



**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2023**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were: Councilman Brown, Councilman Gardner, Councilman Jensen, and Councilwoman Simpson.

SWEARING IN OF CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

Mayor Carroll turned the time over to Fire Chief Bryon Howell who introduced Skyler Stotts, a member of the Blackfoot Fire Department who has completed his period of probation. Skyler came forward and Chief Bryon Howell swore him in. His probationary badge was replaced with an official badge, and he was thanked and congratulated by members of the council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented including payables and EISF Itinerant Permits, Councilman Gardner seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

CITY TREASURER GRAHM ANDERSON

Treasurers Report

City Treasurer, Gram Anderson, presented the monthly treasurers report to the council. Mr. Anderson provided a breakdown of the budget through June 30th which is 75% of the fiscal year. He briefly summarized the monthly expense to budget and the percentages expended year to date for the general fund and each of the departments in the city. He provided the current, up to date bank and investment account balances. In September he will finalize and send off the L-2 Certification to the County and prepare for year-end close out. We will be looking at opening the budget for FY 2023 for some of the city projects. October Fiscal Year 2024 will begin and continue with close out. Downtown Sewer upgrade pending JUB to restructure the plans so they can be resubmitted for bid to clarify any prior issues. Update on Fisher Street project, they are through phase 2 pending paving and went over layout and reason behind the additional curbing.

Approval of the FY 2024 Appropriation Ordinance

City Treasurer Gram Anderson presented the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2024. Councilman Jensen motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2243 as presented and waive any further readings, Councilman Brown seconded the motion; on a roll call vote, all were in favor, the motion carried.

**CITY OF BLACKFOOT
BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO
ORDINANCE # 2243**

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OF 2023-2024

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$28,998,563 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT, IDAHO FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blackfoot, Bingham County, Idaho.

Section 1: That the sum of \$28,998,563 be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Blackfoot, Bingham County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023.

Section 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

General Fund		
	Administration	\$2,261,290
	Police	\$4,492,256
	Fire	\$2,199,589
	Planning & Zoning	\$475,191
	Total General Fund	\$9,428,325
Ambulance		\$1,785,565
Streets		\$1,700,360
Airport		\$337,659
Cemetery		\$252,460
Library		\$652,340
Parks & Recreation		
	Parks & Recreation	\$634,877
	Golf	\$818,179
	Total Parks & Recreation Fund	\$1,453,057
Capital Improvement		\$109,000
Water		\$3,283,703
Sewer		\$7,819,374
Sanitation		\$2,046,825
Healthcare Reserve		\$129,895
	Total Appropriations All Funds	\$28,998,563

Section 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Blackfoot be levied in an amount allowed by law for the general purposes for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023.

Section 4: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take affect and be in full force upon its passage, approval, and publication in one issue of the Post Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Blackfoot, and official newspaper of the said City.

PASSES under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Blackfoot, Bingham County, Idaho at a convened meeting of the City of Blackfoot City Council held on the 1st day of August 2023.

Marc Carroll, Mayor
City of Blackfoot

ATTEST:

Suzanne McNeel, City Clerk
City of Blackfoot

Removing Agenda Items on Forgone

City Treasurer Gram Anderson went over the L-2 process and how the levy rate is obtained based off property tax assessed values. City Attorney Garrett Sandow confirmed that Downtown BURA District is closed for activity but will continue paying the Bond. Councilman Gardner motioned to table the Forgone agenda items to next month, Councilman Jensen seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR MARC CARROLL

Proposed Safe Haven Baby Box

Mayor Carroll introduced Hayley Dahle from Grove Creek Medical Center who is bringing to council the proposition of a Safe Haven Baby Box. The Safe Haven Baby Box is to be used as an option for mothers who cannot care for their child to have 30 days to safely surrender their infants. The main purpose is education of resources and for infants to be surrendered in person however there is a possible need for an anonymous surrender. This would be the only Safe Haven Baby Box in the State of Idaho. City Attorney Garrett Sandow confirmed that it does fall into line with State Safe Haven Laws. Councilman Gardner motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2244 as presented and waive further readings, Councilman Jensen seconded the motion; on a roll call vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2244

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT, IDAHO, ADDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 8, ALLOWING PERSONS TO LEAVE INFANTS NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF AGE IN SAFETY DEVICES FOR SURRENDER, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, WITHOUT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR ABANDONEMENT

OR ABUSE OF A CHILD; ALLOWING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF SAFETY DEVICES FOR THE SURRENDER OF INFANTS; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ADDITION.

Whereas, the City of Blackfoot is committed to save the lives of children by providing mothers in crisis with a safe and anonymous plan for surrender;

Whereas, the State of Idaho has already enacted a Safe Haven law (Idaho Code 39-8201 et. seq.) providing for the foundation of this ordinance;

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the public health, welfare and safety to eliminate unsafe and unlawful surrenders;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT, IDAHO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Title 6 Chapter 8 of the Blackfoot City Code be added as follows:

6-8-1. A parent subject to the provisions of this act shall not be prosecuted for child abandonment or child neglect under the provisions of any statute which makes child abandonment or child neglect a crime, when the allegations of child abandonment or child neglect are based solely on the relinquishment of a child thirty (30) days of age or younger to a medical services provider or a first responder as defined in this section.

6-8-2. The following entities shall, without a court order, take possession of a child thirty (30) days of age or younger if the child is voluntarily delivered to the entity by the parent of the child and the parent did not express an intent to return for the child:

- A. A medical services provider;
- B. First responder; or
- C. Medical staff after delivery in a hospital or other medical facility when the child's parent notifies the medical staff that the parent is voluntarily relinquishing the child.

6-8-3. Delivery of the child may be effectuated by an in-person transfer of the child to the medical services provider or first responder or by leaving the child in a newborn safety device that is:

- A. Voluntarily installed by the medical services provider,
- B. Physically located inside a police station, fire station, hospital or other medical facility that is staffed 24 hours per day 7 days per week, and
3. Located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to the employees.

6-8-4. A medical services provider or first responder that installs a newborn safety device shall:

- A. Be responsible for the cost of the installation; and
- B. Install an adequate dual alarm system connected to the physical location of the newborn safety device and it shall be tested at least one time per week and visually checked at least two times per day to ensure the alarm system is in working order.

6-8-5. Once a child has been relinquished to an entity identified in this ordinance, the entity receiving the child shall:

- A. Perform or provide for the completion of any necessary act to protect the physical health of the child; and
- B. Notify the local office of the department of health and welfare that a child has been relinquished and the entity has taken possession of the child.

C. Not inquire as to the identity of the custodial parent, and if the identity is known or voluntarily provided, shall keep all information as to the identity confidential as required in Idaho Code 39-8203,

6-8-6. Upon being notified that a medical services provider or first responder has possession of a child under the provisions of this ordinance, the department of health and welfare shall immediately check with law enforcement authorities to determine if a child has been reported missing and whether the missing child could be the relinquished child and shall thereafter complete such other steps as required in Idaho Code 39-8201 et. seq. – “Idaho Safe Haven Act.”

6-8-7. For purposes of this section:

A. “Medical Services Provider” means a person authorized to practice the healing arts including a physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner, registered or practical nurse, or a nurse aide, and such other persons as allowed in Idaho Code 39-8202.

B. A “first responder” means an employee or other designated person on duty at a police station, fire station, hospital or other medical facility.

6-8-8. A medical services provider or first responder with responsibility for performing the duties pursuant to this ordinance shall be immune from any criminal liability that might otherwise result from the actions of the entity, if acting in good faith in receiving the relinquished child. In addition such medical service provider or first responder shall be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise result from receiving a relinquished child.

SECTION 2: That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be after passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF BLACKFOOT, IDAHO

By: _____
Marc Carroll, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Proposed Stop Sign at Alice and N Broadway for the North Bound Traffic

Mayor Carroll introduced Curtis Cannon, a representative of the Transportation Commission who have recommended that a Stop Sign be placed at the intersection of Alice and N Broadway. The stop sign is intended to slow down traffic to help with congestion during business hours for Kirk Dance Academy. It will be a three way stop to now include North Bound traffic. Councilman Brown motioned to add Stop Sign at Alice and N Broadway, Councilman Gardner seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Recommendation that there are no private Exemptions to Block City/Public Parking during the Fair

Mayor Carroll brought forth the proposal that no exemptions be made to block city/public parking during the Fair. The request comes after Modern Printing wanting to further extend their exemption to reserve parking spots for customers as well as building tenants. As of now Modern Printing has a parking lot with 34 spots, however these are typically reserved for Fair Booth employees and patrons. The request is being denied as the building does have sufficient spots for customers, tenants and fair patrons. The decision is to not allow any exemptions to any neighboring properties as it becomes difficult to enforce on top of meeting the fair needs. Letters will be sent to surrounding homes and businesses as a reminder that city streets are public property, homes do have the right to designate a driveway access or a parking spot if they do not have one. Councilman Jensen motioned for no private exemptions to block City/Public parking during the fair, Councilman Gardner seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

City of Blackfoot

Mayor Marc Carroll

Attest:

City Clerk Suzanne McNeel

Prepared by: Adriana Pelayo