

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 18, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were David Anderson, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Bob Boone, Police Officer Dave Kramer, Deputy Police Chief Foster Mayo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth. Also present were Beth Ashworth, Marcia Cossette, Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, Doug Ladely, Sr., Al Brown, and Dave Gray. Councilman Tom Mayo was gone on personal business.

Sandy Ashworth informed council of the Library building project and said there will be a bond election for the remodel. She handed out a fact sheet of estimated costs of the general obligation bond. Washington State University Rural Communities Design Initiative group provided free design work for the Library project. She said the exterior of the building was designed by a local resident, Bob Bissett, who donated his work to the Library. It is a stucco building with a metal surround. B.F. Builders has helped with the estimated costs. She said the bond amount is the limit that the Library cannot exceed. She said other funding sources will be sought by the Library and they are able to seek more grant funding because North Idaho College, the Extension Office, and Economic Development Council are part of the remodel. Governmental and private grant funding can be looked to because they are working with Rural Communities Assistance Corporation Art in Public Places is another source for grant funds. The bond election is May 20, 2014. She said if the election is successful, the Library will be back in front of the city for site prep and permits.

Ralph and Julie Lotspeich joined the meeting.

Police Chief Bob Boone gave the police report. There have been two warrant arrests, one stolen firearm, two petit thefts, two vehicle crashes, one unattended death, one found prescription, two domestic batteries, two probation violations, one felony warrant arrest, three driving without privileges, one reckless driving, one trespass, one providing alcohol to a minor, one DUI, one investigation of suspicious activity, one medical assist, and a pipe bomb at the 7300 block of Apache. Allen Stafford was arrested and charged with possession and detonation of an explosive device for the pipe bomb incident. Bob said there was a subject that assaulted Willie Cowell so he discharged his taser resulting in two arrests being made. The Border Patrol assisted on these arrests. The drug task force did a random drug check at the high school and three arrests were made involving methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Officers detained a mental suicidal subject at the hospital for two days. The subject was released today after the second examiner determined that she was no longer a threat to herself. This detaining strained the resources of the department. Drug paraphernalia was found at the middle school and high school and suspects were taken into custody.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said there have been two calls since the last meeting. A smoke investigation that was a false alarm and a vehicle accident that the fire department assisted with at Riverside and Main were the calls for the fire department. Pat has spoken to Jim McNall at ICRMP regarding training and certifications particularly traffic flaggers. Pat also

spoke about mutual aid and responding to fires when the Sheriff's Office requests the city fire department. He also spoke about extrication outside the city limits and said BVA has extrication equipment so there are not many calls for the city. Pat's advice from Jim McNall was that if we are called for extrication that we should respond. Pat also asked about being called by non-taxing districts and he understands the city does not respond unless there is a mutual aid agreement with another fire district. Jim McNall said the city will be covered for all responses. Dave Kramer said the direction the County would like to see is that the fire departments are being relied upon for extrication because they have the training and proper equipment allowing the ambulance personnel to tend to the injured. He encouraged council to consider the fire department extrication being used outside the city limits when requested. Ron Smith asked for clarification of responding to fires for non-taxing district entities. Dave Kramer said the city is able to bill for costs on vehicle accidents. Stephen said historically the city has not assisted non-taxing district entities unless the Sheriff requests the city's participation. Stephen said the only time he can recall is the Trusstek fire where the Sheriff made such a request.

Stephen Boorman said unit three at the power plant is online and is running good. He said Langford's variance was reviewed, and there are difficulties using that tool. They were advised of the conditions. He cautioned council about having exparte contact with the party. Stephen said there was a tree hanging over the highway near the bypass and Steve Neumeyer, probably the best sawyer in the county, sawed it down without it falling on the highway. He said planning and zoning will have training on April 14, 2014 with Will Herrington and the council and planning and zoning members. Ron asked about the Langford issue. Stephen said when someone files for a zoning issue that is when the formal process starts.

Connie Wells moved to add a late agenda item to advertise for lieutenant and detective positions for the police department. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the consent agenda. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the March 4, 2014 council meeting minutes.

Connie Wells moved to have the third reading by title only of the ordinance amending Title 5, Chapter 4, Bonners Ferry City Code regarding curfew for minors. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Pluid read the title of the ordinance amending city code concerning curfew of minors.

Rick Alonzo moved to adopt Ordinance 540 Amending Title 5, Chapter 4, Bonners Ferry City Code regarding curfew of minors. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Ruen Yeager and Associates for planning and zoning administration. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Dick Staples joined the meeting.

Ron Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Urban Renewal Agency contract for document storage. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Standby time was discussed for the water/sewer department. Ron Smith said when employees obligate their time to be on call for the city they should be compensated and standby should be looked at. Mayor Anderson said he likes the fairness issue and he is in favor of it. Rick Alonzo said if an employee gives up their time to sit by the phone they need to be compensated. Rick Alonzo moved to approve standby time for the water/sewer department. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “no”.

