish everyone a joyful, prosperous year. - Ron Jacobson, Mayor

Malloy: Before the meeting, Councilor Thoreson was pointing out that this is probably the only meeting in Post Falls history where the council president opened a meeting and another council president closed it. Sorry for the confusion, it has never been done before.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There are generally two types of public hearings. In a legislative hearing, such as adopting an ordinance amending the zoning code or Comprehensive Plan amendments, the Mayor and City Council may consider any input provided by the public. In quasi-judicial hearings, such as subdivisions, special use permits and zone change requests, the Mayor and City Council must follow procedures similar to those used in court to ensure the fairness of the hearing. Additionally, the Mayor and City Council can only consider testimony that relates to the adopted approval criteria for each matter. Residents or visitors wishing to testify upon an item before the Council must sign up in advance and provide enough information to allow the Clerk to properly record their testimony in the official record of the City Council. Hearing procedures call for submission of information from City staff, then presentation by the applicant (15 min.), followed by public testimony (4 min. each) and finally the applicant's rebuttal testimony (8 min.). Testimony should be addressed to the City Council, only address the relevant approval criteria (in quasi-judicial matters) and not be unduly repetitious.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

This portion of the agenda is for City Council consideration of items that have not been previously discussed by the Council. Ordinances and Resolutions are generally added to a subsequent agenda for adoption under Unfinished Business, however, the Council may consider adoption of an ordinance or resolution under New Business if timely approval is necessary.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

5. CITIZEN ISSUES

This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Council regarding City-related issues that are not on the agenda. Persons wishing to speak will have 5 minutes. Comments related to pending public hearings, including decisions that may be appealed to the City Council, are out of order and should be held for the public hearing. Repeated comments regarding the same or similar topics previously addressed are out of order and will not be allowed. Comments regarding performance by city employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the Mayor, either by subsequent appointment or after tonight's meeting, if time permits. In order to ensure adequate public notice, Idaho Law provides that any item, other than emergencies, requiring Council action must be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting. As such, the City Council can't take action on items raised during citizens issues at the same meeting but may request additional information or that the item be placed on a future agenda.

None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE / STAFF REPORTS

This portion of the agenda is for City staff members to provide reports and updates to the Mayor and City Council regarding City business as well as responses to public comments. These items are for information only and no final action will be taken.

None

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

This section of the agenda is provided to allow the Mayor and City Councilors to make announcements and general comments relevant to City business and to request that items be added to future agendas for discussion. No final action or in-depth discussion of issues will occur.

Malloy: New Councilors I would like to say welcome, and I look forward to working with you for at least the next two years. Welcome aboard.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Certain City-related matters may need to be discussed confidentially subject to applicable legal requirements; the Council may enter executive session to discuss such matters. The motion to enter into executive session must reference the specific statutory section that authorizes the executive session. No final decision or action may be taken in executive session.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

6:15 PM



Ronald G. Jacobson, Mayor



Shannon Howard, City Clerk



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Mayor Ronald G. Jacobson
Councilors: Samantha Steigleder, Josh Walker, Joe Malloy, Nathan Ziegler, Randy Westlund , Kenny Shove

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Vision
Creating a welcoming, sustainable, and dynamic community.

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