

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 17, 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 Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Robert Boone, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Water/Sewer Superintendent Adrian Dice. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Cal Russell, Stephanie Sims, Terry Howe, Jerry Higgs, Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, Doug Ladely, Sr., Richard Hollenbeck, Adam Arthur, and Jessica Tingley.

Stephanie Sims spoke to Council regarding Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) replacing a historical bridge at the north end of the county. Because of this ITD is willing to help us with other historical projects. Two projects are possible that are in the city limits. One is a set of interpretive signs to be installed on the bridge abutment regarding historical bridges in Boundary County and other signs for sturgeon. The second project is to display the electric generator that is in the building behind City Hall. ITD will give support to both projects, supplying the interpretive signage. The Historical Society supports both projects. Stephanie thinks it will give travelers a reason to stop in our town. Mayor Anderson said we have spoken about opening up the side windows before to display the generator. He said the clock tower is the Harold Sims Memorial Clock, and we have not been able to fund signage for this. Mayor Anderson is hopeful that signage for the clock tower could be part of the project also. Cal Russell said the Historical Society is supportive of this project also. He said when the pelton wheel was not running the generator took over for it.

Richard Hollenbeck from the Masonic Lodge would like to put a sign on the opposite side of the Welcome sign that the Rotary Club sign is hung from. It would be the same size but on the opposite post of the current Welcome sign.

Stephanie Sims and Terry Howe left the meeting.

Robert Boone said during the last reporting period the officers made one no contact order arrest, one grand theft and auto theft arrest with a stolen vehicle recovery, one petit theft arrest, one DUI with an obstruction of an officer, and one phone harassment arrest. There is an ongoing child luring/child pornography investigation.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said there were nine calls in February and so far in March there have been four calls. There was an electrical fire in a service panel, a brush fire on Alderson Lane that was headed to Tannenbaum, a gasoline spill in the basement of the Performance Off Road building that is used as a repair shop, and the final call was today for a natural gas odor downtown. Pat and Doug Ladely checked downtown thoroughly but were unable to identify the source and it dissipated. The old 1940 Seagrave is being worked on and it will be used in parades.

Cal Russell left the meeting.

Connie Wells moved to add late agenda items for approval of a catering permit for Club 55 for the FFA Fund raiser and approval of the purchase of Christmas decorations. Tom Mayo

seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “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”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the minutes of March 2, 2015 council meeting minutes.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Altec for aerial apparatus inspections. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Kendall Deaton for tree trimming services. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson informed Council of the Moyie Substation rebuild paperwork in the packet and said it will be an agenda item at the next meeting to be discussed with the City Administrator.

Mayor Anderson informed Council of the transformers and reclosers at our city yard that should be declared surplus as they will not be used by the City and they have value. He said Kevin Cossairt has assured him that we would not use them in the future but other small utilities may be interested in them. Ron Smith moved to declare the transformers and reclosers surplus. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Adrian Dice spoke to council regarding the South Hill booster pump station. He said he is requesting the funding to replace the pumps in the South Hill booster station as they are old and out of their curves, they are overheating and need to be replaced. He said the piping into that pump station is unusually designed so it will be streamlined when the pumps are installed if the project is approved. The funding requested would also include new panels and ability to tie into the SCADA system. Currently the pump station has to be checked daily and the level of the tank checked to make sure the pumps are operating properly. He said it is about \$30,000 for the project and we will receive approximately \$4,000 as a rebate from Bonneville Power Administration for energy efficiency. Adrian said he put the 2014 Sanitary Survey with the city response in the council mail boxes for them to review. We are looking at putting variable frequency drives (VFDs) on the system so the water could be shut off at the tank and pressure would continue through the VFDs so people at the south end of our system could be served. Connie asked when the last time the pump was repaired. Adrian said a repair was made a couple months ago but he did not know the age of the pumps. Adrian said the pumps are overheating and should be replaced. Tom asked if this is a priority for spending funds. Adrian agreed. Connie said that is one of the reasons we raised water rates to keep our equipment in good working order. Connie Wells moved to authorize spending up to \$30,000 to replace the booster pumps. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said Police Chief Robert Boone has done a wonderful job in a short amount of time, but he has grandkids and church responsibilities that are taking his time. Rick Alonzo moved to accept Chief Boone's resignation begrudgingly. Ron Smith begrudgingly seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Robert Boone asked permission to stay on the department as a reserve. Council agreed.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Farmers Market for 2015. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the catering permit for Club 55 for the FFA Alumni event at 6416 Kootenai Street on March 21, 2015. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Christmas lights and decorations were discussed. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the purchase of Christmas lights and decorations for a total of \$8,415. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk