Mayor Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 3, 2014 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 Andrákay Pluid, Police Chief Robert Boone, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Economic Development Coordinator David Sims. Also present were Jill Nystrom, Wendy Hawks, Patti Branson, Tammie Hiatt, Stacy and Gary Leonard, Rod and Megan Owens, Jerry Higgs, and Dave Gray.

Jill Nystrom from the Rusty Moose Tavern and Grill spoke to council. They want to have a band, beer garden, and barbecue on the 4th of July. Mayor Anderson suggested that she speak to the fire and police departments and we can visit the matter at the next council meeting. Jill said their business insurance would cover the area. She is planning to use the parking lot adjacent to the pawn shop and she would like to have Bonner Street closed from Main Street to the alley. She is planning for the event to be from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Patti Branson from the Chamber of Commerce spoke to council regarding Kootenai River Days. There will not be a mush ball tournament. The raft race is being suggested to be from the Riverside ball fields to the waterways building. Patti said the insurance quote came in just under $1,000 for the street dance and the raft race. The bike and hike may be added and she is not sure of the cost of that. Patti said this cost would be a stretch for the Chamber budget. At this point in time she is not sure if Chamber can afford the insurance. Connie suggested gathering donations to help pay for the insurance as it would be much cleaner for the Chamber to handle their own event. Wendy Hawks said there is a sponsorship application going out for the Chamber events. Megan Owens asked if the city would cover the raft race or if Search and Rescue needs to get their own insurance. Mayor Anderson said the next meeting would be the final date to decide on the insurance issue. He said the city is not out of it yet but our preference is to not do it. Ron Smith asked if the word sponsor means ICRMP. Mayor Anderson said it is ICRMP. Patti said if the Chamber gets the insurance then the City won’t have to be named in the advertisements. Ron said Darrell Kerby is the agent for the City and County for ICRMP.

Gary Leonard said the 4th of July event is being planned. He is collecting donations for the event and he has a website but they are about $2,500 short. Gary spoke to the Car Show about allowing a pass the boot to collect donations for the fireworks. Gary spoke regarding the parade at 5:00 p.m. on July 4th and not wanting the music from the Rusty Moose interfering. He also expressed concern about the music downtown conflicting with the fireworks event. Gary is planning to build launchers for the fireworks. Pat Warkentin encouraged Gary to visit the fire department on a Monday evening. He also encouraged the Chamber to visit the fire department for donations. Gary is concerned about the donations but thinks they will come in. Gary said the reload is the most dangerous part of setting off the fireworks and it should be safer with the new racks being built.

Mayor Anderson thanked the volunteers for their good work.

Police Chief Robert Boone gave his police report. He said since the last meeting there have been two DARE graduations with the last one being tomorrow at Naples Elementary School. There has been an investigation of lude conduct with a minor. Officers have made three warrant arrests.
including one felony warrant arrest. There was a reckless driving arrest, investigated two injury vehicle crashes, and wrote 39 vehicle citations.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said there were only four calls in the month of May. There was a call at the Senior Center for a gas odor today. He said there was an issue with the natural gas hot water heater that is being taken care of. In late June there will be a wild land urban interface training exercise on the Atlanta Street and in that general area near the railroad tracks to help prepare for firefighting along the tracks. Pat said we need to warn the people on Atlanta Street of the training and Pat will work with the clerk’s office on the notifications.

David Sims gave his report. He said the SPOT bus system details are being worked out. It should start next spring and they are planning to use the bus here three days per week, two days local service and one day to and from Sandpoint. Last week the Kootenai River Inn sponsored the bus service on a trial run between Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint. David said SPOT wants to set up a governing board and would like to have a council person or mayor on the board as well as a commissioner and a representative from the Kootenai Tribe. He said the match needs to be consolidated before next April. David said the new Department of Commerce Representative for us will be Hank Ebert. Randy Shroll has taken another position with the Department of Commerce. He also reported that the EDC will be forming a committee in September to work with Idaho Transportation Department on the Highway 95 bypass issue. David said the committee will work on issues for about nine months. Carter Country is setting up a feed store in the Amer-Can building. The urban renewal agency will have a meeting next week to pay bills and take care of some business. Tom Mayo asked if David knew what revenue would be coming in this year for the urban renewal agency. David did not have the figures for the entire year but estimated tax revenue to be $90,000 for urban renewal.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo 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 payroll and accounts payable; and approval of May 20, 2014 council meeting minutes.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the fireworks paperwork and approve the 4th of July fireworks celebration. 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 hire of Emily Fredericks and Tucker Cavender as lifeguards. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve catering permit for Mario Deleon doing business as Mario’s Mexican Restaurant for the Bull Bash at the fairgrounds on June 13, 2014. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Pat Warkentin spoke regarding adding two more young volunteer firemen. He said Ryan Norcross and John have applied. They are younger men and Ryan lives here full time. John
works in North Dakota so he will be here part time. Pat is putting them on at least six month probation. Ron Smith moved to approve the volunteer firemen. 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 Resolution 2014-06-01. Ron Smith seconded the motion. Ron asked about the size of the legal notice that can be used in the paper to advertise. Andrakay said this is in the legal section of the paper. Ron also questioned the word should or shall being on the list of the speakers and the person not being allowed to speak. Andrakay said whoever the hearing officer is has the discretion to recognize or not recognize a speaker. Mayor Anderson said typically we have had signup sheets at the door and we have not denied anyone. Ron does not want language to deny people the opportunity to speak. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to establish a new contact and authorized signatory for discharge monitoring reports for the EPA and DEQ. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: the authorized signatories are Doug Ladely or Stephen Boorman with Doug being the new contact person).

Rick Alonzo moved at 7:39 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 7:48 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk