

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of January 7, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Connie Wells, Council Members Rick Alonzo and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Deputy Police Chief Foster Mayo, Water/Sewer Department Operator Mike Wade, and Councilman Elect Ron Smith. Also present were Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Jerry Higgs, Dave Gray, Treva Rawlings, Chris Rawlings, Doug Ladely, Sr., Dale Simpson, Laura Roady, Shirley Mayo, and Bob Graham. Councilman Bob Blanford was gone due to personal business.

David Gray spoke regarding light duty. He said there was no light duty in the Moscow police department when his son was injured, and he thinks a light duty policy should be pursued.

Dave Kramer gave the police report. He said Officer Tiffany Murray had a successful surgery and is recovering. A new radio has been ordered for the new police car and seven new GPS units are being obtained for the patrol cars and there is voice command. These items have a value of \$2,400 at no cost to the city as they are being paid with grant funds. The new patrol vehicle will be picked up next week and will be fully equipped. Deputy Mayo and Dave have been working on re-certifications and trainings. Officers made eight warrant arrests including one obstruct and resist arrest, one DUI, two felony controlled substance arrests, two thefts, and thefts are being reviewed from last summer and fall. There have been two patrol vehicle accidents both with the same vehicle and patrolman. Once it slid on the ice and hit a building at the fairgrounds and then a resident backed down a driveway and hit the police vehicle broadside as the officer was responding to an incident. The driver was sighted for being at fault and having no insurance. Taser training is tomorrow.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. There were 83 fire calls in 2013. Christmas Eve there was a fireplace fire. A gas odor investigation at the bank and an unintentional fire call off Ash Street near the old parsonage that was a camp fire. An EMS assist in the Eisenhower area near the apartments as well as a call that ended up being space junk coming by in the air. Pat said last week a truck hauling hot ammonia nitrate slid off the road near Robinson Lake and it was a mess for a bit. The truck did not tip over. Pat is concerned about one of the tanks tipping over in town and rupturing. He said there would need to be a minimum of a half mile evacuation area. If diesel gets into the ammonia nitrate it creates a bomb and there would need to be a mile of evacuation area. BNSF Railroad will transport by rail 400,000 tank cars of crude oil in 2014. There are rail switch points near Fodge's and also near the Forest Service and these are areas to particularly watch. The crude that will be coming through has a more explosive quality. Pat is concerned and would like to be proactive about an evacuation plan. He said there was a suggestion made of using the siren on city hall if there should be an evacuation scenario. He would like to address this concern and be ready should the need arise.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrator's report. Libby Dam is having the emergency action plan training on April 1, 2014 and council is invited. There is a speed and traffic study in the packet for the Cow Creek Road. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is looking for

suggestions regarding the Highway 95 project. Mayor Anderson said we need to schedule a meeting for the property owners to discuss the project.

David Sims gave the economic development report. He said Mack Worley is moving his business from Oregon to Boundary County. Mack has purchased property near the Herman Lake Road and the Commissioners have approved the commercial property use. Previously there was an appeal to the Commissioners for this property. Most of the product will be shipped to the southeast United States but several local people will be hired. ITD agreed to open up the grant window for operating the senior bus. The hope is this will help build a bus system in our community. The Chamber of Commerce is working on holding Kootenai River Days on July 25-27, 2014 and will be applying for a special event permit. They want to close Main Street for one of the afternoon/evenings. David encouraged council to take time to be engaged with the Highway 95 project.

David said the urban renewal agency bond should be going forward and the bond is scheduled to close in February.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the December 17, 2013 council meeting minutes.

Mayor Anderson administered the oath to Ron Smith for Councilman. Mayor Anderson administered the oath to Tom Mayo for Councilman. Mayor Anderson thanked Bob Blanford for filling in for City Council.

Mayor Anderson spoke regarding the Kootenai Tribal Fire/Law Enforcement contract. Ron Smith said any discussions regarding contracts should be done in executive session. Council agreed to move this topic to executive session.

The special use permit for a mental health and addictions counseling center at 6807 Cody Street by applicant Rawlings Community Counseling was discussed. Mayor Anderson would be supportive of the issue. Tom Mayo thinks this is a positive benefit to the community. Connie Wells agreed and has no problem. Rick Alonzo thinks getting someone in the building that will clean up the area would be good and Rick only lives a block away from their current business and has not seen any problems. Rick sees no problem with it. Ron Smith said his only concern was the residents in the area had a problem with it so he may be opposed to it although he does support the program. He is concerned about it being in a residential area. He asked the city attorney if the city has a law that allows this business. Andrakay explained that council has the right to accept or deny the special use permit. Stephen explained there are allowed uses in each zone and there are special use permits that allow certain businesses in specific zones per city code. Andrakay said since it is a residential AA zone that council can vote to deny the special use permit. Mayor Anderson said there has not been opposition against the business where it is currently located and the proposed property is degraded and it will be upgraded. Tom Mayo moved to approve the special use permit for Mental Health and Addictions counseling Center with the conditions that were recommended by Planning and Zoning. Connie Wells seconded

the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: conditions recommended by Planning and Zoning were a minimum of 23 parking spaces to be provided; maximum sign size 4’x5’ and must be located within two feet of the building; outdoor lighting to be non-obtrusive and the building to have motion lights installed around the perimeter; hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.)

Change Order #2 for the Moyie Power Plant unit 3 repair project was explained by Stephen to be repair of the intermediate and lower guide bearings. He said this was identified in the original bid as Alternates A and B. The governor shaft with linkage controls the gates to allow the flow of water. Rick Alonzo moved to approve change order #2 for rebuild of unit 3 on the power plant. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) conservation program allows the City of Bonners Ferry about \$80,000 to be spent each year. We have done many lighting projects and now we are offering a residential window replacement program. We have also given out light bulbs and low flow shower heads to our customers in the past. Rick suggested looking at the new LED lights. Stephen said we are probably about six months out before we can obtain one that meets our conservation program requirements. He said we have replaced the lighting on the highway bridge with LED lights. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the BPA Conservation Agreement Amendment #01. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson recommended reappointing Don Lindsay, Dean Satchwell, and John Marquette to the Traffic Safety Committee. Rick Alonzo moved to reappoint Don Lindsay, Dean Satchwell, and John Marquette to the Traffic Safety Committee. Ron Smith seconded the motion for discussion. He would like to have another Traffic Safety Meeting to address the issue of a temporary closure of the street near Valley View School. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cafeteria Plan documents prepared by Magnuson, McHugh and Company. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Dave Kramer said he did not see a city policy for light duty and so he has been researching the issue. He has not had any requests for light duty but wants to be prepared. David has had Dean Satchwell researching this and he did find one in the Lexipol manual that is nearly identical to the sample policy Dave has been looking at. He said this is a starting point for the city. Mayor Anderson said light duty does not fit well in smaller organizations but at times it can be done. He said it is worth looking at. Stephen said there is support from the department heads. He said we have looked at short term and long term disability policies in the past to be paid by the employee if they choose such. Ron Smith said the County sometimes had light duty jobs in different departments rather than the employee’s regular department. Ron Smith would be interested in pursuing a light duty policy.

There is a very comprehensive oil test being done on the transformer at the Moyie Substation according to Stephen.

Connie Wells moved to nominate Rick Alonzo as Council President. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed - Tom Mayo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “abstained”.

Connie Wells moved at 7:50 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b) (c) (e). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 8:57 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Mayor Anderson tabled the Kootenai Tribal Fire/Law Enforcement contract item until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk