

**RIGGINS CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
November 8, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Riggins City Council was called to order by Council President, Roy Akins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roll Call – Sampson and Clay; Mayor McClure joined the meeting via phone. Councilor Wilson was absent.

Guests: Jerry Wolcott, Sherri Cereghino, Ellison Jones, Dana Greig, Madison Pottenger, Gabe Zavala, and Destey Chapman.

Staff: Dan Wash, Cody Killmar and Paul Gatti

**OCTOBER MINUTES:** Council members were individually polled and all confirmed they had read the October meeting minutes. Motion was made by Clay to approve the October meeting minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Clay. Voting yea, Clay, Sampson, and Akins. No nays; motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT and BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** The financial statement was read detailing \$7,091.62 was paid after the October meeting bringing the total October disbursements to \$112,131.03. Bills in the amount of \$52,858.58 were then presented for payment. Motion was made by Sampson to approve the financial statement and allow the bills for payment; seconded by Clay. Voting yea, Clay, Sampson and Akins. No nays; motion carried. A copy of the financial report is attached and hereby made a part of this record.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

LIBRARY - no report

FIRE – Fire Chief, Paul Gatti, provided the following report:

- ✓ Crew responded to 7 calls in October; most were medical assists.
- ✓ Paul attended a Hazmat training last Saturday in Cottonwood.
- ✓ Fire Prevention Week festivities were held in October; elementary school kids and pre-school came to the station and participated in some fire awareness activities.
- ✓ Paul took the fire truck down to Trunk or Treat on Halloween.
- ✓ The McCall Fire Deputy Chief is going to be helping out with the testing for FireFighter I, and with FireFighter II when that's completed.
- ✓ Paul and Trenton will be attending a fire training in Kamiah on Saturday.
- ✓ Paul and Kelsey Gatti have completed training on the programs, and will be the local contact for Red Cross in the area.

Mayor McClure expressed appreciation to Paul for the positive changes he's making for the community.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan Wash provided the following report:

- ◆ The Letter of Interest (LOI) for the FY25 grant through the Idaho DEQ has been submitted; if we are able to receive the grant, the Facility Plan will be updated in preparation for future grant funding to make plant upgrades. The sewer rate increase that is effective October 1<sup>st</sup> will improve our chances of being awarded the Facility Plan grant.
- ◆ Received notification that the IDEQ WW Permit is in “queue” to be developed. Our permit has been expired for 8 years.
- ◆ Manhole cover replaced in front of Seven Devils Steakhouse; pavement is starting to crumble near the manhole.
- ◆ Park – holiday lights – Dan indicated the crew will be helping put those up.

AMBULANCE – Cody Killmar provided the following report:

- Participating in a training on Patient Care reporting tonight; this is a nationwide program that some states need to upgrade; system goes live January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AMBULANCE BILLING WRITE-OFFS- FY23:** President Akins reported that Cody had reviewed these with him; the write-off amounts are larger because the billing amount has increased. Council reviewed documentation of the following...

Uncollectable Accounts: \$78,560.69

Ambulance Memberships: \$1,763.80

Insurance Write-offs: \$72,028.17; these are contractual write-offs that are mandated; patients cannot be billed for these amounts.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Clay to approve the ambulance billing write-offs as presented; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Sampson, Clay and Akins. No nays; motion carried.

**IDAHO COUNTY DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL:** Council reviewed the agreement signed by County Commissioners. It was noted the agreement did not include dispatch services for the Dive Team and after hour emergencies for Public Works. After discussion, there was a motion to approve the agreement once those are added by Clay; motion was seconded by Sampson. Voting yea, Clay, Akins and Sampson. No nays; motion carried.

**NEW CITY CLERK IN TRAINING:** Clerk reported that the new hire, Savannah Hill, started November 6<sup>th</sup> and is doing great.

**JET BOAT WINTER BALL:** Mayor McClure reported that the Winter Ball will be held December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Seven Devils Steakhouse will be catering the liquor.

PAST DUE UTILITY BILLS/UTILITY UPDATE REPORTS: Council reviewed the October services past due report, and utility update report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Brenda Filley*, City Clerk-Treasurer