

The budget workshop of July 16, 2014 convened at 6:08 p.m. Present for the workshop were Mayor David Anderson, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman. Council President Rick Alonzo was gone on personal business. Also present were Doug Ladely, Sr., Ruth Sutton, and Marcia Cossette.

The group reviewed the enterprise funds budgets for fiscal year 2015. Council took a break at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Anderson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Robert Boone, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Acting Water/Sewer Superintendent Doug Ladely, Jr., Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, and City Bookkeeper/Payroll Clerk Christine McNair. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, Doug Ladely, Sr., April Isaac, Dorothy Smith, Devonna Dixon, Kirk Dixon, Stacie Brown, Jerry Higgs, David Gray, Jim Marx, Tom DeLuca, Rhonda DeLuca, Bob Graham, Chuck Newhouse, Aaron Clark, and Jim Fritzsche.

David Sims spoke to council. He said there was a letter in the council packet from him to Michael Camin. He clarified that this letter was not the original that was sent to Michael Camin because the notes that were added were notes sent to Necia at Welch Comer. He said initially the water department thought they had the problem fixed after they did the screening and other repairs to the Northside tank. He said shortly after that it became apparent that the problem was not fixed. David encouraged council to get the tank lid done this year. He said there are trust issues and possible health issues.

Dorothy Smith, longtime Northside resident, spoke regarding the water situation on the Northside and said she is very concerned as well as many other people.

Kirk Dixon lives across the bridge and he has an issue about this also. He does not like the way he learned about it. He said it does not make sense and asked why the issue was not taken care of in 2010. He also asked what happened to the money that was collected from the water meters that were installed and why it was not used to fix the problem.

Devonna Dixon, Northside resident, said it is very disturbing to find out there is an issue and they have been drinking contaminated water for five years and it does not make sense.

Police Chief Robert Boone gave the police report. He said since the last reporting period officers have investigated two traffic accidents, made one felony controlled substance arrest, one warrant arrest, one DUI arrest, and recovered a stolen vehicle out of Troy, Montana. There was an incident on Sunday evening involving students at the Turning Winds Boarding School tying up their teachers and stealing vehicles. One of the vehicles was found in Libby and the other ended up here and students were taken into custody. Foster Mayo assisted the Sheriff's Office on a domestic violence call seven miles up Meadow Creek where the abuser beat his wife and father and then committed suicide. There was also a vehicle burglary in the city, one bank fraud, one

unattended death, one mail theft, and 44 speeding citations issued included 14 in the construction zone.

Pat Warkentin said so far in the month of July the fire department has responded to a vehicle accident, an odor incident, some kids setting a fire in the gully below the Jenni Lane Apartments, and a Restorium resident that needed assistance getting back in bed. There was also a fire at the Alpine Cleaners on the 4th of July. Pat explained the cause of the fire at the Alpine Cleaners to be hot rags from the dryer being left in a cloth laundry cart causing the combustion. Pat said this is not an uncommon event. There is training coming up on August 7, 2014 involving helicopter rescue.

Stephen Boorman gave the City Administrator report. He said there is a public meeting on August 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Becker Auditorium for EES Consulting to present the rate study they have been working on for water and sewer. He said the steel tank is being worked on and the coating did not go well causing an impact on our water system. Stephen said the water department had scheduled work today with a scada professional that we contracted with from Spokane. This individual passed away this weekend due to an aortic aneurism. We had two PCB transformers that we sent off for testing today. The FERC annual inspection was today and it went well. This is an annual inspection. He said we have great employees, Pat and Adam, and they had the plant spic and span, looking very good for the inspection and this helped out a lot.

Ron Smith said he thinks the city attorney needs to review all bids and purchases before it comes before council. He said he does not want to see any contracts or purchases until they have been reviewed by the city attorney.

David Sims gave the EDC report. He said the EDC has applied and has been successful in garnering a grant for Mobility West. He will also have them look at the school crossing near Valley View. David said the Library is still interested in going forward with a Fab Lab and will be asking the city to apply for the grant funding as the application has to be made by either a city or county. The Fab Lab will be put in the existing space at the Library.

Connie Wells moved to add a late agenda item to authorize the hire of interim water/sewer superintendent position. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of July 1, 2014 regular council meeting minutes and July 3, 2014 special council meeting minutes.

