***City of Ririe Council Meeting***

***July 8, 2025***

***Minutes***

*Attendance: Mayor Howard Kimmel, Council Members Eric Bennion, Will Jones, Robert Johnson and Pamela Huffaker, City Planner Kurt Hibbert, Maintenance Supervisor Jason Freeman, City Clerk Wendy Mullins, Ordinance Officer Bill Terry, and City Attorney Cory Stegelmeier*

***Agenda Items 1: Call to Order***

*Mayor Howard Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

***Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance***

*Mayor Kimmel led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

***Agenda Item 3: Prayer***

*Will Jones gave the prayer.*

***Agenda Item 4: Accept the Agenda***

*Eric Bennion moved to accept the agenda. Robert Johnson seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.*

***Agenda Item 5: Approve the Minutes***

*Will Jones moved to accept the minutes of June 10, 2025. Pamela Huffaker seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.*

***Agenda Item 6: Approve the Bills***

*Wendy Mullins read the bills. Pamela Huffaker moved to approve the bills. Eric Bennion seconded the motion. Eric Bennion, aye, Pamela Huffaker, aye, Will Jones, aye, Robert Johnson, aye. Motion carried.*

*Pamela Huffaker asked about the Mountain River Vet Hospital Bill. Mayor Kimmel explained the reason and stated that he would discuss it later in his Report.*

***Agenda Item 7: Unscheduled Delegations/Public Comment:***

*Mayor Kimmel read the unscheduled delegation rules.*

*There was no public to address the council.*

***Agenda Item 8: Planning & Zoning Update from Kurt Hibbert***

*A. Progress on Title 10 revisions*

*Kurt Hibbert informed the Council that Title 10 was brought before the P&Z   
 commission at the last meeting, along with the Land Use Table. FarrDell Hayes,   
 chairman of the P&Z commission, addressed the council concerning this. He stated   
 that they had received an updated Title 10, and an updated Land Use Table to be   
 reviewed. The P&Z Commission asked that the city schedule a public hearing on   
 August 12, 2025, at 5:30p.m., prior to the scheduled City Council meeting. Their   
 intention is to provide the Council with sufficient documentation to allow them to   
 adopt their recommended changes to Title 10. The City Council also discussed having   
 a public hearing on Titles 1-9. Cory Stegelmeier, city attorney, informed the council of   
 appropriate ways to accomplish both hearings. There will be hearing notices   
 published with summaries stating that the full text will be available at the City Clerk's   
 office for the public to view before the hearings.*

*B. Recommendations from P&Z to City Council. (ACTION ITEM)*

*No action was taken.*

***Agenda Item 9: Police Report***

*Sheriff Anderson read the police report. Mayor Kimmel asked about the number of traffic contacts versus the number of citations issued. Sheriff Anderson said to expect an increase in the number of citations in the next report. Pamela Huffaker asked about a specific call that took place on June 1st. Sheriff Anderson answered her question.*

***Agenda Item 10: New Business***

*A. Approve Titles 1-9 for a Public Hearing to be held on Aug. 12,2025. (ACTION ITEM)*

*Eric Bennion made the motion to hold a public hearing on Titles 1-9 on Aug. 12, 2025, at   
 7:10p.m. Robert Johnson seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.*

*B. Approve Title 10 for a Public Hearing to be held on Aug. 12,2025. (ACTION ITEM)*

*Eric Bennion made the motion to authorize the P&Z Commission to hold a public hearing   
 on Title 10 on August 12, 2025, at 5:30pm. Pamela Huffaker seconded. AIF. Motion carried.*

***Agenda Item 11: Old Business***

***A. Cory Stegelmeier – Annexation Update***

*Cory stated that he has communicated with Cody Thompson, of Thompson Engineering, to ensure that the annexation maps were being developed.*

***Agenda Item 12: Maintenance Report***

*Jason Freeman reported that he is working on many things throughout the city. He indicated that there have been several letters concerning nuisance violations sent. He stated that there had been a meeting with the developers of the Old Fairgrounds property. A new development agreement is being negotiated. The developers would like to start work this fall. Robert Johnson asked about the city’s old loader. The city would like to sell it. Jason is working on getting estimates of its value. Pamela Huffaker asked about progress on the sewer study. Jason stated that it is moving forward and that work is also being done on the street study. Jason is also working on getting 2 manholes relined. Eric Bennion asked if things were going okay at the park. He had noticed that there have been a lot of people enjoying the park this year.*

***Agenda Item 13: Council Reports***

*A. Will Jones had no report.*

*B. Eric Bennion reported that the library board has reappointed Paula Arnold to the   
 board for a 1-year term. He stated that the Friends of the Library will be having a   
 craft fair on July 19th at the Senior Center. There will also be a book fair on Aug. 9th at   
 Barnes and Noble that will benefit the library. Eric informed the Mayor and the   
 council that he has put in an offer on a home in Annis, and it has been accepted. He   
 expects to be moving in September.*

*C. Robert Johnson stated that he had assessed some of the alleys. Mayor Kimmel asked   
 Robert to continue his assessment of the condition of the alleys and bring some   
 recommendations to the August council meeting.*

*D. Pamela Huffaker reminded the council that Ririe Days is scheduled for July 19th.   
 She stated that the only need that she had was transporting the tandem bikes to and   
 from Rexburg. She felt like everything was on track.*

***Agenda Item 14: Executive Report***

*Mayor Kimmel introduced Bill Terry, the new Ordinance Officer, to the council. He stated that the 1st round of compliance letters have gone out. They have been discussing violations and the fees associated with them. He asked the council if they thought the fine schedule should be modified. Cory Stegelmeier stated that the ordinances will need to be registered with the courts. It was agreed that Mayor Kimmel will rework the parking ordinance and will have it on the August agenda as an action item. Mayor Kimmel discussed his research on Resolution 2009-6 that addresses the city’s water shut-off policies. He recommended that there be no change to the ordinance. Mayor Kimmel shared his very positive opinion of a meeting with Bonneville County officials concerning the renegotiation of the AOI Agreement. The City’s current agreement with the county was last modified in 2001. At this meeting, it was decided to recommend that the boundaries remain the same. It is intended that the new AOI agreement be written so that it can be easily updated.*

*Mayor Kimmel also discussed the current Dog Impoundment Agreement with Mountain River Veterinary Hospital. He is concerned with the high costs associated with the agreement. He is going to seek a renegotiation of the contract. The council discussed a possible change to City Code 5-2-7, which limits the number of animals that a resident can have. The Mayor indicated that he would bring modified language to them for their consideration. He also informed the council of a request to use the Ririe Veterans Memorial Hall to provide free emergency preparedness training to the community. He asked the council if they were comfortable with waiving the fees for use of the facility for this activity.*

*Pamela Huffaker asked for authorization to pay two of the individuals helping with the Ririe Days celebration on the day of the event. Mayor Kimmel suggested a motion to reopen Item #6. Eric Bennion made the motion and Will Jones seconded. AIF. Motion carried. The names and amounts were added to the Bills Payable list. Eric Bennion made the motion to pay the additional bills. Robert Johnson seconded. Eric Bennion, aye, Pamela Huffaker, aye, Will Jones, aye, Robert Johnson, aye. Motion carried.*

***Agenda Item 15: Adjournment***

*Robert Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Eric Bennion seconded the motion. AIF. Motion carried.*

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*Mayor Clerk*