

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 6, 2009 to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President John Langs, Council Members Connie Wells and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator Dave Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, City Attorney Tim Wilson, and Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth. Also present were Marcia Cossette and Carolyn Testa.

Mayor Anderson swore in Councilman Chris Clark.

Rick Alonzo said there have been four accidents, one arrest, two battery reports, a couple trespassing charges, one arson case, two canine call outs, and three agency assists. He said the transfer case is being replaced in the silver Tahoe. The crime statistics from the State came in and the clearance rate is 71.4 percent. He said Bonners Ferry usually runs between number one and number four in the State.

Pat Warkentin said there was a false alarm call on Birch Street again but one of the firefighters responded and notified the Chief that it was a false alarm. Pat said there was a fire at the visitor center and commended Police Officer Murray for her response and accurate reporting. The rescue equipment in New York is still waiting for us. The new equipment that New York is getting has arrived and is being retrofitted so the one they are selling will be available soon. The overall report on the rescue equipment is good according to Pat.

Rick Alonzo reported that the automatic alarm at the visitor center was not dialing into the Sheriff's Office and this has been corrected.

Stephen said Nancy Mabile from Panhandle Area Council phoned today and asked about infrastructure projects that we may need assistance on. He gave her a listing of the water projects and the projects identified in the traffic study. Stephen said the Street crew is doing a great job with the snow removal. City Hall roof has not been shoveled but the fire hall roof has been.

Mayor Anderson added a contract with Dennis Fitch Construction to the agenda.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. An expanded treasurer's report will be given at the next meeting. A special meeting will be on January 15, 2009 to receive the audit report for FY2007. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of December 16, 2008 regular council meeting minutes and December 18, 2008 special council meeting minutes; approval of January 6, 2009 accounts payable; authorization for John Delaney and Doug Ladely to attend Collections Systems I and II Licensure Review in Meridian on February 4-5, 2009; and approval for city employees to attend free training in Post Falls during the month of February, 2009.

Pat Warkentin explained onspot chains to the group. They are automatic chains kept on the truck. He said regular chains are not the best option for fire equipment. The cost of onspot chains is about \$1,500. City Mechanic Keith Fairchild will install the mechanism when they arrive. John Langs moved to purchase the onspot chains for the fire department. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The amendment to the Welch Comer contract for the Eaton addition was discussed. Dave Gray moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #6 to the Welch Comer contract. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to amend the previous Planning and Zoning motion concerning the Esrey Subdivision to require a stop sign at Kaniksu Street and the Esrey property rather than a yield sign. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said he has had all the changes made to the legal contract that were requested by the council. Chris Clark inquired about the cost of the contract. It is \$95,000 for a year. Dave Gray moved to accept the legal contract with Timothy B. Wilson, Attorney at Law. There was no second to the motion. John Langs said he has reservation due to the contract being an increase of over three percent. Mayor Anderson said this is a new contract and we pretty much have an open door policy with our attorney and our attorney expertise is valuable. John said he is concerned because of the increase being larger than what is projected for employee raises. Connie Wells said with the economic conditions and even with a five percent increase per year for the past years; it is too large of an increase at this time. Mayor Anderson does not think the comparison with employee’s wages applies but he does like Connie’s comments. He likes the way our attorney works with the city and the good working relationship we have with him. Dave Gray agrees and thinks that \$95,000 is warranted. He thinks the open door policy is valuable and he does a wonderful job prosecuting and gets results. Dave also appreciates the information Tim Wilson brings to council. Chris Clark said he doesn’t think he is qualified to second a motion of \$95,000 this evening and asked if it could be tabled until the next regular council meeting. Dave Gray moved to table the attorney contract for two weeks so Chris can become more familiar with the contract. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The Dennis Fitch Construction contract was discussed. Stephen said the City does not have a large enough machine to pile the snow in our snow storage site so this would be an answer to our problem. John Youngwirth said we usually have fifty loads of snow to be dumped each storm. Connie suggested using the old Lantern site for storage. Stephen said the problem is the distance and John said the time it takes to dump the snow can be a problem. Chris Clark inquired about the budget. Stephen explained the enterprise funds and general fund. Mayor Anderson said we will have a budget review meeting shortly. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a

contract with Dennis Fitch Construction. Dave Gray seconded the motion and it passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss contract negotiations and personnel. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 7:29 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Mayor Anderson said he will be gone from the 18th to 23rd of January and requested moving the second January meeting to January 27th. He wants to have a special council meeting on January 15th at 5:00 p.m. with Auditor Tony Hackwith from Magnuson, McHugh, and Company. Mayor Anderson would like to change the February 3rd meeting to February 4th. Council agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk