

CITY of ROBERTS
January 9, 2024
City Council Meeting

The Roberts City Council met for a hearing at the regular place of meeting, after having been notified of said meeting of said council.

Robert (BJ) Berlin.....	Mayor	Ron Grant.....	Maintenance
Connie Surerus.....	Council	Julie Garcia.....	Library Director
Ben Poston.....	Council	Jed Bigelow.....	City Attorney (Absent)
Edidt Sanchez.....	Council	Robert Loftus.....	Certified Water Operator(Absent)
Shauna Lounsbury.....	Council	Gregg Rodrick.....	Certified WW Operator (Absent)
April Galbraith.....	Clerk		

Also present: Sheriff Steve Anderson and Deputy Gonzales with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jaden Jackson with Keller Associates, Casey Burns. Tim Jones, Karol Poston, Jose Sanchez, and Ursula Benkenstein, and Taci Stoddard with Altura via speaker phone.

Mayor Berlin opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

Connie gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Berlin led the Pledge of Allegiance

Vote to Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023: Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions regarding the meeting minutes for December 12, 2023 in the council's packets.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the December 12, 2023.

Edidt made the motion approve the minutes for the December 12, 2023, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

Review and Approve Bills: Mayor Berlin asked the city council if they had had time to review the bills.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the bills.

Ben made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Shauna Lounsbury	aye
Edidt Sanchez	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Connie Surerus	aye

Motion Passes.

Swearing in Mayor & Councilmembers: City Clerk administered the oath of office to Robert “BJ” Berlin as mayor. Robert “BJ” Berlin stood and raised his right hand as Clerk read the oath of office. Robert “BJ” Berlin, “I do.” Oath of Office signed by Robert “BJ” Berlin and City Clerk.

City Clerk administered the oath of office to Edidt Sanchez as councilmember. Edidt Sanchez stood and raised her right hand as Clerk read the oath of office. Edidt Sanchez, “I do.” Oath of Office signed by Edidt Sanchez and City Clerk.

James Zillinger has been appointed to council but was unable to attend due to illness. Mr. Zillinger will be sworn in at a later date.

Mayor Berlin presented Connie Surerus with a Certificate of Appreciation for Service to the City. Connie served as a councilmember from January 1, 2016-December 31, 2023. Mayor Belin thanked Connie for her service and support.

Elect City Council President: Mayor Berlin asked for nominations for council president.

Ben nominated Edidt as council president.

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to elect Edidt Sanchez as council president.

Ben made the motion to elect Edidt Sanchez as council president, seconded by Shauna, all ayes.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Shauna Lounsbury	aye
Edidt Sanchez	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye

Motion Passes.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Gonzalez read the report from 12/09/2023 thru 01/05/24, 98 hrs, 8 complaints, 4 arrest, 0 DUI, 2 citation, and 19 traffic contacts.

Ron Grant let Deputy Gonzalez know that there were motorists doing donuts on the roadways in town.

Mayor Berlin and the council thanked the sheriff’s office for their help. Deputy Lundberg excused himself.

Mayor’s State of the City:

City of Roberts Idaho
Mayor Robert (B.J.) Berlin
State of the City January 2024

As I reflect back over my last 12 years as Mayor, I think about why I ran, and have I accomplished my goals. When I was asked to run for Mayor over 12 years ago, I did some discerning, praying, and research. I felt I was “Called” to run, not knowing if I was