

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of April 5, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Connie Wells and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Street Superintendent John Youngwirth, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present was Marcia Cossette. Councilman Mike Klaus was gone on personal business.

Marcia Cossette spoke to council regarding the use of a picnic table from the Visitor Center for the Saturday Farmers Market for the public to use to sit at and drink coffee. Mayor Anderson said he would have city administration look at the issue.

Police Chief Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There were two possession of marijuana charges, two trespassing charges, one trespassing arrest, five possession of paraphernalia, three agency assists, four domestic disputes, three DUIs, two gas thefts from vehicles, one attempted gas theft from a vehicle, one burglary, one hit and run, two unattended deaths, one civil protection order, one overdose, one public urination charge, and one threats complaint.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. There was a fire alarm at the high school but it turned out to be a false alarm. There was another call on Clara Street at the Joyce Peterson residence that was a canned light that had over heated in the bathroom. There were ten firemen that responded to the Peterson incident. Pat said the thermal imaging camera was used at this fire call. He said the camera is used to do post fire work also to make sure all the hot spots are taken care of. With the use of the camera, the fire department was able to locate the heat without tearing out the entire ceiling in the home.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrators report. He said there have been issues with the fire ladder truck turret and the boom and the estimated cost to fix this is \$6,000. The trackless snow blower that we purchased has engine damage so the repair costs are being explored. He said the used equipment is aging and this comes with repair costs. Stephen said the water tank is being inspected and the inside coated tank looks good but there are parts of the tank that did not get coated and these parts are in need of some repairs. The golf course is open for play. Unit 1 at the power plant had a test run and there was a bearing failure. The bearings were checked and were fine during the test runs that were made but there was an intermediate bearing that failed after the initial testing was done. David said the monitoring system was not operating properly that should have sensed the temperature and shut the generator down when it overheated. He said there were three systems that failed and it was discovered that the system that failed had been not working for a period of nearly five years and it is also located on the other generation units. It is apparent that more testing needs to be done. A better way is being explored for alarm functions. If the machine had shut down as it should have the repair would have been a much easier fix. The insurance adjuster has been at the plant looking at the situation. The bearing oils were working correctly when the machine was shut down the night before the bearing failure. Stephen explained to council the boiler insurance coverage on the generators and how ICRMP paid for the rebuild of generator unit 3 in 2000. The problem was a programming error rather than a mechanical failure. David said the bearing got so hot that it melted and Ray Sackman is looking at grinding the bearing in place and we will know by Thursday if the shaft needs to be done also. The insurance company said to get the repairs done and get the unit back in service.

Stephen reported on the urban renewal district meetings. The past two Mondays there were meetings with the urban renewal district members. A map has been roughly drawn and it will be sent to a title company to get the valuations so the ten percent dollar amount can be determined. Attorney Tim Wilson said the length of terms for the urban renewal members should be established.

Connie Wells moved to add three late agenda items – Authorize Mayor to sign consultant estimate voucher for the Alderson Lane project; approve the special event permit for the Swish Tournament on July 16-17, 2011; and discuss U. S. MetroNets payment. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of March 15, 2011 regular council meeting minutes; and approval of March 10, 2011 and March 21, 2011 special council meeting minutes.

Connie Wells moved to have the third reading of Ordinance 522, Zone Change from Residential to Commercial for Blocks including 7160 Ash Street. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Tim Wilson read Ordinance 522 in its entirety.

Connie Wells moved to adopt Ordinance 522. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Ordinance 522 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 522
REZONE OF THE BLOCKS INCLUDING 7160 ASH STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL A TO COMMERCIAL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONNER FERRY, BOUNDARY COUNTY, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; REZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7160 ASH STREET, BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO, CHANGING THE PROPERTY SET FORTH BELOW FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONING TO COMMERCIAL ZONING AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Application for Rezoning having been considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Commission having recommended to the City Council that it is in the best interest of the City for said rezone to the property legally described as follows:

Blocks 17 and 18 of Eaton Addition, in Sections 26 and 27, Township 62N Range 1E.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bonners Ferry, Idaho that the following be and is hereby adopted as an ordinance for the City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho:

Section 1.00: AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Idaho code Section 50-901.

Section 2.00: REZONE

The property in Blocks 17 and 18 of Eaton Addition, including 7160 Ash Street, Bonners Ferry, Idaho is hereby rezoned from Residential to Commercial.

Any prior ordinance, section of any ordinance, or part of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, as necessary.

Section 3.00: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on, and be in full effect on April 14, 2011.

Section 4.00: PUBLICATION

This Ordinance shall be published according to law in the Bonners Ferry Herald, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Bonners Ferry and the official newspaper of the City of Bonners Ferry, and hereby declared the official newspaper for the publication of this Ordinance.

Adopted as an Ordinance of the City of Bonners Ferry this 5th day of April, 2011.

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

By: /s/ David K. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Kris Larson, Clerk, City of Bonners Ferry

Universal AdCom free magnets were discussed. Tim Wilson said there are private business advertisements on the magnets and he expressed concern as to whether this appears to be an endorsement of the businesses on the magnets. Chris Clark moved to table the magnet approval until the next meeting. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The policy for emergency traffic control procedures on highway 95 was discussed. Chris Clark moved to add the updated highway 95 traffic control policy to the policy manual. Connie Wells seconded the motion and thanked John Youngwirth for the work. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo said the police department has the opportunity to purchase a used equipped patrol vehicle for \$1,500 and Joel Minor thinks he can get donations to pay for the vehicle. Rick said there are 72,000 to 73,000 miles on the vehicle and it is a Crown Vic. Mayor Anderson asked about the green Tahoe that we have in the yard that was abandoned. Rick said we have a new abandoned vehicle policy that he spoke to the attorney about today. Tom Mayo moved if the Police Chief or Deputy Chief can pull off the purchase without using city funds that it be approved. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

David Sims spoke about the steel tank inspection contract. The firm, LSB Consulting Engineers, was recommended by Welch Comer as a firm that was used by them in the past. David said without the steel tank the plant starts and stops more than the operators like but the water plant will still operate. David said the repairs may be a two step process because the steel tank will be needed for summer water use. Stephen said the water tank roof has trusses that are attached to the side of the water tank. The previous coating of the tank was all the way to the top of the tank but the trusses and roof had not been coated previously. Stephen said angle iron tends to get corroded first. He said the value of the tank is about \$400,000. Chris Clark moved to enter into the contract with LSB Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the steel tank inspection. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David said the original agreement for the radio tower with E.L. Automation was for ten years and it has been changed to 15 years. He said Eric Lederhos thought he had the control as to the subletting of the tower and the new contract amendment clarifies that the city has control of the subletting. Tim Wilson said there was confusion with the wording but this has been clarified. Connie Wells moved to approve the changes to the E.L. Automation contract as discussed. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The extension policy was discussed for serving utilities to customers outside the city limits. Stephen said it is not the ideal policy as far as he and David Sims are concerned but it is workable. Stephen spoke of section D that concerns a melded load for power and the city’s ability to determine this. Chris Clark moved to accept the extension policy changes as recommended by staff. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Youngwirth thanked the Mayor for the tree trimming that was done in the downtown area by the volunteers.

Tom Mayo moved to hire a summer parks employee. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The consultant estimate voucher for the Alderson Lane project was discussed. David said it is just another engineering adjustment for \$413.21. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Alderson Lane project consultant estimate voucher. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the special event permit for the Swish Tournament for July 16-17, 2011. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The U.S. MetroNets payment was discussed. David said there have been cases where the Telcos have sued when tax dollars were used. Chris Clark moved to table the payment to U.S. MetroNets until the next meeting. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen attended the health insurance meeting last week that discussed the pooling of health insurance for Idaho cities. He said there have been 13 cities that signed up for this program at this time. There is potential but there are flags according to Stephen. The Gem Plan has not been researched by the potential insurance pool and he thought this was curious. Tom Mayo said the Gem Plan may be looking to allow cities to join. Stephen explained what he learned and that in the beginning the city joining would pay their current rates and then the rates would be determined annually after that.

David said DEQ requires testing for different chemicals in drinking water but allows waivers for some of the testing and this item will be an action item at the next meeting.

Connie Wells moved to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b) and (f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 9:40 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk