

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 3, 2012 to order at 7:00 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, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Ron Frederickson, Kevin Frederickson, Brian Woods, Marcia Cossette, Gene Andrews, Carolyn Testa, Dave Gray, Doug Ladely, Sr., Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Adam Arthur, and Jessica Tingley.

Carolyn Testa told council it has been eight months since the Pearl Theater opened and without the support of council for the rezoning the Pearl Theater would not be so successful. She said there are people coming from Sandpoint to put on plays. Many people eat dinner out when they come to the Pearl and also people stay the night sometimes. She is happy to see the folks coming from Sandpoint, Troy, and Creston. She gave city council each a ticket for a free item at the Pearl Café as a thank you. Tom Mayo thanked Carolyn for her efforts.

Joel Minor gave the police report. There have been two DUIs, three driving without privileges, two no insurance charges, two burglaries, two controlled substance arrests, two malicious injury to property charges, two domestic violence cases, two unlawful entry charges, three k-9 searches, and one concealed weapon at school. The uniform crime clearance rate was 81.4 percent in 2010 and 81.9 percent in 2011 for the Bonners Ferry Police Department.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said he visited the Pearl Theater on numerous occasions prior to the opening and said Carolyn worked very hard to get the Theater open and it was impressive to see the effort she put in to get the Pearl up and running. Pat said the brush truck obtained from Eastside Fire District is in service and the street department has the old brush truck from the fire department. He said the city will sell items off the old brush unit. Pat said a new pump assembly like the one on the new brush truck costs \$11,000. The fire department assisted Bob Graham in removing explosives from a residence where the owner passed away. There was a response to a chimney fire at an elderly citizen's home on Oak Street where the chimney was a single wall brick chimney that was leaking smoke.

Stephen said the Legislature is out of session now. One of the bills was a speed limit bill for cities and Idaho Transportation Department will still retain the jurisdiction of setting the speed limits in municipalities. There was a right of way bill that historically had width of right of ways at 50 feet. He said there was a bill that came up for right of ways to only be the width of the travelled road and this would cause problems for utilities.

Mike Sloan said we are one step closer to getting fiber to the home. Panhandle Area Council voted to go out for bonds in the amount of \$2 million but there is a question as to whether Boundary County Commissioners can act with the bonding issue for Bonner County. Mike said

resolution of this issue should be within a week. It looks like there will be a fiber tie-in with Telco from Canada and this will loop as far as Seattle.

There was nothing to report from the urban renewal district according to Mike Klaus.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the March 20, 2012 council meeting minutes.

Stephen said the city has met with Frederickson’s a couple times and there are three recycling options. One option is to continue services as we currently do and Frederickson’s have requested an inflationary increase. The second option is unmanned sites and there is a significant amount of risk with this option as it is based on a maximum volume which has a significant potential to be exceeded and would result in future rate increases. Curbside would be \$11.50 per month and the question is if this is a fair price for recycling and garbage pickup. The recycling pickup would be contingent on the County accepting comingled recyclables. This is for recycling pickup two times per month and would not include glass.

Rick Alonzo has spoken with numerous people in the community and he said most of them like the curbside option, especially the elderly people. He also heard that if a person has to take their yard waste to the landfill that they might as well take their garbage and recycling. Tom Mayo said citizens have been recycling and have omitted the lawn waste so residents are getting less service and we are raising the rates. He does not think the recycle sites are a long term solution. Tom will continue to recycle and most of the people will continue regardless of what council does. Tom said we do not know how much volume in our unmanned sites is county recyclables. Connie said for four years we have been battling this issue and eventually we are going to have to go to curbside recycling and thinks we should pursue this option. Dave Anderson said he had not thought about the yard waste issue and this does force people to either compost or take the yard waste to the landfill. He said the unmanned recycle sites are not feasible due to contractual problems, liability, and cleanup. Mayor Anderson thinks curbside is the way to go due to the amount of money and he is almost thinking we should allow yard waste. Rick asked where yard waste went when Frederickson’s picked it up. Mike Klaus said yard waste goes directly into the hole and that is bad because we could jeopardize the maximum tonnage at the landfill. Ron does not think this would jeopardize the landfill. He said the county is way below the tonnage now. Tom said our yard waste is a significant amount. Ron said most of the yard waste was grass clippings but there was also brush at times. Mike Klaus asked if we changed a policy or ordinance excluding yard waste. Stephen said it was a policy change. Stephen said the street department does a yard waste pickup twice a year to help with this. Stephen thinks the yard waste was changed by policy. David Sims said eventually there is a limit to what can go into the hole but yard waste will decompose so this is not a long term problem like plastics that will not decompose.

Rick asked if Ron has noticed fewer cans of garbage since we are recycling. Ron does not keep track as there is such a variety at different households. He said the recyclables taken out of the waste stream are not so heavy but we are below the tonnage numbers required for the small community exemption at the landfill. Ron said the three can limit did limit the amount of yard waste picked up prior to the prohibition of yard waste. Mayor Anderson said yard waste is seasonal and he said maybe we should consider doing a city pickup five times per year rather than twice a year. Stephen explained the street pickup and said it would hurt the street department if we did a pickup during the chip sealing season. He said John Youngwirth could give us the time it takes.

Mike thought he was in favor of the remote sites at an additional \$1.50 per month until this evening and there are pros and cons with each option. He is leaning to curbside now even though it does not include glass. He said he does not have glass in his recyclables. The group discussed the amount of glass used.

Mike asked if we need to amend the contract first or make a motion to go with the recycling option. Tim Wilson sees potential for amending the current contract, leaving the contract alone, or setting a new contract. Mike would like to go with a new contract to allow the city to do some things that the city has wanted to do but was prevented from doing due to the contract. Stephen said the city has operated with the idea that the current contract will not change but in two years and nine months when the current contract expires, there will be issues to be discussed. Tim said we are operating under a five year contract for collection of garbage and if we are going to recyclables then we would have to look outside the contract. Stephen said \$11.50 is what Frederickson's have said they will charge for curbside recycling twice a month and weekly garbage pickup. The hearing notices were for \$4.50 increase for curbside recycling. Connie Wells moved to increase the garbage rates for curbside recycling by \$3.25 per month. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The group discussed biweekly pickup for recycling and Ron said this detail should be worked out. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the special event permit for the car show pending receipt of insurance and the hold harmless agreement. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

The memorandum of understanding with Department of Lands was discussed. Pat said this is basic and if there is a fire in the city limits that involves wild land the Department of Lands will come help fight the fire and if there is a fire outside the city limits that threatens the city, the city will respond. This agreement is different than the mutual aid agreements we have with other jurisdictions. Pat spoke of the fire on the north hill several years ago. Tim Wilson said there were changes made that were recommended by the fire chief and this just nails down the particulars. The city has had agreements with Department of Lands previously but they are renegotiated every five years. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement

with Department of Lands. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Rick Alonzo "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes".

Rick Alonzo moved to set the 2013 budget hearing date for September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to table the Deep Creek easement. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Golf fees for the 2012 season were discussed. There were discounts suggested for after aeration and Labor Day. The other fee was for season passes for junior golfers. Stephen said the golf committee wanted to encourage junior play and there are many single adults or grandparents that are raising a child so a junior season pass can be purchased in conjunction with an adult individual season pass. Connie Wells moved to accept the 2012 golf fees as suggested by the golf committee. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Rick Alonzo "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes".

Connie Wells moved to go into executive session at 7:54 p.m. per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Rick Alonzo "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes". Executive session ended at 8:24 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk