

Mayor David Anderson called the special council meeting of February 13, 2012 to order at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Rick Alonzo, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, and Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor. Also present were Bob Spalding, Trish and Foster Mayo, Robert Karlac, Jerry Higgs, Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Doug Ladely, Sr., and Julie Golder from the Bonners Ferry Herald.

The purpose of the special meeting was to address a standing motion from our last meeting we left open regarding the appointment of the police chief.

Mayor Anderson said at the previous meeting we had a motion and second to appoint Steve Benkula as police chief. A point of order was brought up concerning the application, we tabled the matter, and legal opinion was not to go forward with it. He said we checked with our insurance company and in so many words they stated they would not cover us for liability. He recommended denying the motion unless council wanted to risk taxpayers dollars without the support of our insurance company. He said we will deal with the matter at a later date when things can be clarified. Mayor Anderson said we are at discussion phase. Rick Alonzo asked what we are discussing. Mayor Anderson said we are discussing the nomination and second of the motion. Mike Klaus said he would like to withdraw his motion at this time to appoint Steve Benkula. Connie Wells said she will withdraw her second of that motion.

Mayor Anderson said there is no action item tonight so there is no further discussion.

Mike Klaus asked when another meeting would be held to discuss the issue. Mayor Anderson said he is contemplating moving the second February meeting until the 28th of the month because he and Connie will be gone next week and he thinks it is best to have all five at the meeting. Mike Klaus said he does not want to keep people waiting. The group discussed phoning in for the meeting next week. After discussion it was decided to have the regular meeting next week and include the item.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk