

Mayor Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of November 17, 2015 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 Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, and Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Jerry Higgs, Alison Henslee, and Marcia Cossette.

Alison Henslee spoke to Council regarding Christmas decorations and the downtown Santa event the day after Thanksgiving. She is in need of a Santa and asked for a volunteer. She said she has a tree coming and requested that the electric department put the lights on the tree. She has a group from Echo Springs coming to decorate the tree. She was concerned about the Echo Springs kids putting the lights on the downtown trees. Mayor Anderson is concerned about lighting the downtown trees. Mike will talk to the city crews about this but it is a tight year as there are projects winding up. The tree will be put up on the 20th of November and decorated on the 21st. Alison can be reached at the Far North Deli. She left the meeting.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin spoke of the donation from TransCanada for Fire Station 2 remodel. He has obtained quotes for the insulation, sheet rock and the doors and there is approximately \$11,000 left over. Pat has looked at a paving quote but it is about \$19,000. The entire grant amount needs to be spent on Station 2 so Pat will have Woods look to see what can be done for approximately \$9,000. If paving is not an option, Pat will look at painting the exterior of Station 2. There was a Kindergarten pre-school tour of the Fire Station and EMS personnel with an ambulance was also present. The kids liked the lights, sirens, and air horns. There was a chimney fire, an unintentional false alarm for a burn, and two smoke and odor investigations since the last council meeting.

David Sims said at the last advisory SPOT Bus meeting it was discussed to have a route in the Moyie area, possibly on Fridays. This will be researched, and it is a needed service in the Moyie area. The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has solicited proposals for intercity bus services. SPOT is considering putting in an application. There will be a fee charged for the intercity service. There is a hearing for the Augusta Street project tomorrow at City Hall. David is hopeful that there will be a good turnout. On the Highway project, ITD is meeting with property owners. ITD hopes to have the preliminary design done in 60 to 90 days. David said a representative from USDA came to Boundary County and they visited several farmers in our area. There are grants available for marketing value added business products. David gave examples of value added products to be instead of selling wheat it is ground into flour or instead of just selling milk it is made into cheese. This increases the income to the farmers. The unemployment rate was 5.2 percent for September. This is the same unemployment rate from September, 2014 but 200 more people have been employed since then. We have the second lowest unemployment rate in the five northern counties and are about twelfth statewide.

Mike Klaus showed a power point to the group of the Cassia tank site and the progress on the project. He explained the project to the group. The pilings are supposed to be 25 feet deep. Mike also showed pictures of the Moyie line move project. As soon as the poles on the west side of the road are installed and the wires are strung, the pole structures in the middle of the road will

be removed. Rick asked if the poles being removed will be reused. Mike said he is not sure but will speak to Kevin about it. There will be a pole with a 115 kilovolt transmission line. Mike described the base for this pole as being 17 feet deep with bolts eight feet down in the concrete. There will be underground lines in the intersections.

Mike said the utility crews have been very busy. The water department is working on a mainline leak on Tannenbaum tonight. The Planning and Zoning committee will be looking at the sign ordinance and there is a delineation between the downtown district and other areas of town. Mike said there are many opinions about the sign ordinance and how we should move forward. He said it has been reviewed by a nationally known planner and it is close to being done. It may come to council in December. He said there are many opinions that go with the sign ordinance. Mike reminded council to come to the Augusta Street hearing tomorrow.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Adam Arthur 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 the Treasurer’s report; and approval of the November 3, 2015 council meeting minutes.

Rick Alonzo moved to accept the new hiring policy amendment. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk’s note: amendment is to Section F Promotion of Probationary Employees).

The Christmas decorations and tree lights were discussed. Mayor Anderson said the city may be too busy to do more than the usual decorations. Mike will speak to Kevin but it will be tight until the end of the month.

Ron Smith moved to approve the catering permit for Kootenai Tribe of Idaho doing business as Kootenai River Inn for the Festival of Trees Banquet on December 12, 2015 at the fairgrounds. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the vacation carryover request for Buddy Winters. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk’s note: the overage will be used in December).

Amendment of the ordinance for City Code Title 10, Chapter 10, Section 8 was discussed. Ron Smith had some confusion originally with the wording on the amendment where it spoke of the water superintendent and rate increases. He did not want to give authority to raise rates without council’s approval. A hearing will need to be held before rates are increased. Ron asked if we could add the word “recommendation” to help clarify. Rick Alonzo moved to have the first reading by title only of the ordinance amendment and waive the second and third readings. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Fluid read the ordinance amendment by title only.

Rick Alonzo moved to adopt Ordinance 552 as read by the City Attorney. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Ordinance 552 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 552

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING BONNERS FERRY CITY CODE TITLE TEN CHAPTER 10 SECTION 8 CONCERNING PROCEDURE FOR WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS CHANGES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1: That Bonners Ferry City Code Section 10-2-8 is hereby amended as follows:

A. Established: Water rates and regulations shall be established and from time to time changed, altered, increased or modified by the superintendent of water and sewer of the city or by the city administrator subject to ~~the~~ approval by resolution of the city council.

B. Date Effective: Any such establishment of rates or regulations or changes, alterations, increases or modifications thereof, shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the Resolution ~~approval~~ by the city council and signature by the Mayor ~~after one publication of such rates, such publication to be accomplished by a notice thereof published once in the official newspaper of the city.~~

C. Water Meters: Water meters shall be used to determine water charges for all water customers, unless technical circumstances prohibit. In this event a nonmetered flat rate will be levied until such time as the technical issue can be resolved.

D. Payment: Payment of water charges shall be due monthly, fourteen (14) days after the customer's billing date.

E. All Real Property Subject To Rates: All real property, with or without buildings, shall be subject to the water rates so long as a service pipe (i.e., hookon) is in place.

Section 2: PROVISIONS SEVERABLE: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision of this Ordinance or application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bonners Ferry this 17th day of November, 2015.

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

BY: /s/ David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Kris Larson, Clerk, City of Bonners Ferry

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the length of service increase for Heiko Arshat. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

The Cassia Water Tank project pay request was discussed. Mike went over the pay request and explained the billing costs to the group. Ron Smith moved to pay \$115,546.50 on the Cassia Water Tank project. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to clarify the Mayor’s Exceptional Worker Incentive Program that only full-time employees are eligible to vote. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to nominate John Youngwirth as the City’s representative and Mike Klaus as alternate for BATT (Boundary Area Transportation Team). Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo read the November 3, 2015 election results into the record that we received from Boundary County Clerk Glenda Poston. The election count by precinct by candidate is as follows:

	Bonnors Ferry/Kootenai	North Bonnors Ferry	Valley View	Absentee	Total
<u>Mayor</u>					
David Anderson	37	48	27	57	169
David Sims	48	60	30	58	196
<u>Council 4 year term</u>					
Rick Alonzo	60	72	37	81	250
Merle Dinning	43	44	27	53	167
Connie Wells	38	56	29	64	187
<u>Council 2 year term</u>					
Adam Arthur	68	88	51	96	303

The Christmas party will be on December 11, 2015 because the 18th of December was already reserved by another party.

Rick Alonzo moved at 7:51 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. At 8:21 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk