

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of April 7, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President John Langs, Council Members Chris Clark, Connie Wells, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator Dave Sims, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Riley Boorman, Sandy Ashworth, Sora Huff, Marcia Cossett, Julie Golder, and Randy Lindsey.

Sora Huff asked for permission for the Farmers Market to set up and use the city parking lot this year. There are no format changes this year according to Sora. She said there is huge interest in the market and they may have to turn vendors away. She asked how much of the city parking could be used and if it would be possible to use a portion of Bonner Street also. She asked about the large Farmers Market sign that used to hang from the old visitor center. She asked for specifications for hanging the sign and said the ideal place for placing it would be on the hill facing the highway. John Langs asked if it was a removable sign. Sora said it is not because it is big and heavy. Sora asked about access to power in the parking lot for musicians. Sora said they are trying to finalize their 501 status and they may eventually need to have a phone line for providing services to the needy by accepting food stamps.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said they had a CO2 call on the northside and it took two hours. There was a grass fire out of control that was moving into a brush fire on the northside and 18 firemen were on the scene for an hour and a half. The person responsible for the fire is the same person that was responsible for the fire at the visitor center in January. Pat said conditions are very dry. There was an incident in District 2 this weekend and there was not much of a response by North Bench Fire so Curley Creek responded. May 20th is the date for burn permits. He explained to council that if someone calls about burning that the clerk's office is getting the address so he can check out conditions before they burn.

Riley Boorman said prom is on April 25th and the school is asking for a curfew extension until 1:00 a.m. and she said they usually have policemen on the scene. She is asking permission. Riley left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Randy Lindsey from Windjammer Cable spoke to council. He is the general manager. Randy said the city and Windjammer are working on an agreement for pole use and he said we are welcome to contact him at any time. He plans to be more supportive than Time Warner was. He said customer service is very important to him. Windjammer will strive to make things better.

Stephen Boorman said the new emergency operations plan is on the county website. Fire Safe Program is the program that makes properties near city safe and they got quite a bit of stimulus funding. He said the commercial lighting breakfast is coming up on April 16th at Chic n Chop. There was a tree at the sewer lagoon where an Eagle was nesting that blew down so the city crews will replace it with a pole. The golf course opened today.

Roger Frasier joined the meeting.

Dave Gray moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; authorization for Tim English and Scooter Drake to attend Idaho Paving Materials training in Coeur d'Alene on April 29, 2009 and Basic Survey in Coeur d'Alene on May 7, 2009; approval of council meeting minutes for March 24, 2009 and March 30, 2009.

Connie Wells moved to approve the beverage license for Davonna Cada for Lane 9. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Sandy Ashworth spoke regarding the Community Connections Grant. She said Michelle Barker will be the Vista Volunteer working on the project. The Chamber is working with the City of Sandpoint on the resource guide. Sandy said the Vista person will not be a greeter but will put together a data base of information for the Chamber and the community to use. Collette Allen is working with the volunteers and putting information packets together. Sandy is looking at going out for grant funds for putting together the resource guide and visitor center operation. Mayor Anderson said good people are involved with the Community Connections activities. It may be the first of July before Michelle Barker can work as the Vista Volunteer. Sandy will have the final grant application to council soon. Dave Gray moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Community Connections grant application. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

The sewer rate increase issue came up. Dave Gray moved to table the sewer rate increase for two more weeks. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Police Chief Rick Alonzo joined the meeting.

John Langs said due to his health concerns he would like to resign as council president and moved to nominate Dave Gray as council president. Mayor Anderson accepted the resignation. Chris Clark seconded the motion of nominating Dave Gray as council president. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Anderson said the council cannot deal with all of Sora's requests this evening regarding the Farmers Market until we get further information. He said we can act on the Farmers Market using the parking lot this summer. John Langs moved to lend support to the Farmers Market and allow them to use the city parking lot. Dave Gray agreed, seconded the motion, and wants to support the Farmers Market and thinks it is a great asset to the community. Sora said opening day is April 25th. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Sims said the sign for the bicycle path was a project started by Jay Cohn and the Rotary Club had agreed to pay for the sign. The request is to install the 2x3 foot sign with a map of the route to the refuge on Riverside Street next to the refuge sign. John Langs moved to approve the sign installation. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus joined the meeting.

Stephen spoke regarding the Sandpoint Film Festival coming to Bonners Ferry the weekend of July 11-12, 2009. John Langs moved to approve the Sandpoint Film Festival special event for July 11-12, 2009. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen said the city would like to change the specifications of the clarifier building to be plywood rather than metal for the interior walls of the building for protection of the insulation system and for enhanced mounting of equipment, air lines, and chemical feed lines. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 for the Clarifier project. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Dept. of Commerce pay request for payment of invoices for Welch Comer and Panhandle Area Council. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said the Chamber may change the fee structure for collection of fees for the support of their activities. He said last year the city requested advertising fees and some were received. Dave Gray moved to send out requests for advertisement fees for the visitor center. Mayor Anderson said it is much like a donation. He said we are interested in a two tier structure next year with the Chamber. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to extend the curfew on April 25, 2009 to 1:00 a.m. for the high school prom night. Dave Gray said Riley Boorman mentioned that officers are usually present for the prom. Rick Alonzo said they do hire a reserve for such occasions. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Sims gave a power point presentation of the city website. The group was very pleased.

Dave Gray moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 section (e) and (f), at 8:05 p.m. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 8:23 p.m. council went out of executive session.

Dave Sims asked what the intent is for tabling the sewer rate increase. Dave Gray said he did not think council was prepared to act on the issue this evening. Dave Sims said his concern is that council cannot take any more input on sewer issues until this item is acted on. Mayor Anderson said we will put it first thing under old business for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk