

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

August 6, 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 August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

James Hammond, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Thubten Chonyi of Interfaith CDA led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Evans led the pledge of allegiance.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Miller, seconded by Gookin, to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 75-206A to deliberate on a labor contract offer. This motion is based on the fact that a negotiation session between the City and Fire Union occurred this afternoon and specific proposals raised could not have been anticipated earlier so as to include an Executive Session on the agenda. An emergency is hereby declared to allow a vote on this motion based on the fact that the Union Board is scheduled to meet tomorrow on the contract proposals. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Denise Jeska, Coeur d'Alene, announced that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will be holding a wheelchair awareness event on August 16, 2024, starting at 12:00 p.m. She explained that they will be providing participants with a wheelchair and take them around Lakeside, Front Street and Sherman Avenues to experience the obstacles that a person with a disability or on a wheelchair faces every day in getting around the area. She invited the Council to join the activity. Mr. Mike Fuller added that everyone will gather at the Plaza Shop at the end of the activity for inputs.

Marcee Hartzell, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for considering TESH as one of the beneficiaries of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). She stated that TESH serves youth and adults ages 4 to 84 that have an intellectual disability. She explained that they rely on

funds like the CDBG to support their facility. For this year, they requested funding for three projects: irrigation cap, upgrade of IT server, and upgrade of their HVAC system.

Reuben Rodriguez, Coeur d'Alene, noted that Idaho Sunshine will be holding a free healthcare clinic to the underserved on September 19-20, 2024, at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. He shared that services include medical, dental, vision, hearing, therapies, and other services. He invited the Mayor and Council to attend and tour the event.

Mike Gridley, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for doing an excellent job and render his support on the high watermark budget. He cited that aside from the police, the legal department is also an integral part of law enforcement. Lastly, he invited the Council to support the North Idaho Centennial Trail fundraiser event, Ales for the Trail 2024, on August 17 happening at the city park. He added that this event is in collaboration with the Parks Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Miller thanked the Planning Department for the parking on Sherman event and its use of a grant. She stated that Sherman has a brand-new face with new businesses showing up, food courts, and some derelict gas stations are turning into bistros and coffee shops.

Councilmember English shared information regarding a bulletin from the Governor's office about the issuance of an executive order providing eight weeks of paid family leave for foster parents. He stated that the Human Resources and Legal Department look into it.

Mayor Hammond commended the Streets Department for doing a great job with a new level of street asphalt at Sherman Avenue. He stated that the street project was undertaken in record time with minimal interference.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the July 16, 2024, July 22, 2024, and July 31, 2024, Council Meetings.
2. Setting of General Services/Public Works meeting for August 12, 2024.
3. Setting of a public hearing for August 20, 2024, to hear public comment regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Plan Year 2023 Annual Action Plan Amendments.
4. Approval of a Cemetery Lot transfer from Lary and Jan Field to Daniel Lewis; Section OP, Block 1, Lot 169, Forest Cemetery (\$40.00)
5. Approval of a Cemetery Lot repurchase from Kelli Griffiths; Lot 45, Block 1, Section OP, Forest Cemetery (\$1,000.00)
6. Approval of SS-18-11, Silver Park 3rd Additional Final Plat
7. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
8. **Resolution No. 24-056**
 - a. Authorizing Staff to Enter into Agreements with artists for the ArtCurrents program to be displayed for one year with an optional one-year extension.