

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 20, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Police Chief Vic Watson, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Mechanic Jimmy Dorhofer, and Water/Sewer Superintendent Adrian Dice. Also present were Jerry Higgs, Robert Hanover, Marci Cossette, and Jessica Hanna.

Robert Hanover spoke to the group about the possible Augusta Street road closure in front of Valley View School. He handed out a petition asking that the street not be closed. Ron Smith said he supports the closure of the road in front of Valley View School. Robert said there will be a public meeting on November 18, 2015 and he is concerned that people will not be available to attend the meeting. He went through the neighborhoods near Valley View School and got over 70 signatures in opposition of the road closure. He said some of the people signing the petition have lived in the area over 50 years. Robert attended the School Board meeting and said the Board Members were not aware of the proposed closure. He said they suggested volunteers help with children crossing the street. Robert said the School District recently sold Evergreen School and he is proposing that they take the money, build a new kindergarten, and move the administration office into the current kindergarten building. Robert said Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is considering changing the Highway 95 crossing to the west side of Augusta Street and the sidewalk is now being planned for the west side of Augusta. Robert also said when he was on the Highway 95 Project Committee he recommended a four way intersection at Augusta and Highway 95 for school traffic. He said he is concerned about the children and commended the police department for their work to get vehicles to slow down. He said if a four way intersection was at Highway 95 and Augusta the police would not have to be there for traffic control like they are now.

Police Chief Vic Watson gave the police report for the period of October 7 through October 20, 2015. He said there have been two missing person cases, one public disturbance, two unlawful entries, two agency assists, one reckless driving, one harassment case, one unattended death, one driving without privileges, one warrant arrest, one trespassing case, one DUI, and four vehicle crashes. He said there has been an upswing in vehicle accidents. Mayor Anderson asked the Chief to move the flashing traffic counter to Tamarack Lane near the baseball field.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. There was a dishwasher fire on Wells Street that was responded to by the fire department and an unintentional false alarm for smoke at the high school during Homecoming Dance but it was from a smoke machine. There was also a water heater fire at Evergreen Apartments that our fire department was asked to respond to, even though it is outside City limits, Paradise Valley asked the City to continue. There was an after action report regarding the Parker Ridge fire. Pat said the prediction is that next year will be drier than this year. Fire Prevention Week is this week and some of the firemen are teaching students at the schools. Merlin Bailey from TransCanada notified Pat that the City of Bonners Ferry has been successful with a donation for \$21,006 to complete fire station two. The project will be for insulation, sheet rock, and doors for the remodel.

Mike Klaus said the substation project is nearly complete and should be done within two weeks. The Moyie line move project contractors are here in town and they looked at the line move as well as a couple repair projects that we have (Katka Line bent arm and a pole replacement on Roosevelt). Cassia water tank project is starting. Also, a sewer line replacement on Chinook Street is being worked on. Mike spoke of the sign ordinance meetings. He said there are many types of signs and once the committee comes to a recommendation it will go to planning and zoning and then to the City council. It is very complex. Mike said he is recommending award of the unit two rebuild project later tonight. He said we got a competitive bid despite the lack of competition.

David said ITD is recommending a full public hearing on the Augusta Street project since a street closure is being considered. There will be a hearing officer and all the people in the area will be notified. Originally, the City wanted the sidewalk on the west side of Augusta Street but ITD did not, as they were fearful that people would not look before turning right onto Highway 95 from Augusta. They have since changed their mind. ITD future highway projects will include the area from Alderson Lane to LaBrosse Hill and reconfiguration of the Augusta Street Highway 95 intersection will be part of that. David said putting the crossing on the opposite side of Augusta Street where it meets the highway will make sense as part of the future project. David said there is no final word from Ting yet as to whether they will come to Bonners Ferry. He said Eric Lederhos has purchased the cable company. He is planning to feed the businesses downtown with a fiber network, as the cable company had a fiber backbone. David said Eric's plan is to offer voice data and video. He said this will be higher speeds than Frontier. He said this is not the same level of service that Ting would provide but it is a step up from what Frontier provides. David said Frontier got about \$700,000 in Connect America Funds so they are upgrading their fiber backbone in the county and their goal is to offer DSL to almost everyone in the county. The minimum speed is being upgraded to 10 Megs. David thinks the Katka area will be the only area that won't get the 10 Meg service. The Regional Economic Summit is on November 5<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged council to attend.

Ron Smith said he recalls the requested road closure in front of Valley View was for the road to be blocked Monday through Thursday during school hours for the kindergarten children to cross the street. David said ITD will have different options for the public to view at the public hearing. Dave Anderson said the good thing about putting the sidewalk on the west side of Augusta is there is one less street crossing for the children. David said another good thing is that the City owns property across the highway between the highway and the school parking lot.

Mayor Anderson also said we need to bring Stephanie, from Selkirk Loop, into a council meeting to update council.

Connie Wells moved to add a late agenda item for executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of the October 6, 2015 regular council meeting minutes and approval of the October 15, 2015 special council meeting minutes.

Ron Smith moved to approve the special event permit for the Bonners Ferry Band for the 5K Halloween Fun Run on October 31, 2015. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho doing business as the Kootenai River Inn for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet at the fairgrounds on October 30, 2015. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Second Chance Animal Adoption for animal shelter services. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for attorney services with Andrakay Pluid. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. Ron Smith asked if there were any changes. Andrakay said it reflects a two percent payroll increase. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Vic Watson asked for approval to purchase a used Idaho State Police (ISP) vehicle. He said it is \$11,500 for a pickup. Vic said he is looking to purchase three vehicles within the budgeted amount for police vehicles for 2016. Jimmy Dorhofer said the ISP vehicle we previously purchased is in good condition. Connie asked what year the new vehicle is. Vic said it is 2010 but the price has gone up a bit since the last one. Mayor Anderson asked about the wiring. Jimmy said he is getting the wiring figured out but he is waiting on a couple parts. He said the wiring was cut when some of the equipment was taken out by ISP. Vic said the vehicle wiring is fine but the equipment wiring is what was cut. He said he and Jimmy have been discussing what to do the next time. Vic said the vehicles are a good value. Mayor Anderson asked about what we plan to do for weight in the new pickups. Sand will probably be used. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the purchase of the used police vehicle from ISP. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Jessica Tingley joined the meeting.

Mike Klaus said some of our trucks have a boom or something on them that prohibits the mechanic from lifting them in the mechanic shop building due to height restrictions. Jimmy Dorhofer said he found a two post, 22,000 pound lift that should pick up everything but the ten wheel dump trucks. He can pick up the front or the back of these trucks. Connie asked what the cost is. Jimmy said it is \$19,800. Ron Smith moved to purchase the lift for the service trucks.

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

Jessica Hanna left the meeting.

Mike Klaus explained the change orders for the Moyie Substation project. He said the change orders consist of a fencing change, high potential testing, and additional support in the form of bracing and insulators for some big wire that comes off bus work so the voltage will not touch something else. He said there is one other item that may be coming to council. It is a concrete pad to set the breaker on. This was an oversight but it is needed for the line move project. Mike said we are just over one percent of the total project cost for the change orders and that is excellent. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the change orders for the Moyie Substation project. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk’s note: change order cost is \$8,421.00).

The Moyie Hydro Unit 2 Rebuild bid was discussed. Mike said the total bid was \$96,130 plus the alternates of \$29,630 for a grand total of \$125,490 as proposed by Riverside Inc. Mike thinks this is a good price and will complete the most recent cycle of rebuilding the systems at the dam. Connie Wells moved to award the bid to Riverside Inc. for the Unit 2 rebuild. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Adrian Dice spoke to council about covered storage needed for the water/sewer department. He said most of the vehicles are stored out in the weather. He said the tools get frozen in the back of the vehicles when they are not stored under cover. He would like to get permission for funding approval to have a covered storage extension added on to the back of the mechanic shop. Adrian said it will be 74 x 24 and will be a sloped roof, like a lean-to. He said there is \$16,000 budgeted and he has a materials list estimate of about \$13,000. Mike said we have a good opportunity with Bruce Dally here and it is something that is needed. Adrian is hopeful that the full sized dump truck will fit in the proposed storage area. Mayor Anderson said storing equipment under cover extends the life of the vehicles, and \$13,000 is not a bad price. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the funding for the covered storage addition on Jimmy’s shop for the water and sewer department for \$13,000. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with S&L Underground for the construction of the Cassia water tank. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike Klaus said Ron Smith and Connie Wells met with the people from Idaho Smart Growth when they came to Bonners Ferry. They are the group that may be helping to re-write our comprehensive plan. He said a comprehensive plan sets out the goals and plans of the City and are referred to and looked at when there is proposed development or special use. The comprehensive plan is the document that shows the goals of the City. He said it is solid and the plan that is looked to. He said the current comprehensive plan was patterned off another city and it would be nice to have a comprehensive plan that fits our city. Mike said Idaho Smart Growth

will work with our planner, Lisa. He said the cost for Idaho Smart Growth is \$5,000 for this assistance. Andrakay has looked over the agreement. Mike asked if there are any questions about the comp plan. Connie said the comp plan does need to be revised and the Idaho Smart Growth folks are very knowledgeable. She said they are the same people that participated in the Highway 95 study by Mobility West. Mike said the team has a lot of depth and experience. He said we will see them up here as a team at least once but they will participate over the web. Ron said he understands that they will provide a lot of their writings. He said Idaho Smart Growth will be speaking to the public to get their opinions. Mike said he was involved with an update to the comprehensive plan in 2006. Connie said Idaho Smart Growth is working with the City of Dover as well so we will share some costs. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Idaho Smart Growth for comprehensive plan update assistance. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the proposal for the fiscal year 2016 flower baskets. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Council wanted a Christmas party this year for December 18, 2015 and asked the Clerk to get venues and prices.

The joint county/city meeting will be held in November and it is our turn to host it.

Connie Wells moved at 8:03 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk