

Mayor Anderson called the special council meeting of September 23, 2014 to order at 4:30 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, and City Administrator Stephen Boorman. Also present were Doug Ladely, Sr., Ruth Sutton, Loretta Hunsaker, and Jerry Higgs.

The purpose of the special meeting was to award the bid for the Northside rectangular tank repair and to discuss possible grant funding for a new tank.

The bid for the Northside Tank repair came in at \$8,500 from B.F. Builders. It was the only bid we received timely. Connie asked what we are doing. Stephen said they will cut off the eaves, fill in the holes, re-flash the bottom section, and take the dirt level down about 18 to 24 inches below the top of the tank. Ron asked if this is for option 4 that we had reviewed previously. Stephen said this is not the entire work designated in option four that we reviewed. He said DEQ wants us to look at replacing the tank. Ron asked where that came from. Stephen said DEQ has been involved since the beginning and he does not think for \$25,000 we can get to the point where there is no rodent ingress. He said this is a reasonable step to address some of the issues but it is not complete. The Mayor said this is a time buyer for the City. Ron said we were not talking about a new tank previously. Stephen said when we looked at the tank with the contractors the price was going to be more than \$25,000 because the whole roof would have to be removed and replaced. He said when we looked at the drawings the detail was not known. Mayor Anderson said there is not rebar in the tank so the tank does not have support strength. He further stated that any roof costing up to \$80,000 could not guarantee we would not get rodents. Stephen said the natural soil was used for the outside forms so there is not an even surface on the outside of the tank. Ron asked what it cost for Welch Comer. Stephen thought they put in four or five hours of research but did not have the dollar figure.

Connie Wells moved to award the bid to repair Northside rectangular tank to B.F. Builders for \$8,500. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Mayor Anderson said there is the option to not do anything until we get around to building the new tank but we will probably see more vermin. Stephen said the dirt is so close to the eaves that rodents can climb in. Mayor Anderson asked if it is a fire flow problem or volume problem if the tank is offline. Stephen said it is a fire flow problem in the winter and volume problem in the summer. Connie asked if we took the dirt down and did not do anything with the roof if that would alleviate the problem. Stephen said we don't know for certain if this would prevent problems. Tom asked about the location of the new tank and this tank being online during construction. Stephen said we would build directly north of the existing tank and there would be about a week of cutover time. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen has been speaking to Nancy Mabile regarding grant funding for a new water tank. He said there are costs associated with grant writing. Rick Alonzo said the memo from Stephen regarding the new tank financing seems to be doable. Kris reminded council that we had borrowed from the electric fund, and if the electric department needed that money we would have to go to the bank to borrow to repay the electric fund, and that would be at a higher rate. Ron asked what the near term impact means. Stephen said the customers will have to pay the

full amount and this proposal draws out the annual payments for five additional years. Stephen said Nancy Mabile is a contractor now and he has not asked Nancy if this would be run through Panhandle Area Council (PAC). The due date for Idaho Community Development Block Grant is November and the Emergency Community Water Grant (ECWAG) due date is unknown according to Stephen. The ECWAG would require an emergency declaration. Mayor Anderson asked if we are in the parameters of declaring an emergency. Stephen said we are. Tom said we are going to have to build a tank so we should explore the grant options. Stephen asked if the Mayor wanted John Tindall from DEQ to come to the October meeting. The council also wanted Nancy Mabile to come to that meeting. Tom asked what the details are for emergency declaration. Stephen said Nancy will know that. Stephen said DEQ wants a plan and schedule for the water tank replacement or else put a concrete roof on the tank.

Stephen said there are two 150,000 gallon tanks on the Northside. The proposal is to leave the round Northside tank in service and to build a new 300,000 gallon tank. Both Northside tanks were built in the 1920's. Ron wants to know when there will be a rate impact due to the loan and grant.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk