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**FINAL / APPROVED**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Shelby Rognstad presiding in Council chambers at City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilors Deb Ruehle, Joel Aispuro, John Darling, Kate McAlister and Andy Groat

Absent: Councilor Shannon Williamson

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Rognstad announced that the Agenda for this meeting was amended initially to add an executive session. That amendment was made, and the Amended Agenda was posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. However, an additional amendment was made to indicate that Item 7A, COVID-19 Update, would be a potential action item. Under the Idaho Open Meeting Law, because this additional amendment was made less than 48 hours prior to the meeting, the proposed Re-Amended Agenda could not become effective until a motion and vote of approval from Council.

Motion to approve and proceed with the Re-Amended Agenda.

Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Ruehle
Seconded by:	McAlister
Voted Yes:	Ruehle, Aispuro, Darling McAlister, Groat
Voted No:	
Abstained:	
Absent:	Williamson

Infrastructure and Development Services Manager Amanda Wilson announced that the City's annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report was released and can be found on the City's website at [www.sandpointidaho.gov](http://www.sandpointidaho.gov).

Police Chief Corey Coon provided some reminders about the rules at City Beach and introduced Ron Korn, who provided an update on the plans for the 2020 Independence Day activities.

Councilman Groat made some remarks regarding the history of Sandpoint and recommended the film, *Sandpoint: At the North End of the Long Bridge*, which can be checked out from the Library.

Mayor Rognstad read aloud the following statement, issued earlier in the day, jointly, by the Mayor and City Council:

The past several weeks and months a growing amount of divisiveness has gained a foothold in our community and this pains all of us to witness. As we watch how this has played out in other communities across the country, it points to the need for all of us now – more than ever – to come together as a community. Historically, we have always found a way to acknowledge and celebrate our differences and opinions, even in the most difficult of times, and we must return to our foundation in this regard. As your elected officials at the City of Sandpoint, we are responsible for overseeing your local government to ensure necessary, effective and efficient services are provided to our residents, businesses and visitors. We are the stewards of your hard-earned tax dollars which requires us to be vigilant in our focus on the business of your local government. We are also responsible for overseeing the enforcement of our city ordinances and laws fairly and equitably. Government must remain neutral and protect the rights of all citizens. In the last two weeks, we received a letter from the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at the Georgetown University Law Center. This letter was unsolicited by the City. While we respect this organization's mission, we have our own legal counsel at the City who serves as our chief legal advisor to ensure we are acting lawfully and protecting the rights of our citizens, business and property owners and visitors. We are confident in the advice we receive and will not be pursuing additional outside assistance at this time. We are living in unprecedented times and we have heard from members of our community who are fearful for the health and safety of their family members and friends. We have also heard from many individuals who are concerned

about the intentions of others as they exercise their right to express their freedoms as granted under the U.S. Constitution and Idaho law. We are committed to supporting the public we serve and providing excellent service. In doing so, we stand against prejudice, fear, ignorance and hate and will work to bring our community together and to maintain a welcoming environment where every person feels safe. We encourage all of our community members to join us in this effort and strengthen the connections in our community. It is time for us to mend our rifts and come together with compassion and without judgment to acknowledge and celebrate our differences and find common ground. We must remain committed to protecting this beautiful place known as Sandpoint.

## 5. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public addressed the Mayor and City Council, speaking on a variety of topics over the course of approximately 20 minutes, at which time the Mayor paused the Public Forum, to be continued at the end of the meeting, after conclusion of the regular business on the Agenda.

## 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item Number:	6A	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Description:	June 17, 2020, Regular Meeting	
Item Number:	6B	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Description:	June 23, 2020, Special Meeting	
Item Number:	6C	BILLS
Description:	\$882,403.78 for regular payables	
Item Number:	6D	TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT
Description:	Monthly Report of Cash and Investment Transactions for May 2020	

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Aispuro
Seconded by:	McAlister
Voted Yes:	Ruehle, Aispuro, Darling, McAlister, Groat
Voted No:	
Abstained:	
Absent:	Williamson

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

Item Number:	7A	PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
Topic:	COVID-19 Update	

City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton provided an update and information on Bonner County case data to date, statewide data, financial impacts, CARES Act funding, the City's response to the crisis, and Independence Day events planned in communities within our region. Mayor Rognstad reported that Governor Little is relying on the local health districts to make recommendations for the communities in their respective jurisdictions and that the health district for our area, Panhandle Health District, is analyzing four data points: 1) community spread, 2) number of healthcare workers infected, 3) effects on nursing homes and care facilities, and 4) number of ICU beds/ventilators in use. It is the Panhandle Health District Board who will review the data and make decisions on whether to recommend reverting back to earlier stages of the Idaho Rebounds Plan, if and when they believe such action is warranted. Other districts in the State, such as Central District Health, have already done so. A conversation with Council members followed, along with public comment.

Information only. No Council action at this time.

Item Number:	7B	PRESENTATION
Topic:	War Memorial Field Project Update, Phase I Construction and Phase II Design	

City Engineer Dan Tadic, P.E., provided an update regarding the progress to date and upcoming next steps. Information only. No Council action.

Item Number:	7C	PRESENTATION
Topic:	Pavement Condition Assessment Update	

Mr. Tadic provided a presentation on the results of the pavement assessment, the backlog of pavement rehabilitation work to be done, and budgeting options. Information only. No Council action.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM CONTINUED**

Members of the public addressed the Mayor and City Council, speaking on a variety of topics.

**8. NEW BUSINESS – none**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Item Number:	9A	DECISION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Motion to convene in executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(f), to communicate with legal counsel to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Groat
Seconded by:	McAlister
Voted Yes:	Ruehle, Aispuro, Darling, McAlister, Groat
Voted No:	
Abstained:	
Absent:	Williamson

Item Number:	9B	EXECUTIVE SESSION
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With 2/3 affirmative vote, the Mayor, City Council and relevant City staff convened in executive session in Council chambers.

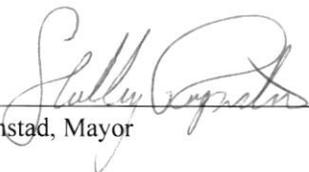
**10. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

The executive session concluded, and Mayor Rognstad reconvened the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

**11. ADJOURN**

Mayor Rognstad adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the City Clerk, were approved by City Council during their regular meeting on July 15, 2020.

  
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 Shelby Rognstad, Mayor

Attest:   
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 Melissa Ward, City Clerk