

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 20, 2010 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Connie Wells, Mike Klaus, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Wes Hubbard, Adrian Wages, Roger Fraser, Jon Cooke, Carl Sherwood, and Randy Turner, Eric Anderson, David Gray, Eric Lederhos, Carolyn Testa, and Marcia Cossette.

Wes Hubbard spoke regarding the forest legacy project that he and Adrian Wages are applying for. Chris Clark asked for a brief overview of the program. Wes said it is family land just under 1000 acres with 730 acres in forestry ground. They are allowed to have 25 percent of the ground in agriculture. There is a permanent easement that does not allow development but the property can be used for agriculture and forestry. The properties of the Hubbard's and Wages' are not contiguous. Adrian Wages said there are several people in the community that have entered into a Forest Legacy Program. The overall integrity of the property cannot be changed from what it was intended. There will be 1400 acres between Wages and Hubbard. Wildlife must be able to pass through the property. The Forest Legacy Program runs with the land. The property can be sold but it must be sold in whole. Mayor Anderson said it is a competitive process and the support of the city helps. Wes Hubbard's property is in the valley and Adrian's property is in the eastern part of the county.

Roger Fraser spoke to council about Boundary County Community Television entering into experimental television whitespace projects. He said whitespace is television broadcast space that is not currently in use. He is partnered with a technology firm out of Florida that specializes in brokering spectrum. One of the applications is to install sensors on remote sites. Roger said a narrow band television broadcast demonstration may be done at the visitor center. He would like to see the council endorse the endeavor. He has two licenses before the FCC and in the next year he is hopeful to be in business. He is hopeful that the demonstration can be had in 90 days and thinks his project will be up and running in six months. David Sims said when he spoke to Roger earlier, he did not think there was an appropriate place at City Hall and suggested the Chamber of Commerce at the visitor center may be the best avenue.

Eric Anderson said he has been contacted three times by an officer in question. He works for the Forest Service seasonally and has been doing this for five years. He is at his wits end and wants it to stop. He said he is not doing anything wrong and the same police officer keeps interfering.

Jon Cooke from Country Cable spoke to council. He said they are a cable provider in Coulee Dam, Washington for internet and cable television services. Country Cable is working with Windjammer and they are interested in purchasing the cable system from Windjammer. He is interested in taking over the system by June 1, 2010. He said looking over the contracts of Windjammer, he is concerned about the pole price of \$12.00, and said in the other contracts

Country Cable is charged \$7.00 per pole. He said cable has gone through quite a few changes the past few years and has big competitors now. He knows we need better customer service and the customers need to know the services available. Country Cable is located in Hayden. The pole costs are a concern and Jon asked that they be considered. Country Cable thinks they will know within six months if they can make it in our area. Mayor Anderson told them the city will discuss the issues anytime if they bring information forward. He said the city would love to see them come in and invest their dollars. Stephen said we would transfer the franchise agreement to them after it is passed.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said there was a phone harassment charge, two disgruntled male paramours over a female, three warrant arrests, three theft cases, two DUIs, two domestic disputes, one unlawful entry, and a child custody dispute.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said the run volume is up about 40 percent more than last year at this time. There was a house fire on Cedar Street and the flame plume was 40 feet in the air when it was called in. The fire cause is still undetermined. Last weekend was the fire training academy in Coeur d'Alene. There were good reports from the firemen about the classes.

Stephen said ICRMP gave a class to the city, county, and library personnel. He spoke of the AIC Conference in June in Idaho Falls. He asked for comments on the personnel policy from council. He said David and he attended the BPA meeting in Spokane to go over the rate structure and billing system that will be put in place. Avista is looking at a 14 percent rate increase for electric rates. There is an upcoming ITD meeting in Coeur d'Alene on April 27 on the joint transportation plan. There is a draft letter to Idaho Fish and Game for council to review concerning Myrtle Creek.

Connie Wells moved to add the following late agenda items: authorize Mayor to sign LHTAC Grant paperwork for Welch Comer Invoice reimbursement; authorize Mayor to sign Department of Commerce paperwork for pay request for payment of Welch Comer invoice; approve special event permit for the Chamber of Commerce Green Pride Celebration; approve transfer of beer license for South Hill Mini Mart and also approve wine license for South Hill Mini Mart; and discuss the flower baskets. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the minutes of April 6, 2010 and April 15, 2010.

Mayor Anderson said he would like to see the city go ahead with the pelton wheel project. Tom Mayo asked if there will be a chain around the pelton wheel so children would not get hurt. The wheel will be stationary. Stephen said the structure is about eight feet tall. Stephen said John Youngwirth wants to have little maintenance. Mayor Anderson said the museum is encouraging the project so it will be complete by the time the Smithsonian tour is here this summer. Mike Klaus moved to allow the construction of the pelton wheel project by the Lions Club and the

Museum with the oversight of the city. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The Forest Legacy Program was discussed. Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Forest Legacy Program for Wes Hubbard and Adrian Wages. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Chris Clark moved to approve the special event permit for the Swish Tournament to be held on July 31-August 1, 2010. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the special event permit for the Praying Monk Ranch for the dates requested for barrel racing at the fairgrounds. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the parade permit for the Memorial Day parade. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Chris Clark moved to approve the catering permit for Papa Byrd's Bistro for the Chamber's Green Pride Celebration to be held at the fairgrounds on April 24, 2010. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to appoint Dick Hollenbeck to the traffic safety committee with the term expiring December 31, 2010. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen said E.L. Automation is interested in constructing a tower in the city yard near the chlorination chamber. If Eric installed the tower, he would get the use of the tower for ten years without payment. Eric Lederhos said the tower would belong to the City and it would be available to the city if they needed tower space. This tower will be used for the city scada lines. He said the tower footprint is 10 x 20 feet. Mike Klaus asked if this would require a building permit. Stephen said it would. Mike said if the city had ownership then it would be our liability. Chris Clark asked why Eric requested putting the tower on the city property rather than private ground. Eric said he felt it would be a benefit to the city to get a signal to shoot to the dam. Stephen said the property is zoned industrial. Connie asked if there would be concern of the neighbors due to the tower being in the neighborhood. David said personally he does not care about the erection of the tower but there is another row of houses between his home and the tower. The tower would be 100 feet tall. Chris asked if the city has the right to add other vendors to the tower. Stephen said the city would. Tim Wilson said if Eric changes any specs of his equipment that the city should have the right to review them. Eric plans to shoot from the tower to the Naples area and to the Katka area and to the Moyie Dam. David said this tower will provide space for antenna for the sewer lift stations if we want to use it for that. He will put a tower on a hill owned by Pinkerton in the valley west of Camp Nine Road and should have coverage to Canada. His goal is to get high speed internet to people in the county. He said it is

voice over internet and it will be very fast. He cannot compete with DSL due to the low dollar but this gives him the ability to reach out in the county and give anyone high speed connections to the internet. Connie Wells moved to enter into an agreement with E.L. Automation for the tower proposal. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The final contract will be brought back to council for their review. Tom said there are a lot of people who are without the internet and this sounds like a good deal. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to have the second reading of the cable television ordinance by title only. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Tim Wilson read the cable television ordinance by title only.

Stephen said Jim Fritzsche is planning to retire in a couple years and it takes quite a long time to get someone up to date on their certifications. Chris Clark asked if we go out for advertisement if we are planning to hire prior to Jim’s retirement. Stephen said that is correct. He said we have one class three operator and that is Doug Ladely and we are backed up by the City of Sandpoint. Jim is a class one operator but he is skilled at operating the plant and is qualified to run the plant. Alan Branson is a class two operator. We would be adding an employee to the water department for approximately a two year period to train someone while Jim is still here. After Jim retires we would go back to a four man department. Mayor Anderson said we are fishing. David said we are not sure if we will be able to come up with a class two operator. The group discussed the education and training required for plant operators. Mike Klaus moved to authorize advertisement to hire a water/sewer plant employee. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Panhandle Area Council for grant administrator for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to hire Pat Bennett for the duck repair job as a temporary employee. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen spoke regarding the fault finder being requested for purchase by the electric department. It is used for finding underground faults. Stephen thinks the life expectancy is eight to ten years for this piece of equipment. Mike Klaus moved to replace the TDR fault finder for the price of \$11,500 as quoted. Chris Clark seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen explained what a line pulling machine is and said the city has not had one of these previously. This will be used for the Alderson Lane project. We have in the past contracted this service out. Chris asked what an estimated cost of the contractor would be on a project like

Alderson Lane. Stephen estimates that it would be \$30,000. Connie asked for clarification of the cost. We will be purchasing a three phase line puller/tensioner for the electric department and that is more expensive than a single phase line puller. Chris Clark moved to purchase a line pulling machine not to exceed the cost of \$30,000. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Installation of fiber optic cable was discussed. Stephen said this would be installed with extra capacity to lease out to other entities. He said we would start with a small piece from city hall to the city yard. If anyone other than a utility used the fiber optics they would be charged according to the Mayor. Stephen explained the main computer server is here at city hall and currently we have a wireless link to the hill. The capacity on the wireless link is not as reliable as the fiber optics would be. He said this would also allow the city to voice over power lines and this would save on our phone system. David said we could have a backup external to city hall rather than doing the backups at the city hall and taking them off site. We would still use Verizon’s bandwidth for internet and email. Mike asked what fund this would be paid out of. Stephen said it would be the electric fund. Mike asked about cost sharing with the county for the hub. Stephen spoke about the point of presence (POP) or where you connect with the web. David said if Eric goes through with his project we may be able to buy bandwidth from him. Stephen said when we put up the fiber we will put up fiber with plenty of space. Stephen said the wire is not conductive so we can string it anywhere on our poles but we will probably go below the neutral. Mike commented on the problems that the city encountered in the past. David said it would make our drawings available to the departments on the hill as well as speed up the daily processes. Chris Clark moved to install a fiber optic cable between city hall, the fire station and the city yards not to exceed \$10,000. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the LHTAC grant paperwork for Welch Comer invoice reimbursement. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to authorize Mayor to sign the phase 2 water project grant pay request to Idaho Department of Commerce for payment to Welch Comer. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the special event permit for the Chamber of Commerce Green Pride Celebration to be held on April 24, 2010 at the fairgrounds. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Tom Mayo moved to transfer the beer license from South Hill Chevron to South Hill Mini Mart (SHMM) and to approve the wine license for SHMM. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke regarding the proposal for soliciting donations for the flower baskets for this season. Carolyn Testa suggested putting an article in the Bonners Ferry Herald. The letter will be from the city council and mayor. Dave Gray said there was \$5,000 budgeted for the flowers that was transferred to the snow plow budget but our snow plow year was good. Stephen said the public likes the flowers but we are willing to step up and help. Connie commented that even though the money was not used on snow there are a lot of other items that the money can be used for in the general fund. Stephen said the Christmas decorations were originally donated by a group headed up by Karen Pedey so the public has been involved in the past with city beautification.

The council reviewed the mid-year budget reports. Budget appears to be on target and the department heads are watching their expenditures closely. There is concern about the water, sewer, and the general fund. We will do estimations for the water and sewer funds for the remainder of the year. Cash flow is being watched carefully also. Mike Klaus asked about the police scheduling reserves for fill ins during sickness or vacations. Rick explained that reserves are used for transports and said they are ready to help. Dave Sims asked about Tiffany's wages. Rick said during the school year her wages are paid out of the DARE fund and then during the summer she is paid from general fund police budget. Rick said reserves are not allowed to work a shift by themselves at this time per the policy.

Connie Wells moved at 8:52 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 26-2345 (1) a. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Executive session ended at 9:06 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, Clerk/Treasurer