Council President Rick Alonzo called the special council meeting of December 23, 2015 to order at 4:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith and Connie Wells, City Administrator Mike Klaus, and Clerk Kris Larson. Eric Olson from HMH Engineering participated by speaker phone. Mayor Dave Anderson and Councilman Adam Arthur were gone on personal business.

Connie Wells moved to add a late agenda item for consideration of our Class III Water Treatment Operators to be used by the City of Priest River. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the 2016 beverage license for Club 55. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Eric Olson told council that we thought we had a categorical exclusion for the environmental review on the Augusta Street project. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) said we need this environmental review and an architectural historical review now.

Eric said we will try as hard as we can to bring the project in under budget. The construction and engineering budget are lumped together for the total project cost of $484,000. Eric thinks the worst case for construction costs would be $450,000 including construction oversight. He is estimating that this supplemental would cost an additional $36,000. Eric is working with ITD to get them to pay for the rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs). Ron Smith said the school is not asking for the RRFBs, they only asked for gates. He said he understands that the options the City chose for near the school were already in the grant. The group agreed.

Eric is asking council to approve the engineering supplement #1 so they can complete the engineering of the project. The environmental needs and public involvement are driving the engineering costs upwards.

Eric explained that anything that is historical that is going to be disturbed or removed must be reviewed by an architectural historian.

Eric explained the supplemental agreement figures. The fixed fee amounts are the profit the engineer is making. The group discussed the grant funding and match and if the construction plus engineering comes in under the total budget there will not be the need for the City to come up with more funding.

Connie Wells moved to approve Supplemental Agreement #1 for the Augusta Street Project and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement. Ron Smith seconded the motion but questioned the inclusion of a dollar amount. After discussion the motion was amended not to exceed $70,454 for engineering. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

The phone call with Eric ended at 4:30 p.m.

Water treatment class III operators were discussed. Priest River had to let their class III operator go so they are in urgent need to get an approval to use our operators. Mike is recommending that we charge time and materials to the City of Priest River if they are used. We have two class III operators, Adrian and Doug. Mike anticipates it being three or four weeks before Priest River
gets a new operator hired. Mike said it is an emergency situation for Priest River. Ron Smith moved to assist the City of Priest River with time and materials for our class III operators pending agreement drawn up by our attorney. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Rick Alonzo, Council President

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Kris Larson, City Clerk