

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 5, 2010 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Dave Gray, Council Members John Langs, Chris Clark, and Connie Wells, Council Members Elect Mike Klaus and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Shirley Mayo, Tammie Klaus, Darrell Kerby, Marcia Cossette, Carolyn Testa, Roger Fraser, and Julie Golder.

Dave Gray moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009, December 15, 2009, and December 28, 2009. John Langs seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to approve accounts payable and payroll. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Anderson thanked John Langs and Dave Gray for their service to the City of Bonners Ferry.

Mayor Anderson administered the oath of office to Councilman Chris Clark, Councilman Mike Klaus, and Councilman Tom Mayo. The new councilmen took their seats.

Tom Mayo nominated Chris Clark for Council President. Chris Clark nominated Connie Wells for Council President. Mayor Anderson asked Chris Clark if he is accepting his nomination and also asked Connie. Connie said she would like to decline in favor of Chris Clark. Connie Wells moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Chris Clark for council president. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Langs left the meeting.

Connie Wells moved to add the late agenda item of Otis Elevator Contract addendum as item #14. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Marcia Cossette spoke to the group about the Economics Expo conference in Coeur d’Alene on January 13, 2010 and said she would like to bring information back to the city. Mayor Anderson commented that the city would appreciate the information.

Darrell Kerby thanked the former council members and the present council members for their service. He said it takes quite a bit of dedication to perform the job.

Darrell Kerby and Shirley Mayo left the meeting.

Police Chief Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said there have been two car crashes, one burglary, one possession of controlled substance, five driving without privileges, two no drivers licenses, four warrant arrests, a sexual battery charge, two battery arrests, and a trespass charge.

There is a traffic safety grant purchase of video cameras that are carried by the police officers and it goes hand in hand with the in-car video system. The cameras are carried on the officers.

There was no fire report according to Fire Chief Pat Warkentin.

Stephen Boorman gave the City Administrator report. He spoke of the emergency meeting. The energy conservation grant is on the agenda. He encouraged council to start thinking about replacing some of the Christmas decorations that are in bad shape. He said we also need to think about the flower baskets for the coming spring and possibly consider an adopt a basket program. The bushings have been being replaced on the Unit 2 governor at the power plant and there have been competitive quotes that were received. The lowest quote was from Briggs out of Spokane so they are doing the work. There was no need for competitive bidding due to the dollar amount.

Clerk Kris Larson gave a verbal Treasurer's Report. Budget is doing fine and is on track but cash in the general fund is still struggling. The tax collection has not come in to the city yet but we anticipate approximately \$200,000. We are also anticipating about \$49,000 to come in for the Riverside parking lot project grant.

Mayor Anderson inquired about the billing from Idaho Department of Transportation on the tunnel project. The billing is approximately \$31,000 and we are hopeful to pare it down to about half. We need to get the work orders that the city performed approved by the State.

Stephen encouraged the council to approve attendance of the Safety Fest in Post Falls from February 23-26, 2010. The cost to general fund would be minimal. Mike Klaus moved to approve the training. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The Chlorine Lockout/Tagout and Confined Space Classes on January 27, 2010 in Sandpoint were discussed. Stephen said he anticipated sending Steve Neumeyer, Blaine Grossman, a power plant employee, three water employees, and three street employees. Chris Clark moved to send the employees to this training. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork on the transfer of the used fire ladder truck from Nampa Fire District. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson asked to move the second council meeting in January to January 26<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed. Chris Clark asked if there would then be a meeting the following week for the first meeting in February. Mayor Anderson said there would be.

Dave Sims spoke regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to purchase additional aerators for the sewer lagoons. He said we have aerobic and anaerobic processes at the lagoons. The additional aerators would help us meet the aerobic processes and lessen the anaerobic processes producing less methane. There would be quite a sizable methane reduction

with additional aerators. This would reduce the CO2 emissions. Aerobic is an air process and anaerobic is a process lacking air according to Stephen. The main aerator that we have is a 1968 model. The grant would replace all our existing aeration equipment. David said the grant is very competitive statewide. Nancy Mabile from Panhandle Area Council is preparing the grant application. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the sewer aerators. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to schedule a hearing for the sale of real property for January 26, 2010. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Stephen explained the location of the parcels that will be sold. One is in the Eaton Addition, one parcel is in the Riverside Auto area, and the other is between the railroad tracks and Hanover’s property.

Mayor Anderson said the golf fees are being thought of for fees increases. He would like council to review the fees and come up with recommendations. Connie asked if we could have a workshop on the fees. Stephen offered to have workshops on any topic that council was interested in. Chris Clark asked that we have a workshop the first meeting of February. Mayor Anderson asked that we come up with fee comparisons from other cities. Mike Klaus asked if we can have an idea of what is needed for the fees for some of the items such as special use permits at the workshop. Connie said the water and sewer hook-up fees should be increased.

Connie Wells moved to reappoint Ron Smith, Linda Hiatt, and Brion Poston to the Golf Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2011. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke regarding the contract with Otis Elevator. The contract said there is a price increase of 10 percent per year and after Stephen spoke with the company they reduced the increase to six percent per year. The main reason for the annual increase is for the elevator mechanic according the company spokesman. The elevator is at the visitor center. Connie Wells moved to sign the contract addendum with Otis Elevator. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk