

The joint City/County meeting of January 25, 2012 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Moyie City Hall. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Mike Klaus, Rick Alonzo, Tom Mayo, and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Moyie City Council Members Terry Johnson, Bart Klaus, Steve Economu, Moyie Mayor Doug Evans, Moyie City Clerk Sandy Tompkins, Moyie Fire Chief Ken English, Moyie Maintenance Person John Nelson, Boundary County Commissioners Ron Smith and Walt Kirby, County Commissioner Secretary Michelle Rohrwasser, and Ken Nichols from Century Engineering.

Doug Evans spoke about regional sewer. He said City of Moyie has three or four options on the board for sewer and one of them is a pipeline to the City of Bonners Ferry's sewer lagoons. Moyie has about 70 homes on their sewer system that is outdated and does not meet DEQ's requirements for sewer. Doug said it is basically an aerator system. John Nelson said the sewer system started in 1971. It is kind of a lagoon system with a return activated sludge assembly. It is a concrete system that has a clarifier and contact chamber. It was supposed to discharge into three dry wells and then into the ground but it eroded away the hillside. The sewer does not discharge into any public waterways as it is on private property. David Sims said the City has a lagoon system that was built in 1968 and by some measures we are at capacity now. Doug said Moyie does not want to look at a lagoon system due to the EPA requirements. David said we have a five year period we are working in with our discharge permit but Bonners Ferry needs to look at a change in the future.

Doug said a sewer pipeline to town would add more customers to help spread out the costs. Stephen said the last time there was discussion of sewer to Three Mile there were quite a few folks against the idea. Ken English suggested asking the Border Patrol about joining the sewer. Ron Smith said there are many people between Moyie and Bonners Ferry that may be interested in a sewer line also. Ron said Boundary County will be interested in having a seat at the table for these discussions. David Sims said if a sewer system is put in, Moyie may have a lot of rapid growth. He said the question of growth would be a problem to determine. Doug said a \$2 million upgrade is huge to 70 customers. Mike Klaus said treatment operators do not come cheap and the maintenance on the system is not cheap. Doug said Moyie is trying to figure out the best route. David suggested including regional sewer in the City of Bonners Ferry's sewer master plan. Walt Kirby suggested forming a sewer district for all of the area. Stephen said the size of the pipe and a system that is built for growth is needed. Mike Klaus said there are trigger points that Brett Converse from JUB can build into the master plan. He said he is in favor of helping out Moyie. Mike Sloan said a lot of property is wasted in the Three Mile area on drain fields for their septic systems and he has tried to explain this to some of the businesses. David said the best place to put the discharge is up on the bench as a land application. Doug said Moyie has steered away from discharge into the river. John Nelson said there is an option of a large leach field and the cost is about \$2 million. He said geotechnical studies are necessary for

the leach field and the reports have to prove that the discharge is not making it to the river or if it does, that the discharge is clean. Ron Smith said if the bench is used, that would be county property. David said if it is a regional sewer issue it would alleviate some of the annexation fear. Walt Kirby spoke in favor of regional sewer. Doug said he would like Bonners Ferry to look at what would be needed in the sewer study. Mayor Anderson said it would be best to help out the entire region.

Ron Smith spoke regarding recycling. He said City of Bonners Ferry has two unmanned sites in town that are very successful. Ron said the county is considering a manned site near the Moyie Store. Stephen Boorman said there was one case of garbage in the recycle bins in the past two months. Terry Johnson asked about the cost. Stephen said it is about \$1,000 per month and if we stay with what we have it would be an increase to the customer of about \$1.50 per month. Rick Alonzo said there is an option of curbside recycling but the monthly cost would be \$4.50 for pickup every other week. Mayor Anderson said the good news is that there is not garbage in the recycle containers. He said the burden to the city is large because we have to pay for the cost but the overall tonnage benefit to the county is small. Ken English spoke about a manned site at the gravel pit owned by the State of Idaho near the view point. Doug said there is not power at that location but Claine Skeen was going to talk to the Sate and he wasn't sure if he did. Tom Mayo asked what the recycle figures are at the grocery store in town. Ron was not sure. Doug heard there was another garbage service in the community. Stephen heard there was an entity picking up recyclables. Ron Smith spoke of the contract with Frederickson and said no one else has applied to the county.

Ron Smith gave an update on the caribou issue. At the KVRI meeting Ron said the county will be asking for a 60 day extension. A letter was sent from Boundary County to Brian Kelly asking for two public hearings preceded by two public meetings as well as a 60 day extension. Brian Kelly called Ron Smith and they met in Boise. The current caribou comment period ends on January 30 and then a new 60 day comment period will begin and after the 60 day comment period another 30 day comment period will begin. He said the county commissioners will conduct public meetings and that is the opportunity for people to make comments and ask questions but in order for the comments to be counted they must be submitted. At a hearing, the comments are included but they are not at a public meeting. There are 376,000 acres being considered for critical habitat for the caribou according to Ron. He said in 2000 in a Fish and Game study there were three caribou in Boundary County and in 2009 there were none. Walt Kirby said the Fish and Game found four caribou in the State of Idaho. Ron said there was a meeting in Priest Lake yesterday and it is too late for Bonner County to have an extended comment period. Ron said these will be tough meetings. He also heard that the grizzly bears may be delisted but Brian Kelly told him they would not be delisted in our area. Ron said of the 376,000 acres there are 270,000 acres in Boundary County. Ken English said he has been told that there is no fire service available to fight fires if there is a fire in the critical habitat area. David said it is a concern of the City of Bonners Ferry due to the Myrtle Creek watershed. Ken

spoke about the Sundance fire and the area that it engulfed. He is concerned about fires in that area.

Ron Smith spoke about the new recycle building at the landfill.

David Anderson asked if the officials in charge are required to be at the upcoming meetings. Ron said they are and spoke of a sign-up sheet for those who want to speak. He will try to keep control of the group so questions can be answered. Mayor Anderson said the KVRI group was proactive trying to notify groups of the caribou issue but word got out and others joined the meeting, some with comments making it difficult to hear.

The next joint meeting is to be hosted by the City of Bonners Ferry.

Steve Economu asked if the wolverine will also be added to the endangered species list. Doug said there is one wolverine in the county that has been found and there may be another. He said a male wolverine usually has three females within a 500 mile area. He said at this time Idaho Fish and Game have not added the wolverine to the endangered species list. Ken English said there is an Ambassador's Club that has young students that document animals and critters in the area.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk