Mayor Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 16, 2013 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 Andarakay Pluid, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Police Chief Steve Benkula. Also present were Laura Roady, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Marcia Cossette, Mike Wolcott, Dale Simpson, Jerry Higgs, Doug Ladely, Sr., and Dave Gray.

Mike Wolcott from Inland Forest Management spoke to council regarding management of the timber lands for Bonners Ferry. He said Bonners Ferry has some wonderful timber resources. Most of it has been harvested and trees were planted after the harvests that were during years with high timber prices. Mike said the timber plan has not been updated and it was a brief timber management plan done in 2007 by Chuck Roady. A forest stewardship plan is fairly inclusive and takes in wildlife, recreation, insects and disease, and an inventory of how much volume in timber there is. Other aspects are that it qualifies the city’s property as a stewardship forest and a tree farm. He said this does not bring any more money into the city. This would cost $3,200. Another plan that is much briefer and takes in items most important to the city such as where we are and what is needed to maintain the health of the forest. It would include a timeline when things should be done and a snapshot of the current mapping situation and recommendations. He said this briefer plan would cost $1,900. Both plans would take in a thorough walk through of the property. Mike said his company works with Boundary County on the hazardous fuel management program to have shaded fuel breaks and protect property near subdivisions next to the city. Stephen gave the history of the previous logging that has been done for the city. Mike said the cooperation on the helicopter sale by the Railroad was very good. Stephen said most of area from the old mill site around the edge of town is a city park and when we logged this Foust Logging and the Railroad were very generous to the city.

Police Chief Benkula said previously this month there were drugs taken to Coeur d’Alene to clean out the evidence room. He said there is also a program for disposal of unwanted or unused prescription drugs hosted by the Police Department and Boundary County Sheriff on April 27, 2013 at Super 1 Foods. There were 320 calls for the month of March with 28 citations issued and 37 reports taken including five driving without privileges, one battery, two unattended deaths, five warrants, two domestics, three thefts, two possession of controlled substances, four accidents, two burglaries, one delivery of a controlled substance, two bomb threats, one intimidating a witness, and one sexual abuse.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said they have had one call since the last meeting. A table top exercise for active shooter was attended by the fire department and all the other local law enforcement agencies. Dustin Kralec from Idaho State Police attended the fire training meeting and gave training on responding to fires and the Idaho Codes relating to this. Pat spoke about the logo for the fire department that was created by Stan and Denys Knight. He said it is a donation of about $8,000. Knight’s still own the rights to the logo so they have asked that they approve any
reproduction of the logo so he is taking samples to the Knight’s. Bonners Ferry Sign Company is processing a logo and Far North has also produced samples.

City Administrator Stephen Boorman said the logging has started at the golf course. He said Alan Flory has found a market for the cedar for poles that should generate more income than anticipated.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said 12 hot ammonia (liquid ammonia nitrate) trucks are going through our area every day. He said Dustin Kralec said the empty trucks are more hazardous than the loaded trucks. They are coming and going from British Columbia. Pat said the truck weight limits have increased to 99,000 from 80,000.

Connie Wells moved to add late agenda items for authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Accelerated Construction and Excavating and the Notice to Proceed on the Highway 95 South waterline project and authorize for advertisement of a maintenance laborer for the water department. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: the reason the contract and notice to proceed were not on the agenda is the paperwork came in after the agenda was prepared and we need to get the job started before the next meeting. The reason for adding the advertisement of the maintenance laborer was that we forgot to add it originally and we needed to advertise for this position before Jim Fritzsche retires.)

Tom Mayo moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of the Treasurer’s Report; and approval of April 2, 2013 council meeting minutes.

Mike Klaus moved to read the peddler’s license ordinance by title only. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. Tom Mayo asked what the difference is between a canvasser, a peddler and a transient merchant. Andrakay said they are essentially the same thing and are part of the definitions. He also asked if this would apply to Avon and Schwan’s. The police chief said we have not addressed this before. Stephen said the peddler’s license is for cold calls door to door. Andrakay said it would include them. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Clerk Kris Larson read the ordinance by title only. Dave Gray gave an example of a person that came to his door offering to clean carpets and when Dave asked to see his license the person left.

Mike Klaus likes the idea of putting the timber management plan into a written form. He does not think a timber cruise is needed. Mike said there have been some harvests but we have a good base done by Chuck Roady. Stephen spoke of the revenue that was brought in by the previous logging jobs. He said if the timber is managed properly it brings in more revenue than it would otherwise. Mike said it is not obvious to all city employees where the timber resources are at the city. Rick asked where the money would come from to pay for the forest plan. It would be from the general fund. Connie expressed concern about paying for the forest management plan out of
the general fund. Mayor Anderson recommended that we keep this information in front of us and look at it at a later date.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for the Rod Benders Car show on June 1, 2013. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to set the budget hearing date for September 3, 2013. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson recommended that we move agenda items nine, ten, and twelve to executive session.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Accelerated Construction and Excavating, LLC and also the Notice to Proceed for the Highway 95 South waterline project. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus moved at 7:40 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 7:58 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Rick Alonzo moved to hire Josh Kelly as a part time mechanics assistant and part time parks employee at $10.00 per hour. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to advertise to hire a water laborer. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk