

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

November 5, 2024

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 November 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., there being present the following members:

Woody McEvers, Mayor

Dan English	)	Members of Council Present
Christie Wood	)	
Dan Gookin	)	
Amy Evans	)	
Kiki Miller	)	
Kenny Gabriel	)	

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, Seconded by Miller to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

**ROLL CALL:** Gabriel Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

The Council entered into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, Water Director, and Legal Counsel.

Council exited Executive Session at 5:58p.m. Matters discussed included a discussion with legal counsel on the Coeur d'Alene Lake litigation case.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Hemene James, Vice-chair of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, led the invocation.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mary Merrill, Coeur d'Alene, requested Council to have a bike trail, sidewalk, or street shoulder on Dalton between Ramsey to Highway 95. She explained that her husband uses a scooter and has to walk in the street with his service dog once he leaves the sidewalk near the Montessori school

and this is very dangerous. There are also school kids walking down the road and mothers with strollers. Mayor McEvers asked Mr. Tymesen to look into this matter.

Lisa Dee, Coeur d'Alene, asked the Council to pass a light trespass ordinance for residential properties. She mentioned that contemporary homes being built have high intensity LED bulbs and they have to deal with a neighbor who refuses to do something about its high intensity lighting fixture. She said that they have talked to code compliance, but since there is no ordinance in place, there were no reports taken. Councilmember English mentioned about the dark skies initiative and that Planning is looking into the different ordinances. Councilmember Gookin stated that Hailey, Idaho has a light trespass ordinance and provided a copy to Planning Director Hilary Patterson. He added that code enforcement receives complaints about light trespass but since there is no ordinance, there is no enforcement. City Attorney Randy Adams said that Ordinance 17.07.130 prohibits intense glare from lighting, and it is for all zoning districts. He stated that he will check into this with code enforcement.

**LEAF FEST UPDATE:** Street and Engineering Assistant Director Justin Kimberling noted that the annual leaf pick-up will begin on November 12, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. starting on the Fort Grounds area south of Sherman and heading north. This will approximately take roughly two weeks to complete depending on the weather. He stated that this program is led by the Streets and Engineering Department with the support of other city teams: Water, Parks, Wastewater, and Drainage Utility. Advertisements on the start date and some pointers on when and where to put the leaves and needles have been sent out for several weeks. It has been published at Coeur d'Alene Press, the Nickel's Worth, city utility bill, city website, and reader boards deployed in strategic locations. The crew has been prepping the trucks and equipment this week as well as safety training and refresher course for loading trucks and intersections and backing safely. Mr. Kimberling explained that the sweeper operation is the final piece of equipment in the program providing a clean finished look; however, freezing temperature and inclement weather slows them down even more. He stated that we will have cold temperatures next week and so they may fall a day behind the pick-up crew. He asked the public to be patient and assured them that they will get to their street to sweep it. He showed a short informational video that answers most of the common questions about the leaf pick-up.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councilmember Gookin reminded everyone that Monday, November 11, is Veterans Day and there will be a celebration at the Veterans Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. He stated that the Council are invited to attend. Councilmember Miller announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Planning and Growth workshop is happening on Thursday, November 7. She said that every jurisdiction in the county will have representatives attending, and she will report back to Council on what will transpire in the workshops, as well as important updates on the efforts to increase affordable local workers housing in Kootenai County.

Mayor McEvers requested the reappointments of Charlotte Doutriaux and Chuck Ethridge to the Arts Commission; appointment of Ruth Pratt to the Library Board of Trustees; and the following Council appointments: Councilmember Gabriel Second GS/PW subcommittee and CDATV Committee; Councilmember English to the Library Board of Trustees, and Councilmember Gookin to be the chair of the second General Services/Public Works Sub-committee. All other Council committee assignments will remain the same.