The golf contract was discussed. Ron said he thought contract negotiations should be done in executive session. Andrakay said we do not have to be in executive session but the details can be discussed to get the contract ready. Mayor Anderson said typically negotiations are an offer and then a counter offer and do not have to be done face to face. He asked Andrakay’s opinion as to procedure. She said she would like to see the full council before a decision is made and if council would like to talk about the issue in executive session that they do it with only the council first. Ron asked if the contract before them came from the golf committee. Andrakay said a portion of the contract is the old one and part of it is new. Dick Staples said the committee felt monetary items were reasonable to recommend and thought council might have questions as to why. Ron asked if Ralph has seen the contract. Ralph replied that he had. He said it is something that needs to get done. Ralph said the last meeting is the first one he attended as most of the golf committee’s meetings were in executive session. Julie said the appendix is what they basically do anyway. Ralph said the golf course is quite wet and there is elk track damage, the worst he has seen. The golf team has been out helping Ralph work on the course. It is too wet to open but is hopeful to be open in a couple weeks. The equipment is ready to go. Mayor Anderson asked what the frost level was. Three inches deep on number eight green and one and a half inches deep on number five. The golf contract was temporarily tabled. Ralph, Julie, and Dick left the meeting.

The council viewed a slide show of street damage. There was extensive damage on Washington Street, VanBuren, Fresno, and Tyler Street. The ditch line between the Middle School and Community Title was eroded badly. There is a sink hole near a house on Cody Street and Scroggie’s hill has severe damage. The drain near Boatman’s that ties into the Montana Street drain has not been able to handle the water run off twice this year. There was damage on Hazel Street caused by a resident that did not get an encroachment permit as his paved driveway should have had a culvert underneath. The half pipe that comes off near Cow Creek could not handle the run off. A culvert is needed on the area near Habitat for Humanity but it is a private road. The area near Ace Elder Care and Head Start had drainage problems. Someone put a driveway

over the culvert so there is no drainage. There were several holes in the streets in the Marx Subdivision. Stephen said the question is how much the city wants to invest for incidents like we experienced this year concerning drainage. He said sometimes landscaping fabric is put in our ditch lines and when John cleans out the ditches it tears out the fabric and damages other parts of the landscaping. John Youngwirth explained what distance he needs for ditches and culverts and swales. The group discussed swales. He said the person on Hazel Street that did not get an encroachment permit may be required to put in a culvert. John said some of the problems in the Marx Subdivision were from snow compaction in the ditch. Mayor Anderson said there was water running through Redi-Mix. Stephen said the culverts were cleaned out by Burlington Northern Railroad and now water is flowing right into Redi-Mix. This area is not a city street.

Connie Wells moved to set September 2, 2014 as the fiscal year 2015 budget hearing date. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the annual excavation contracts with Mike Kelly Excavating, Dennis Fitch Construction, and KG&T Septic Service. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to purchase one recloser. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to purchase a commercial heater for the swimming pool for \$11,968. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to purchase an ADA lift for the swimming pool for \$5,544. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Leak testing for the steel water tank was discussed. We have repaired the roof of the tank and the draining and filling of the tank has caused more leaks in the floor. Coating will catch all the pin holes but it won't cover the joint holes in the seams. If there are bad spots on the seams we can repair them. Stephen said the steel tank floor is on a gravel surface and when it is filled it flexes and there could be leaks. It was leaking 13,400 gallons per day. The city got this water tank from Farragut after World War II. Rick Alonzo moved to have American Leak Detection do a leak test on the water tank floor for \$1,900. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

The forklift purchase was discussed. The split for payment would be 60 percent electric, 20 percent water, and 20 percent sewer. Connie Wells moved to approve the purchase of the Toyota forklift for \$24,195. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Waterline replacement for Comanche Street and Bonner Street was discussed. Stephen said this would fix the leak near Burkholder's on Comanche Street and near the underpass on Bonner Street. Rick Alonzo moved to go out for bid for waterline replacement for Comanche Street and

Bonner Street. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Bob Boone spoke regarding the lieutenant and detective positions he is requesting. Bob wants to have a lieutenant so he can get an officer in Command College to train for his replacement. He is anticipating the detective position to be one rank above corporal. He anticipates the detective to be promoted from within but wants to look at advertising for both positions. Rick asked if there would be more than one detective in the department. Bob said there would be one. Rick asked if this would be in place of the sergeant position. Bob said the lieutenant would be and there would not be a deputy chief. Mayor Anderson is in favor of the Chief building his department as he would like. Rick Alonzo moved to allow the Chief to advertise for the lieutenant and detective positions. Ron Smith seconded the motion. Connie asked how many officers he would have once these positions are filled. Bob said once these two positions are filled he can backfill with lower ranked officers. He thinks it would take the department up to about eight again. Connie verified that this would only be a change in structure and not new positions. Bob agreed. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

At 8:11 p.m. Connie Wells moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b) (e) (f). Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”. Executive session ended at 9:55 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk