

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,  
HELD AT COEUR D'ALENE CITY HALL  
JANUARY 2, 2008**

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 Hall January 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bleom Mayor

A. J. Al Hassell, III	)	Members of Council Present
Dixie Reid	)	
Loren Ron Edinger	)	
Deanna Goodlander	)	
Woody McEvers	)	
Mike Kennedy	)	

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was led by Pastor Paul VanNoy.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Reid.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**COUNCILMAN REID THANKED:**

**CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FROM WASTEWATER DEPT:** Wastewater Superintendent Sid Fredrickson presented Councilman Reid with a Certificate of Honor and conferred the title of Wastewater Operator Omnipotent upon her.

**FORMER COUNCILMAN NANCY SUE WALLACE:** Nancy Sue Wallace, Hayden Lake, recalled that while serving on the City Council with Councilman Reid she and Councilman Reid went to Reno with Dixie's husband who they made responsible for finding the best shrimp cocktail. In commemoration, Mrs. Wallace presented both Tom and Dixie Reid with a large, fresh shrimp cocktail.

**FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONER KATIE BRODIE:** Katie Brodie commended Councilman Reid for the great role model she has been for the citizens of the City. She presented Councilman Reid with a bouquet of flowers as an expression of her gratitude and friendship.

**FIRE DEPT. HONORS COUNCILMAN REID:** Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel, on behalf of the Fire Department, expressed the department's gratitude and shared how Councilman Reid epitomizes their three values: knowledge, integrity and tradition. Chief Gabriel bestowed the honor of being a "firefighter for life" upon Councilman Reid and presented her with her own fireman's hat.

**WATER DEPT. STAFF INTRODUCED:** Water Superintendent Jim Markley introduced two new members of the Water Department. Utility worker Dion Holton who was hired in 2006 and Josh Mayne who was hired in 2007 were introduced to the City Council.

**SNOW ON SIDEWALKS:** Timothy Faust, 721 W. Marie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, voiced his concern regarding the lack of enforcement of snow removal from sidewalks. He noted that the Code Enforcement Officer cannot write a ticket thus making the law ineffective. He requested that the Council send out a letter to all residents requiring them to remove snow from the sidewalks and also provide the Code Enforcement Officer with the ability to write tickets.

**OUTDOOR EATING FACILITIES ON CITY SIDEWALKS:** Lin Rimple, 1317 Coeur d'Alene Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, commented that two establishments had just removed their chairs and tables from the downtown area sidewalks. She noted that this past summer food was spilled on the sidewalks and not removed which resulted in an unpleasant odor. She requested that future sidewalk encroachment permits be issued for only 4 months from June 1 to Sept. 30 and also only allow an area extending 3 feet from the building for the table and chairs. She also asked that the City require the sidewalks to be washed with hot, soapy water weekly by the owners of the restaurants. Councilman Goodlander noted that there is a group comprised of citizens and city staff who are looking at these issues.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for December 18, 2007.
2. Setting the Public Works Committee and General Services Committee meetings for Monday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m.
3. Approval of beer/wine/liquor license for Red Robin International at 1501 W. Riverstone Drive.
4. Approval of beer/wine license for The Dinner Party at 3520 N. Government Way
5. Setting of Public Hearing: Appeal of SP-9-07 at 1917 Lakewood Drive for February 5, 2008.

ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COUNCILMAN EDINGER:** Introduced his wife Nancy Edinger and his family who are here to witness his last swearing in ceremony.

**COUNCILMAN REID:** Thanked the residents of Coeur d'Alene for allowing her to represent them over the past 26 years, thanked the staff for their help and support and the Council who she believes is the most educated, knowledgeable Council she has worked with.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Thanked Councilman Reid for her years of service and her vision, foresight and leadership that paved the way for the growth of our City.

COUNCILMAN HASSELL: Believes that Councilman Reid has been the City's main connection with the State Legislature and the Association of Idaho Cities and expressed his gratitude for all her help over the years.

COUNCILMAN McEVERS: Recalled going to coffee with Dixie after being elected and she advised him to be prepared, ask questions and make sure you are having fun. He has always appreciated this advice.

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Recalled that Councilman Reid advised him that it would take 2 years to become knowledgeable with City Government and, after two years, he announced that she was correct.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced the following: On behalf of the Mayor and Council I would like to extend a special thanks to our Street Maintenance Department for their excellent work in clearing City streets during our last winter storm. Precipitation for the month of December was approximately double the normal amount! The patrol division continues with successful efforts to apprehend individuals suspected of committing numerous auto burglaries in residential neighborhoods. Their efforts are having a noticeable effect in lessening the number of burglaries committed. Thanks to the P.D. for their hard work and dedication. The City's Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant funding from HUD has been posted to our website ([www.cdaid.org](http://www.cdaid.org)). There is a link right from our main web page to link to and view the plan. Contact Renata McLeod if you have any comments. Comments will be accepted until January 12, 2008. Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR) is looking for volunteers. If you would like more information about volunteering with Specialized Needs Recreation, please call Angie Goucher at 755-6781. She also commented that she has spent 18 years working with Councilman Reid and she is a better person for it.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Council President Edinger thanked Tom Reid, Councilman Reid's husband for letting the residents have Dixie for 26 years. He expressed that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve with her even if they did not agree on everything and he will miss her. He presented outgoing Councilman Dixie Reid with a plaque thanking her for her 26 years of service on the City Council.

Mayor Bloem commented that Councilman Reid has always been a friend to the Council, City Staff and the community and on behalf of everyone she presented her a bouquet of red roses. She then presented Councilman Reid with a silver medallion and a scrapbook commemorating her 26 years of service with the City.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:**

City Clerk Susan Weathers administered the oaths of office to the incoming City Council - re-elected Councilman Ron Edinger and Councilman A. J. "Al" Hassell, III and newly elected Councilman John Bruning.

**RECESS:** Mayor Bloem called for a recess at 6:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Bloem asked for a roll call of the new Council.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to elect Loren Ron Edinger as Council President. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Bloem appointed Councilman Hassell as Chairman of the Public Works Committee with Councilman McEvers and Kennedy serving as committee members. Mayor Bloem appointed Councilman Goodlander as Chairman of the General Services Committee and Councilman Edinger and Bruning as committee members.

Committee appointments were as follows:

Councilman Edinger: Enough is Enough; Tubbs Hill Foundation; Parks Foundation

Councilman Hassell: LCDC; KMPO

Councilman McEvers: Parking Commission; CDA TV; EMS

Councilman Kennedy: Legislative; Homeless & Affordable Housing

Councilman Goodlander: LCDC; Library Board; Arts Commission

Councilman Bruning: Parks & Recreation; Bicycle/Pedestrian; Kootenai Perspectives

Department Liaison assignments as follows:

Councilman Edinger: Fire Dept. and Streets Maintenance Dept.

Councilman Hassell: Wastewater Dept. and Human Resources Dept.

Councilman McEvers: Municipal Services Dept., Planning Dept. and Water Dept.

Councilman Kennedy: Legal Dept., Finance Dept. and Engineering Dept.

Councilman Goodlander: Building Dept. and Library

Councilman Bruning: Parks Dept. Recreation Dept. and Police Dept.

Councilman Bruning commented that in looking back on the past year - he retired on January 3<sup>rd</sup> after serving for 40 years for the U.S. Forest Service and then on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> he filled out his candidacy for City Council. He noted that this is a very new and humbling experience and a new job and career for him. He thanked his wife Sheila and four children who participated in his campaign and gave him words of encouragement. He thanked the Firefighters for their assistance during his campaign as well as his campaign group which included Denny Davis, Jim Elder, Steve McCrea and a special thanks to the voters for voting for him. He noted that he believes that Councilman Reid has left him a huge responsibility to fill.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion by Hassell, seconded by Edinger to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 SUBSECTION J: To engage in communications with a representative of the public agency's risk manager or insurance provider to discuss the adjustment of a pending claim or prevention of a claim likely to be filed. The mere presence of a representative of the public agency's risk manager or insurance provider at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye. Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Deputy City Attorney.

Matters discussed were those of pending claims.

No action was taken and the Council returned to regular session as 7:10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger that, there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan K. Weathers, CMC  
City Clerk