



CITY OF HAUSER

11837 N. Hauser Lake Road, Hauser, Idaho 83854

HAUSER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

(ZOOM Meeting & Public Attendance)

REGULAR MEETING – August 13, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor B. Ray at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor welcomed all.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council member Finley
3. **ROLL CALL** – *Council:* J. Hoerner, present; A. Pomykala, present; D. Finley, present; S. Taylor, present.
Staff: K. Mihara, present; L. Wheeler, Zoom; C. Espe, absent; D. Ray, present; L. Fondahn-Baker, present.
4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS:** None

5. MINUTES:

ACTION ITEM:

. *Budget Meeting #2 Minutes of July 9, 2024, 5:30p.m.:* Minutes were approved with one correction. Council member Hoerner moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Council member Pomykala seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM:

. *Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m.:* Council member Taylor read the Minutes of July 9, 2024. Council member Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2024. Council member Hoerner seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

5.5 TREASURER, Lee Wheeler

ACTION ITEM:

. *Treasurer Reports– August 2024:* Wheeler expressed that the Report, the general fund of \$345,000, and the Profit and Loss budget is going well. Council member Taylor moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Council member Pomykala seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

. *COLA Discussion (moved from July meeting):* Council member Hoerner suggested using the COLA process. Attorney Mihara believes we should make a standing budget process (COLA+/COLA-) and use COLA as a reference relating to raises for council and staff and will draft it as a Resolution. Council member Hoerner moved to implement COLA as a reference point for council and staff effective January 1, 2025 following an election. Council member Pomykala seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

. *Analyzation of Budget Changes:* Wheeler said there are no changes.

ACTION ITEM:

. PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET: Annual Appropriations Ordinance 209

An Ordinance entitled the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 appropriating the sum of \$208,200 to defray the expense and liabilities of the City of Hauser for said fiscal year, authorizing a levy of a sufficient tax upon the taxable property and specifying the objects and purposes for which said appropriation is made.

Motion: Council member Taylor moved to approve the Appropriations Ordinance 209. Council member Pomykala seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

6. MAYOR, Bill Ray

- . Public Hearing opened 6:50p.m. Public Hearing closed, 6:53p.m.

7. REPORTS:

- . Cindy Espe, Code Enforcement: Absent

8. CITY ATTORNEY, Kinzo Mihara

ACTION ITEM:

- . ***Prior Legal Issue:*** The trailer park lawsuit is being handled. Enforcement issues are on-going.
- . ***General Legal:*** The AVISTA franchise agreement discussion is close to finishing.

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF

- . **Jeff Hoerner, Public Works – Streets & Roads:** No report
- . **Alice Pomykala, Land & Buildings:** Picking up Best Painting’s check today from Treasurer Wheeler to give to Gable Cross, owner, upon completion of work.
- . **Daniel Finley, Special Projects:** Uploaded UTube and add linking to the Website for meetings and will train the Deputy Clerk.
- . **Sean Taylor, Council President:** City Hall’s boards are not rotted. Best Painting scraped and painted, however, the rafters need repaired.
- . **Donna Ray, City Clerk:** No report
- . **Laurie Fondahn-Baker, Deputy City Clerk:**
 - . ***Comprehensive Plan/Research and Discussion:*** Legally, Comprehensive Plans should be revised every five years. However, due to under staffing, time and money, most north Idaho City Halls have not updated theirs for more than five years. Five out of 10 researched will begin reviewing and revising them within the next year. Mayor Ray stated that Hauser’s will be done in 2025 as well and will be on September’s Agenda.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This is an opportunity to address concerns NOT on the agenda (no formal action allowed.) There is a three-minute time limit. Comments regarding performance by City employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the Mayor.

- . **Tina Nelson, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair:** According to Hauser City Code, Ordinance 151, there is no legal mention of the Deputy Clerk’s position and therefore, amend ICRMP’s code to cover this position. Attorney Mihara guaranteed that the Deputy Clerk was legally sworn in via meetings and interviews as well as recorded in the Minutes. Ms. Nelson’s questions were answered and no further discussion ensued.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS: No report

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 p.m.

Donna Ray, City Clerk

Bill Ray, Mayor