

The joint city/county meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Ken Toline, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, Planner Lisa Ailport, and Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Also present were Boundary County Commissioners Dan Dinning, LeAlan Pinkerton, Walt Kirby, Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser, Sheriff Dave Kramer, and Emergency Services Director Mike Meier, Moyie Springs Council Members Tim Narvaez, Terry Johnson, Heather Andrews, and Steve Economu, and Clerk Donna Funkhouser, Ken English, Bob Spalding, Stacy and Tad Brown, Ginger Purdue, John Tucker, and Meredith Keller.

Mike Meier gave a brief report on the mudslide emergency events. FEMA went over the claims we had in the County. Mayor Sims thanked Mike for his efforts. Dan Dinning said Bob Graham received the Legion of Merits Award. Mike said it is the highest award a citizen can receive.

Dan said Boundary County has leased the Armory building until July, 2018. They have a 50 percent ownership in the building and the State of Idaho owns the other 50 percent. If the Guard decides to dispose of the building Boundary County is hopeful they can obtain it. The probation offices and some of the Sheriff's Office will be moving to the Armory building.

Area of Impact needs to be looked at every ten years. Mayor Sims said we probably don't need to change it but it should be looked at. The last one was done in 2006 according to Lisa. Dan will leave it to the cities to take care of scheduling this topic.

Walt Kirby said the Spot Bus has changed due to the joint powers agreement recently signed. Councilman Ron Smith and Walt Kirby are on the new Spot Board. He said people call in and Spot picks them up and drops them off as they request. Spot is limited due to the grant funding requirements. City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, and the Tribe put in \$10,000 each according to Walt. Walt said the ridership is good in town, over 2000 rides in 2016. Service is limited in Boundary County due to the grant rules. On Saturdays the bus makes several trips from Sandpoint to the Kootenai River Inn. The Inn is paying the expenses for these bus trips. Walt said the Commissioners put pressure on Spot to do a fixed route in Moyie. This is a one day per week service, however the ridership is quite low. He said it is difficult to get the advertisement out for this service. All the bus services are free to the patrons. Walt said the Spot Board wishes to work with the City of Moyie because they want to know how to improve the Moyie Route. He said the City of Moyie has not been asked for funding yet. Heather Anderson said people don't know about the service. Steve Economu said notification was sent to the residents to inform them of the bus service. He explained the advertisement for the bus stops at Moyie as being a round sign attached to the stop signs. Ginger Purdue suggested posting of the bus times on the signs so the patrons would know.

Mayor David Sims said the Moyie Route is on Wednesdays and Fridays now. Ron Smith said the Spot Board is concerned about the ridership figures for the Moyie Route. In Bonners Ferry the customer pickup is demand so the people must call in to schedule pickups. Total ridership on the Moyie Route was 91 and Bonners Ferry had 2184 riders for 2016. Ron would like to see a system of notification regarding the Moyie Route. Walt said the Bonners Ferry/Boundary

County Local Service Development Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at noon. Mike Meier suggested advertising on the County website. Tim Narvaez suggested sending out information in the City of Moyie utility billings. He also suggested an advertisement being left at the Moyie Post Office. Terry Johnson said the schedule needs to be put at the stop locations. Steve suggested having all of us riding the Spot bus so we know where the routes run. Mayor Sims said the service in Bonners Ferry is a demand service so the people call and schedule when to be picked up and dropped off. This type of route would not work in Moyie due to the length of time needed to drive from town to Moyie and back, so that is why there is a fixed route.

Mayor Sims clarified the creation of Spot and said the Joint Powers Agreement shifted Spot from City of Dover to Sandpoint, Kootenai, Ponderay, and Dover, then Bonners Ferry and Boundary County were invited to join the joint powers. LeAlan said the reason Spot is here to start with is because the County got the van from the Senior Center and put it at the Restorium and that is when Spot got involved. He said we need ridership to keep the van.

LeAlan Pinkerton spoke regarding regional sewer. He said the City's sewer system is not inclusive of the County. He said Dennis Weed sought out a feasibility study to look at a sewer system to facilitate this. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved funding but LeAlan has not heard if USDA has approved funding. Dennis said last fall they looked at just Moyie and that was not feasible so DEQ was approached for developing a sewer system taking in Moyie, Three Mile, and Bonners Ferry. A Gem Grant from State of Idaho will be looked to for the remaining funding for the study. The bottom line is what the cost will be for each residence and business. He said it will help the City of Bonners Ferry also with a different application method rather than the river because regulations keep increasing. Dennis is working with Nancy Mabile at Panhandle Area Council for the USDA grant. Idaho Department of Commerce is looking to help with the Gem Grant funding. Ron Smith asked if we are looking at just the City of Moyie residents. Dennis thinks now we are looking at only Moyie city residents. Heather said there are 74 hook ups in Moyie. She said everyone outside of Moyie has septic systems. The cost of sewer for the City of Moyie was prohibitive so this is why a regional system is being considered. LeAlan said we are looking to the future to get a regional sewer system so that is the reason we are doing a feasibility study. He said it will be money well spent for the future. Mayor Sims asked about the RFQ (request for qualifications) for the engineering firm selection and said it will be very important to make sure the engineer knows the scope of work to be considered. Moyie sewer rates were briefly discussed.

Tim Narvaez said we need to make sure that we are looking forward for the sewer system. He wants to make sure residents lower than the sewer system hook on.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk