

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 17, 2012 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Rick Alonzo and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Steve Benkula, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Golf Course Manager Ralph Lotspeich, Attorney Tim Wilson, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan. Also present were Dave Gray, Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Doug Ladely, Sr., Jerry Higgs, Dominik Nyland, Eileen Marcotte, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Marcia Cossette, Gary Leonard, and Ron Frederickson. Councilwoman Connie Wells was gone on personal business.

Gary Leonard spoke to council regarding the 4th of July fireworks celebration. He gave a draft schedule of events for the celebration to the group. The parade is proposed to be later in the day rather than at noon as it usually has been. He said so far they have raised about \$1,700 in donations.

Police Chief Steve Benkula gave the police report. He said he has had an opportunity to meet with all the officers and he is impressed with their dedication to the community and it is an honor to be part of such a department. He said there have been two warrant arrests, three driving without privileges, one DUI, two malicious injury to property, two trespass charges, two thefts, two mental holds, and one domestic.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said there were two calls since the last meeting - a medical assist and a brush fire. He said the fire department received a \$4,000 pump donation for the water tender. Pump testing and ladder testing have been completed. There are some valves that need replaced but that is common. The new brush truck steering is being worked on and it will be done by the end of the week. Pat said the forecast for the fire season is pretty ruckus.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrators report. He reminded council of the AIC conference scheduled in June. He and David met with Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and the budget is not there for the projects requested in 2014. There is a joint city/county meeting being considered to discuss projects so a better job can be done on a specific section of highway. David said ITD does not want to have a fight with the local governments like they have experienced in Sandpoint. Stephen said right of way acquisition is always a problem. David said a lot of the work has to do with the vision and plan of the ITD. Stephen said there is a webinar from APPA on April 24, 2012 for financial operations and he invited council to attend. Mike asked about the plan of ITD. David said the plan that ITD is looking at is a 20 year plan and it is for five lanes through town. There will be quite a bit of right of way acquisitions needed and they would like to work on this one time. Mike said one of the biggest problems is pedestrian traffic. Stephen gave the example of lighting on the bypass and the rough sidewalk.

David said ITD feels that leveraging funding through grants is the way to go and build the highway in segments.

Stephen said the highway work near Super 1 is beginning. There was a plan for a three lane highway between Super 1 and Safeway but there is nowhere for the water to go so this will not be done at this time due to drainage. Stephen said the highway right of way is 66 feet from McCall to Bauman and from Safeway to Madison Street the highway right of way is 50 feet and that is extremely small for a highway right of way. David explained the turn off to the Super 1 Store and said there will room enough to get off the highway quickly so that is why there is not a deceleration lane.

Mike Sloan gave a report on the fiber to the home project. He said last week Panhandle Area Council approved bonds in the amount of \$14 million dollars but there are still details to be worked out. He said U.S. Metronets have entered into a letter of intent with a Canadian company to take the fiber from Bonners Ferry to the border. The advantage to us other than the fiber is a revenue source coming off the line. The intent is to take the line over to Vancouver and Seattle. The last estimate of cost needed is getting the fiber across the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robertson joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Gordon Robertson spoke concerning the north end of the sewer lagoon where there used to be a fence and a gate. He said there is a problem with people coming in the south end of the sewer lagoon and going on his property. There is part of a gate at the north end with a cable across it. He would like the city to donate a gate and he would donate his time to install the gate and fix the fence to keep people out of the north end and also keep them off his property. Mayor Anderson said the entire lagoon is a liability. Gordon said the fence is down but the wire is there. David Sims showed a picture to council of the area of concern. David said the southern end has become a problem. Stephen said we only own to the centerline of the road and asked for clarification of where people are entering the property. He said the city only owns to the centerline of the railroad bed. Gordon spoke of liability and people ignoring the no trespassing signs. Mayor Anderson would like to limit the access to that area and said the city will look into options for the next meeting. He thanked Gordon for his concern.

Tom Mayo moved to accept the consent agenda. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “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 4, 2012 council meeting minutes.

David Sims spoke regarding the recycling contract with Frederickson’s B. F. Garbage. He said item #2 defines recyclables as those single stream recyclables that the county accepts. The contract also has a clause for an out if the county quits the single stream recycle program. Item #3 requires recycling to be picked up 26 times per year. Ron will provide each residence with a

bin at the beginning of the program. People are not required to use the bins but their container must be clearly marked so Ron knows the recyclables from the garbage. The bins remain the property of the Garbage Company. The cost is \$3.25 per month and the rest of the contract is similar to the current garbage collection contract. The exclusiveness was clarified to let the public participate if there is a School District program for example. Ron will deliver containers the week of May 7 and then the recyclable pickup will begin the week after that. There will be more information to the homeowners when the bins are delivered. Mike Klaus moved to enter into an agreement for recycling between the city and Frederickson's B.F. Garbage, LLC. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The Deep Creek waterline easement was tabled.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the special event permit for the Selkirk Saddle Club Bull Bash on June 8, 2012 at the fairgrounds. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce Earth Day Fair special event permit for April 21, 2012 at the fairgrounds. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Mayor Anderson said this will be a big event and it might be a good time for the city or the garbage company to present the recycle program.

The used John Deere tractor was tabled.

David Sims explained the proposed waterline easement with Dr. Beazer on the white board. The easement would be granted to the city in exchange for a sidewalk that would connect to the sidewalk being installed by Super 1. The sign for Beazer's Office would also be moved for a better sight distance. The cost of the sign is \$1,500 and the cost of the sidewalk is estimated to be \$4,000. The sidewalk cost may be reimbursed by the urban renewal district. Stephen said the city regularly receives complaints about the sight distance and the sign currently near Beazer's Office. Mike Klaus moved to go forward with the sidewalk and moving the sign near Dr. Beazer's Office in exchange for the easement. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The proposal from Premium Coatings for fence work at the power plant is for public safety. Stephen said the hillside near the power plant regularly has rocks coming down. He said Kevin Cossairt had an idea of putting fabric on the hill to keep the rocks from coming down. There will be chain link fence sections on the hillside that will be crimped together for safety and also a four by sixty foot fence installed on the overlook. Mike Klaus moved to enter into a contract with Premium Coatings for fence work at the power plant for \$6,342. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Police Chief Steve Benkula asked for approval from the council to hire Chris Sabin as a patrolman. He said Chris is the top applicant from the group interviewed and he will be graduating from the NIC Basic Patrol Academy on May 4, 2012. Rick Alonzo moved to hire Chris Sabin. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson asked to table the purchase of the golf sign until the golf committee has an opportunity to look at this further.

The group discussed weed spraying. The request is to have an employee in house with a spray license to do our spray work. Ralph Lotspeich said he is not licensed at this time but he could do the spraying. Stephen explained there is the routine work the city has plus more extensive work on the dikes. David Sims said he has a meeting with Boundary County Commissioners to talk about what their participation could be. Mayor Anderson said a private applicator’s license is needed to order the spray. Tom Mayo moved to approve the payment of \$.25 per hour to an employee for obtaining a weed spray license. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The group discussed donating unclaimed property to project share. Kris Larson explained that the city is not required to report unclaimed property \$50 or less to the State and if the owner cannot be located that she would like to donate the funds to project share. Rick Alonzo moved to approve Resolution 2012-02 Donating Unclaimed Property to Project Share. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

At 7:46 p.m. Mike Klaus moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (f). Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 8:17 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Rick Alonzo moved to have Stephen move forward with Charlwood to get a contract for the FERC Part 12 independent inspection. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Anderson said May 17, 2012 is a tentative date for the joint city/county meeting with Welch Comer to talk about sewer. The City of Moyie has requested the Tribe also be invited. Mayor Anderson asked the clerk to get a hold of the entities to see if the date works.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kris Larson, City Clerk