The water/sewer department superintendent job description was discussed. Ron Smith moved to advertise for a water/sewer superintendent. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Ron Smith asked how it is advertised. Mayor Anderson said it will be sent to the Job Service but we also have the ability to advertise otherwise if we choose to. Ron Smith said he wants those people locally to have the opportunity to apply that would like to. Ron asked if there is an interview team put together yet. Mayor Anderson said we have not put a team together but will once we get the

applications. He asked Ron if he would be interested in the interview team and he said he would be. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said the city does take water issues seriously and when we heard about the problems at the Northside rectangular tank several years ago we thought we had taken care of the problems but obviously we have not. He said we would like to take care of all issues but sometimes economics do not allow this. He said the cost of the water tank lid is about \$100,000. He said we may need to schedule a special meeting next week to look at this once we get more information. He said we would like to get this taken care of as soon as we can. Mayor Anderson said we are at critical mass for the steel tank that is still offline. Doug Ladely, Jr. agreed. Mayor Anderson said we may have to take the Northside tank offline to do the repairs but we cannot do that at this time due to the steel tank not being repaired. He also spoke about the possibility of an emergency being declared to help shorten the time for contracting to get the repairs done. Ron Smith said he does not understand why this issue from 2010 is now just being discussed. He thinks it should have been dealt with in 2010. Ron has been hearing from his constituency about the rodents in the water tank and the concerns about it not being taken care of. Mayor Anderson said the discussions of the water tank were in open meetings in 2010. He said the roof structure is what is causing the problem and we remediated the issue. He said there is a balance that needs to be considered. Ron said the city wanted to take over the North Water District and the city should have been aware of what they were getting. Mayor Anderson said the consolidation of the districts with the city was mutual by a vote of the people. Mayor Anderson explained the water and sewer districts operations and said the city sold water to the districts at a much lower cost than what we should have. He further stated that the water districts were in favor of consolidating due to regulatory compliance issues. Doug Ladely, Jr. agreed. Connie Wells said there was an election and all parties agreed to the consolidation. Doug explained the process that North Water voted to merge with the city and the city voted to consolidate with the North Water as well as the same process for the South Hill Water District.

Connie Wells said as far as safety there is testing done and the water is good. Ron Smith said he does not want water where rodents have been coming out of his faucets. Doug Ladely, Jr. explained there is still concern but the tank lid has been rescreened and all the holes have been closed and screen has been buried under the ground. He said the solution is to take the wooden structured roof off and replace it with a concrete roof. Doug said the tank lid is not at today's standards. He said the water tests have been fine and DEQ has been here. There are requirements to be followed in the interim until the tank lid is replaced such as increased testing, more frequent inspections, and chlorine crystals around the outside of the tank. Stephen said there are steps to be taken to get the lid done. He said we may be three months out to see completion of the project. Stephen said there are easements that we need to get in place, have the engineering done to make sure the tank is structurally sound, and get the concrete panels made. Ron questioned why this has not been done. Stephen said we had other priorities that needed to be taken care of first. Ron does not want to have mice or rodents in the water system. Mayor Anderson said we had demands coming from all directions and we had to prioritize. For instance we had a backwash system that discharged into the river and we had to change that by putting in a clarifier project.

David Sims asked what the results were of the inspection by DEQ on Monday. Doug said there was another mouse and a snake in the tank. He further clarified that all the bacterial sampling was negative so that is good. Mayor Anderson said we will schedule a special council meeting next week on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for the discussion of the Northside water tank.

Stephen said when the Museum did their remodel project that the sewer line was found to be failing. He said there are many drop structures, utilities, and storm sewer to consider in and the line is very deep. He said KG&T is familiar with the line and have the equipment to do the job. The proposed cost is \$20,000. Stephen said the storm roof drains may be rerouted as storm water is very expensive to treat in our sewer system. Doug said downtown roof drains go into the sewer system. Connie Wells moved to approve the sewer line replacement in Meeker Parking Lot alley. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the special event permit for the Mountain Springs Church fifth anniversary celebration at the fairgrounds on August 24, 2014. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Discussion of fire station 2 was tabled as Ken Baker asked that we review this at the next regular council meeting.

Police Chief Robert Boone asked for permission to advertise for an entry level police position. He plans to fill the position at the first of the fiscal year. Ron Smith moved to authorize the advertisement of a position opening. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Connie asked if the position is in the budget. Chief Boone said it is as it is the seventh officer position. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson read Resolution 2014-07-01 to the group. It is a resolution recognizing Foster Mayo for his service to the City of Bonners Ferry and his police service. Ron Smith moved to adopt resolution 2014-07-01. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Mayor Anderson thanked Foster for his work.

Andrakay Pluid said the transformer and equipment at the Moyie Substation are a sole source purchase. She said we have to declare this and then publish it in the paper before we purchase the Bonneville Power Administration equipment. Connie Wells moved to declare sole source provider per Idaho Code 67-2808 (2) (a) (viii) for the Bonneville Power Administration equipment. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The chip spreader was not considered as it was not what the city wanted at this time according to Stephen.

Ron Smith and Connie Wells volunteered to work with Andrakay Pluid to look at the attorney contract for the city.

Mayor Anderson said we have quite a bit of work to be done in the water/sewer department. He spoke of the former police chief that came back and helped us in the interim until we could find a new chief. He said Jim Fritzsche, former water/sewer superintendent, has offered to come back to the city as interim water/sewer superintendent. Mayor Anderson encouraged council to consider hiring Jim again for the interim. Ron Smith moved to hire Jim Fritzsche as interim water/sewer superintendent. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved at 7:58 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 8:17 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Ron Smith moved to pay Jim Fritzsche \$30 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours per week as interim water/sewer superintendent. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk