

**SPECIAL RUGBY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021– 12:00PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND BY GOTOMEETING**

Council Members present: Albrecht, Bednarz, LaRocque, Berg, Kraft (by GOTOMEETING), Lunde (by GOTOMEETING) and Trottier. Also present were Mayor Steinke, Jim Olson, AE2S and Deputy Auditor Munyer. Absent was Trottier.

Mayor Steinke called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Steinke.

Steinke explained that Kelsey Siegler, Pierce County Emergency Manager, contacted her and explained the county could amend their current Fire Emergency and Burn Ban Declaration. This amendment would allow the cities, within Pierce County, to adopt their own Fire Emergency and Burn Ban Declaration.

Steinke clarified that the city can be more restrictive than the state or county, but not less restrictive. The council will need to determine what Fire Index Rating levels they wish to have in a declaration.

Brossart clarified that the city can approve their own Burn Ban, however the county will need to amend their current burn ban to allow the cities to issue their own ban.

LaRocque and Brossart discussed the different type of fire index ratings.

Berg explained that Chief of Police John Rose had concerns that they will receive a number of calls about the fire index each day. He explained that he has received a number of these calls already regarding the use of fire pits.

The council discussed the many ways that a burn ban could be worded and restricted.

There was a motion by Brossart to follow the county burn ban template with the removal of the high and very high fire index ratings. Second by Bednarz, all voting yes, motion carried.

Kraft joined the meeting.

Rose will put public safety announcements regarding the fire danger.

There being no further business to transact or come before the Council at this time, there was a motion by Berg to adjourn the Council Meeting. Second by LaRocque, all voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:11p.m.

Susan Steinke, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Stewart, City Auditor

Date Approved