

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of November 1, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Vic Watson, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Sherri Westweet from Panhandle Area Council, Jerry Higgs, Marcia Cossette, Jessica Tingley, Owen Plato, and Mike Listman. Councilwoman Connie Wells was gone on personal business.

Mayor Sims introduced Sherri Westweet from Panhandle Area Council who conducted a hearing for the sewer bridge project application. The application is for \$500,000 and the cost of the project is \$640,000. Sherri said this may hurt the ranking somewhat as the City match is small in comparison, the block grant is 72 percent of the project cost. Sherri said they like the block grant to be only 60 percent of the project cost. The application is due the day after Thanksgiving. Sherri said two six inch pipes will replace one eight inch pipe that is asbestos on the sewer bridge. It would be better for the system to have two pipes rather than one pipe. The bridge is stable but the wooden cradles that the pipe sits on are starting to sag. The sewer bridge is used by 75 percent of the City's sewer customers. The project is necessary for environmental reasons as it is across the Kootenai River. Sherri will stress that funding is tight for the City and the Department of Commerce is aware of this. The City has 62.5 percent of low to moderate income residents. She said the Kootenai Tribe's work for the sturgeon and bull trout are also environmental factors. Mayor Sims asked how long the City has to spend the funding on the project. She said it is three years but we should get it started as soon as we can. Sherri said the issue will be what to do with the sewage while the pipe on the sewer bridge is replaced. Sherri requested permission for the Mayor to sign the block grant paperwork. There was no public comment. The hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the block grant paperwork for the sewer bridge replacement project when it is ready. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mayor Sims informed the group that Vic Watson received his Risk Manager Certificate from PRIMA.

Police Chief Vic Watson gave the police report for the period since the last council meeting. There was one charge for delivery of methamphetamines, one stolen vehicle, two petit thefts, one domestic disturbance, one domestic battery, four burglaries, one immigration violation, one stalking charge, one welfare check, one DUI/DWP, one recovered stolen property, one child abuse, one possession of controlled substance, and one unattended death. There was no extra criminal activity or problems on Halloween so it was a good night. Ron Smith asked if there have been any arrests on the burglaries. Vic said there have not been any yet but there is an active investigation. Ron asked about the Catholic Church fire investigation. Vic said the case is with the FBI and ATF. It has moved from the FBI to the US Attorney's Office and a federal grand jury will be convened for prosecution.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said there have not been any fire calls since the last meeting. The Fire Department has been doing pump testing and our equipment passed without any problems. The

City Mechanic worked with the repairman from Larson Pump out of Utah. At the end of the day the shift fork and two other parts have been replaced and the ladder truck is back in service. Flashover training was held last weekend hosted by City Fire with other departments joining in. The City had 12 firemen in attendance. Pro X donated particle board, Trusstek donated wood and so did another company. There was one minor injury to one of the firemen in the burn trailer. The firemen were very impressed with the new fire gear from Viking. The cool down period was instantaneous. There is a class for Firefighter 1 being held in this winter. Four of the new firemen will be attending a 12 hour Irons Class in Spokane. Next spring there will be an advanced Irons Class.

City Administrator Mike Klaus is attending training in Portland so there was no administrator report given.

The Urban Renewal Agency will meet next week according to Mayor Sims.

Rick Alonzo moved to add two late agenda items: Authorize Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HMH Engineering to prepare and submit an LRHIP Transportation Plan Grant application by November 15, 2016 and Authorize Mayor to sign Bureau of Federal Surplus Property paperwork. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Adam Arthur moved to approve the consent agenda. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of October 4, 2016 council meeting minutes and October 18, 2016 council meeting minutes.

Mayor Sims thinks it is appropriate for the City to send a letter of support to Bonneville Power Administration for the Kootenai Tribe’s Lower Meander Project on the Kootenai River. Ron Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Kootenai Tribe’s Lower Meander Project on the Kootenai River. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to hire Judy Jeske and Squire Fields for janitorial work. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk’s note: Judy will clean City Hall twice a week and Squire will clean the Visitor Center daily. They will be paid \$11.00 per hour.)

Mayor Sims spoke about appointing a council member to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. This committee will help guide the comp plan update. Rick Alonzo volunteered to serve on this committee.

The Christmas party will be held at the Kootenai River Inn on December 9, 2016.

Changing to an earlier start time for council meetings was discussed. Mayor Sims said if a change is agreed upon an ordinance will need to be done. This was suggested by Mike Klaus with a start time of 5:30 p.m. or so. Adam said at one time the start time was changed to 6:00 p.m. and it was changed back. The start time change will be researched and discussed at the second meeting in November.

Mayor Sims said HMH Engineering will prepare and submit the LRHIP Transportation Plan Grant. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HMH Engineering to prepare and submit an LRHIP Transportation Plan Grant application. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Ron Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Bureau of Federal Surplus Property paperwork. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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David Sims, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk