



# CASCADE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 28, 2024

6:00 PM

Cascade City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present Council Members Ron Brown and Jason Speer,  
Denise Tangen, Rachel Huckaby  
A **quorum** was present.

Staff Present Judith Nissula-Mayor, Janice Van Winkle-Clerk,  
Keith Latimer-Treasurer, Jacob Jones-City Attorney,

Presenters present WCMEDC Lindsay Harris, Valley County Sheriff's Office-Kevin Copperi,  
and Valley County Prosecuting Attorney Brian Naugle.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PUBLIC COMMENT** The Mayor reported that the CMC Hospital board voted to convert their hospital status to a Rural Emergency Status hospital.

## NEW BUSINESS

**AB 24-113 WCMEDC Idaho Update – Lindsay Harris (Presentation)**

WCMEDC director, Lindsay Harris, presented her update based on the outline given to Council during the meeting. The update included existing areas where work is done by WCMEDC including housing, broadband, infrastructure, early childhood, workforce development, and community development.

**AB 24-114 Correction of Ordinance No. 728 Legal Description ( Action Item)**

Motion by: Jason Speer to adopt the corrected ordinance No. 728, waive the three readings and read by Title only.

Seconded by: Rachel Huckaby who read the Ordinance by Title only.

Roll Call: Yes, Denise Tangen Yes, Jason Speer  
Yes, Ron Brown Yes, Rachel Huckaby

Motion passed.

**AB 24-118 Valley Conty Sheriff's Law Enforcement Agreement Review ( Discussion)**

Council Member Rachel Huckaby asked if participation in the conversation should include Council Member Jason Speer who will be running as a VC Sheriff's Candidate in fall of November, 2024. City Attorney, Jacob Jones, confirmed that since the review of the proposed agreement was a "discussion only" item, that Jason Speer could be present.

City Attorney Jacob Jones outlined his discussions with Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Oakey, and the items modified in the proposed agreement. He went over each highlighted item in sections 2.1 Patrol Services, and

Section 2.4 (b) Method of Service,

The council continued the discussion posing additional questions including Section 3.4 Obligation of Funds, and Sections 3.5 (a) and 3.5 (d) related to Notice of Termination of agreement and Early Termination Fees. Council Member Huckaby also asked for clarification on whether the City should have language related to Early Termination of the agreement (by the VCSO) that protects the City.

Council Member Speer had concerns related to the proposed \$100,000.00 early termination fine that the City would be responsible for and presented scenarios where committing those monies could be a concern if they were needed for an emergency related to water or sewer that would affect the public. The 3% cost of living adjustment should be re-reviewed as well.

The City Attorney will clarify if the contract were to have a 5-year provision and \$100,000.00 availability requirement for early termination, lack of these funds should not affect our ability to have an agreement in place.

Council Member Speer – an emergency, catastrophic, should not bring a \$100,000.00 fine with it. The City may not be able to give 180 days notice of a catastrophic situation.

Council Member Huckaby commented that we need to review and clarify if the code represented in the proposed agreement can be modified. They Mayor commented that the agreement states “...with a focus on....”

The existing agreement deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> for a decision can be modified and Council can have more time. This item will be voted upon at the first meeting of June which is June 10, 2024.

Council member Tangen had an additional question related to the City of Cascade picking up the cost of Sheriff’s office vehicles. The City Attorney will look into this as well as the 3% cost of living increase each year.

**AB 24-115 Pitney Bowes – Lease ( Action Item)**

Motion by: Ron Brown to approve the renegotiated agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Seconded by: Jason Speer

Roll Call: Yes, Jason Speer Yes, Ron Brown  
Yes, Rachel Huckaby Yes, Denise Tangen

Motion passed.

**AB 24-116 AARP Community College Grant ( Action Item)**

The council agreed to table the approval of this grant until the June 10, 2024 meeting. The Mayor has concerns that the paving project should be completed.

**AB 24-117 Wise Property lease review ( Discussion)**

The council discussion consensus was that they would not sell this city property. Related to the amount of the lease moving forward; Council felt they wanted to spend more time to review.

## CONSENT AGENDA

( Action Item)

Payment approval / batch reports through May 24, 2024

Payroll register reports.

April Financials

City Council Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2024

Motion by: Jason Speer to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Seconded by: Denise Tangen

Q. DT - Status of large Verizon bill.

A. This will be repaired in the next month's financials.

Q. DT - Why is the ADMIN section higher?

A. Pass through funds are included here.

Q. DT – why are salaries so much higher?

A. Treasure will review this further.

Roll Call:        Yes, Rachel Huckaby                Yes, Denise Tangen  
                      Yes, Jason Speer                    Yes, Ron Brown

Motion passed.

Council discussion, Rachel Huckaby mentioned payment of the liability insurance and the Library Budget. Currently, the library is paying for liability insurance at \$6200.00 annually. Should the City consider bringing this back into the City general fund, or should we compensate the library for the cost of insurance? Council member, Denise Tangen reminded Council member, Rachel Huckaby, of the \$9800.00 forgone amount given to the library for this fiscal year.

## MAYORS REPORT

The Treasurer and City Clerk have been working diligently on creating a grant status reporting document.

The storage tank check valve will be installed on May 29, 2024. If the tanks were to fail, the new check valve that would prevent the water tanks from emptying would create a drop in pressure preventing water from being pumped to those homes outside of the city limits that have previously received water. The Mayor is researching the original agreements prior to noticing homeowners.

The Council will discuss the public sale of water at a future meeting.

Council inquired on the status of the previous Treasurers laptop forensic investigation.

**ADJOURNMENT** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.