

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,  
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

September 19, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Library Community Room on September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

James Hammond, Mayor

Dan Gookin	)	Members of Council Present
Dan English	)	
Kiki Miller	)	
Amy Evans	)	
Christie Wood	)	
Woody McEvers	)	Member of Council Absent

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Miller led the pledge of allegiance.

**PRESENTATION:** Safe Passage Director of Development and Communications Leslie Johnson introduced herself and Executive Director Amanda Krier. She said the mission of Safe Passage was to provide safety, education, and empowerment to victims of violence, and to the community. She said they were a non-profit agency serving North Idaho. She said Safe Passage's vision was to create a community that is free from violence. She noted their history had begun as a grass roots project which opened a Women's Rape Crisis Center in 1977, added a shelter in 1983, their Children's Counseling Center opened in 2000, the 4<sup>th</sup> Street location opened in 2005, the Women's Center was established in 2010 when they changed their name to North Idaho Violence Prevention Center. In 2012, they began their advocacy work with the Kootenai County Domestic Violence Court. She noted they received an award in 1997 for Outstanding Victim Service Agency. A few of the services provided included an emergency shelter (24/7), housing support, advocacy, prevention and outreach, children's advocacy center, hospital response for victims (24/7), supportive services (support groups and life skills classes), and resiliency services (clinical counseling which included equine therapy). She said they worked to empower by providing information on prevention. She said they make presentations to students on dating violence, provide information on green dot bystander intervention (observing and stepping in when witness to an unhealthy situation), host support groups at high schools and community organizations, make presentations and provide advocacy response at the local jail, community wide education and training, and provide outreach to private workplaces on sexual harassment prevention and response. She said October was National Domestic Violence Month and they would be holding their annual fundraiser. She mentioned they were currently working on national accreditation to grow their children's services. Additional information is available on their website at [www.SafePassageID.org/About](http://www.SafePassageID.org/About).