

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of August 16, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Vic Watson, Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed, and Bookkeeper Christine McNair. Also present were Clif Warren, Ingrid Spears, and Jerry Higgs.

The first order of business was the cable television franchise hearing. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m.

Ingrid Spears said she is still trying to figure out the property lines for the tree she has been concerned about. Mayor Sims told her that the City does not typically remove trees but they are allowing her to have it removed at her expense if she is concerned about it. Mike said there are no property line pins that he could find in the area, and it may take survey work to determine whose property the tree is on. Ron Smith asked if the tree were on our property if we would have the tree removed. Mayor Sims said the City does not remove trees. Ron suggested having a policy about tree removal. Ingrid asked if it were a danger if it would be removed. Mike said we do not remove a tree unless it is endangering our infrastructure. Jerry Higgs said a tree that is live that falls over and causes damage is considered an act of God and insurance does not pay. It would be on a person's homeowner's insurance. Jerry said if the tree is dead that is another story.

Police Chief Vic Watson said over the past two weeks there have been two vehicle accidents, one warrant arrest, three DUIs, one mental call, one driving without privileges, one marijuana paraphernalia, and 32 speeding violations. Travis Stolley recently graduated from DARE/SRO training in Utah and now has dual certifications. Vic said this week is Fair week so there will be increased traffic downtown.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said he met with Boise State University (BSU) last week and went over the budget process, toured the Visitor Center, Main Street, and the Library. The BSU group took data points on all the issues discussed, and Dennis thinks there will be a report back in a few weeks letting us know if there is something they can do for us. The Boise State group also met with Commissioner Lee Pinkerton and interns were discussed for next summer. The Bike/Trail Committee will be meeting August 25th and the Main Street Committee will be meeting in late September. Ron Smith inquired about the rest of the block that City Hall is on, asking Dennis if he know of any plans. Dennis did not but said the BSU group were pretty impressed with our Main Street stores. Ron Smith asked about the old Quality Garden building. Mayor Sims said there is an employee in there now. Dennis said it is supposed to be a show room in the future but has not received approval from the owner to make a statement yet.

City Administrator Mike Klaus said there was a pump motor problem on one of the Northside pumps in the back of City Hall that has been repaired and replaced. The Street Department is chip sealing. The Augusta Street Project is moving along and there have been a few utility conflicts that have had to be taken care of. The project is going well. The contractor has asked

for a time extension for the project. Mike does not anticipate the entire project to be done by the deadline. He has told the contractor that the portion from Lincoln Street to Buchanan Street has to be done before school starts. KG&T has requested a 20 working day time extension to the project due to reconstruction at lift station #4, redesign of curb boxes on Lincoln and Augusta Street due to the City waterline being in the way, and waiting for City crews to lower two existing waterlines on Augusta Street. KG&T thinks the sidewalk, curb, and asphalt on Augusta will be completed by September 6, 2016. Mike said a change order for the extension of time may be coming forth. He said a tree near the kindergarten building had to be removed to pour the sidewalk as the roots were removed making the tree unstable.

Connie Wells moved to add late agenda item #16 for the first reading of the special event permit ordinance. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Adam Arthur moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells 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 August 2, 2016 council meeting minutes and August 3, 2016 special council meeting minutes.

Rick Alonzo moved to have the third reading of the cable television franchise ordinance by title only. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Pluid read the title of the ordinance.

Connie Wells moved to adopt Cable Television Franchise Agreement Ordinance #555. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk’s note: The cable television franchise was granted to E.L. Automation, Inc.).

Clif Warren spoke to the group about the Spot Bus Joint Powers Agreement. He gave a brief history of the Spot Bus. He said it started through a grant with the City of Dover. It grew so much that it became too unwieldy for Dover to handle. A memorandum of understanding was developed to advise the City of Dover about the Spot Bus and an advisory committee was established in Bonners Ferry. Intercity service from Bonners Ferry to Coeur d’Alene is being looked at. A joint powers agreement was signed by Dover, Kootenai, Ponderay, and Sandpoint creating an entity to operate the Spot Bus. The growth is strong and being supported by the community. The current board of Spot would like to see this expanded to include the City of Bonners Ferry and the Commissioners of Boundary County and Bonner County. If we join the Board we would not just be advisory in nature, we would have a say on the Board. The agreement must be signed as it is according to Clif if we choose to join the joint powers. He said one change that may be considered would be members at large to sit on the Board. He said the Board would really like to have the City of Bonners Ferry join. Mayor Sims said this would be a real step forward as we only have an advisory board now. This would give us a say on the Board. The Boundary County Commissioners have chosen to join. Rick Alonzo moved to give

Clif the information that the City of Bonners Ferry is interested in joining the Joint Powers for the Spot Bus. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to reject the offer of terrorism coverage with ICRMP. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Adam Arthur moved to approve the contract with Dennis Weed for waiver of sick, vacation and personal leave and approve accrual of comp time. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Ron Smith moved to approve the special event permit for the All Class Reunion on July 29, 2017. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mayor David Sims spoke regarding the High Five Children’s Health Collaborative Grant through Blue Cross. He learned of this grant when he attended the AIC meeting in Boise. The goal of the grant is to improve the health of children. A municipality must be the primary organization but there has to be three other groups that are participants such as the School District, non-profits, healthcare, etc. A letter of interest has been submitted but the grant application has not yet been received. We were notified that we are eligible to apply. Lapwai was a recipient previously and they received \$150,000 and said it was a great program. There are no match requirements for the grant. The application is to be here on Thursday and more discussion will be had before submission. In Lapwai some physical infrastructure was built. Mayor Sims is wondering if we could use the funding for the swim pool or possibly the golf course. The Hospital is interested in participating.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the tentative fiscal year 2017 budget for publication. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

The joint city/county meeting date was discussed. The request was received from the City of Moyie for a meeting prior to September 1. Anytime but August 25 or August 31 will work. The Clerk will contact Moyie.

The grant writer request for proposals was re-advertised, and the deadline is now September 9, 2016.

The proposed special event permit ordinance is written to comply with the way special event permits are being handled according to Attorney Andrakay Pluid. They will now be approved by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and City Administrator rather than having council approval.

Ron Smith moved to have the first reading by title only of the special event permit ordinance. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Pluid read the ordinance by title only.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk