Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 2, 2013 to order at 7:05 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Rick Alonzo and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator Andrakay Pluid, City Attorney Will Herrington, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, and Water/Sewer Supervisor Jim Fritzsche. Also present were Laura Roady, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Ralph Lotspeich, Loretta Hunsaker, Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, Jerry Higgs, Doug Ladely, Sr., and David Gray. Councilman Tom Mayo was gone on personal business.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. There was an incident that was responded to involving a garbage truck and a Dodge Dakota pickup where the extrication equipment was used but there were no injuries. There is training for several firemen in Coeur d’Alene and this is already in the budget. There are three resignations in the fire department. Pat gave the council a copy of artwork done for the fire department by a local artist. It is a traditional old English style logo for the fire department. The artist is donating the artwork to the city and Pat is asking permission to use it.

Stephen Boorman said the advertisements are at the job service for the lifeguards. He said we are working on the pay to swim issue this year. Stephen has spoken to our insurance agent regarding national health care. If the premiums are more than nine percent of a person’s gross wages then the employee can get a subsidized premium for health insurance. Stephen spoke of the Department of Energy Report included in the packet and said if council has questions to let him know. The Columbia River Treaty meetings are coming up in Libby and Sandpoint. We have our first net metering customer that has put in solar panels, and we have a net metering policy in place. The customer did this for tax incentives. Our net metering policy is on an annual basis. We got a radio grant from Homeland Security in the amount of about $4,800. The City got a virus this week and Computer Arts has been cleaning up the system due to this. Stephen is having a power plant tour on May 22 with Idaho Forest Group and invited council to attend. He informed the group that this is available to large groups. He said Pat and Adam have the plant cleaned up better than it has ever been.

David Sims said there were three people from China visiting the North Idaho Essentials business and they will not be using the timber as originally thought because of the oil extraction but they will be returning in June to look at other crops. David and John Griffin spoke to University of Idaho Symposium about community sustainability focusing on wastewater and solid waste. They spoke to Jim Wilson from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation about rate studies. This is a program they offer and it is free of charge. He works out of the Spokane office.

Connie Wells moved to add two late agenda items: Authorize Mayor to sign contract with Alan Flory Logging for logging near the golf course. Add approval of the special event permit for the Guardian Foundation for a fund raiser. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.
Mike Klaus moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of payroll and accounts payable; approval of March 11, 2013 special council meeting minutes; approval of March 19, 2013 council meeting minutes; and approval of March 26, 2013 special council meeting minutes.

Rick Alonzo moved to read the compression brake ordinance by title only. Motion died due to lack of a second. Mayor Anderson said we will agendize this another time.

The group discussed Jim Fritzsche’s resignation. Stephen said Jim is one of the best leaders he has ever been around, and he does a great job of growing people. Jim said it has been good working with Stephen and the city council, and he thanked them for a wonderful opportunity of working for the city. Rick Alonzo and council thanked Jim as well. Mike Klaus moved to accept Jim’s resignation. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to reappoint Louise Carter to the golf committee and Dick Hollenbeck to the traffic safety committee. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke about the surplus property sale. He said we would like to park the vehicles that run in the city parking lot and those that do not at the city yard. He will be back with additional items in two weeks. Stephen thinks we will do it by sealed bid. Mike Klaus moved to approve the items on the surplus property list as surplus. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Anderson said this is a temporary contract for one year until the final contract changes can be made on the five year contract. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the temporary contract with Kootenai View Golf Resources Inc. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to read the peddlers ordinance by title only. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Attorney Will Herrington read the proposed peddler’s license by title only. Will said it cleans up the current license problems that we have. Mayor Anderson declared that the first reading of the peddler’s license ordinance has been done.

The group discussed the sandwich board advertising proposal. David said there are people that are interested in trying it. Mike thinks this will be good as long as the sandwich boards are done tastefully. Rick thinks this is a good idea. Connie does not have a problem with it either as long as people sign up for it. Mayor Anderson encouraged David to go forward with it.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the USDA control sheet. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

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Stephen said there is property near the golf course that needs to be cleaned up in the buffer zone close to the previous logging job that was done. It will clean up the area and the timber will be sold directly to the mill. He thinks it will be about $10,000 worth of cost and about $15,000 in logging income. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Alan Flory for logging near the golf course. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

The special event permit for the Guardian Foundation was discussed. They are an organization that raises funding for the Homeless Veterans. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for the Guardian Foundation for a fundraiser on April 6, 2013. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved at 7:35 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b). Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:12 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk