

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of May 3, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Street Superintendent John Youngwirth, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Dave Gray, Carolyn Testa, Don Bartling, Marcia Cossette, Rob Tompkins, Pam Copeland, Tim Dougherty, Angela Hittle, Jerry Lewis, Terri Maine, John Austin, and Rick Philbrook.

Don Bartling spoke to council regarding the School District maintenance and operations levy. He handed out brochures to council for their review. There was a public meeting on April 21, 2011 explaining the needs of the School District according to Don Bartling and if the levy fails there may be 12 teachers that will be laid off. Teachers that are retiring will not be replaced and the School District is cutting back their budget. Mr. Bartling said it is education imperative that the levy passes. Mr. Bartling left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Rob Tompkins said the Parks and Rec Board came to ask about water service for the Riverside Park. He had spoken previously with Stephen Boorman and wanted to know the status. Rob had heard that there was a well the city is drilling for a residence near the Riverside Park and thought it would be better to drill the well on county property. Mayor Anderson explained that the residence has a water service from the city but the line leaks profusely and this well will replace the water service to the individual. Stephen Boorman said the county was to dig the water line for Riverside Park but there was too much rock for the line to be installed. He explained that the well being drilled for the individual is isolated and the flow will determine if it is feasible to drill a test well. Pam Copeland said the Commissioners have tasked the Parks and Rec Board with this issue. She said Phil Schnuerle has a memorial fund to be used to build bathrooms at the park and water is needed. Mayor Anderson said the issue will be looked at again but money is one problem and railroad permitting is another. David Sims said the well agreement with the resident should be signed in the next few weeks and if the flows are good we may be able to drill another for the county. Tim Dougherty asked about the rock problem and why this would be reassessed. Stephen explained the location of the rock between piers of the bridge and how we could possibly move the location. Tim expressed frustration with the issue of the residential well and nothing for the county. Mike Klaus said the residential well will give the city needed information to determine if a test well for the public is viable. Rob Tompkins asked for clarification of the water line. Chris Clark told the Parks and Rec Board to keep him informed and he will stay on top of this.

Tim Dougherty said when the tennis courts were wired that the city donated the transformer, labor, and wire and asked if the city would entertain the same type of agreement for the parks at the fairgrounds as the estimated costs were \$5,300 to get electricity to the concession stand. He said any money saved by the Parks Board will go to the youth programs. Mayor Anderson said the city will see what it can do. Tim Dougherty, Angela Hittle, Pam Copeland, and Rob Tompkins left the meeting.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There were two accidents, one rape charge, one vandalism, one no contact order violation, one child custody dispute, two warrant arrests, three unattended deaths, two DUIs, a methamphetamine arrest, one theft, two trespasses, an agency assist, and an ongoing embezzlement case.

John Youngwirth gave the fire report. He said there was a false alarm at the hospital, a natural gas leak at the high school, and a brush fire on Helena. He said the firemen memorial dedication was installed.

Stephen said ICRMP covered the damage for the bearing failure on unit one. There is a Corps of Engineers meeting at the Kootenai River Inn at 7:00 p.m. on May 9. At the next council meeting Necia from Welch Comer will present the amendment to the water master plan.

Mike Klaus said the urban renewal plan was edited and council has copies. The Urban Renewal Agency approved the revised study of deterioration also.

Connie Wells moved to add the late agenda items of authorization to hire police officers and to approve the special event permit for the Kootenai River Run. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the consent agenda. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call: approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the council meeting minutes of April 19, 2011.

The location of the Mountain Springs Church family concert was tabled as requested by the Church.

Mayor Anderson explained the situation of sponsoring an event for insurance purposes. The event discussed was Rod Bender’s Car Show. The city is always protected by ICRMP but the Rod Bender’s would not be covered. Stephen said there is the problem of the Rod Benders having insurance coverage that is not really there. Connie Wells moved to waive the liability insurance requirement for the Rod Benders Car Show. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Chris Clark asked if this is going to be a policy of the city because this could leave the impression that we are not concerned about insurance. Tim Wilson said if there is a claim that the city will be covered but there will be the question of where is the city on this issue. Tim said he would recommend that people having events provide liability insurance. Chris Clark asked how expensive the insurance is for these events. Rick Alonzo said the cost is prohibitive for the event. Connie said if the city waives the insurance then this lets the Rod Benders know they don’t have insurance. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “no”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus informed council that he and David Sims met with the Boundary County Commissioners regarding recycling. The county recommended that the city wait until they go to single stream recycling system and this is anticipated to be June. Mike recommended that the county make the recycle bins available in the same place, all days of the week for the citizens to use.

David Sims asked that the steel tank discussion be tabled due to not receiving the engineering report yet.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the professional services contract with Panhandle Area Council for the urban renewal agency plan development services and consulting. He said previously the motion was made to approve this contract based on receipt of funding from someone other than the city. Stephen said the development agreement has not been finalized. There is risk that the urban renewal agency not be completed but otherwise the fees can be reimbursed by the tax increment when it is in place. Mike Klaus is not sure why the developer agreement has not been completed. Chris Clark is in favor of the economic development tools this provides. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the professional services agreement with Panhandle Area Council. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “no”, Tom Mayo “no”. Mayor Anderson voted “yes” to break the tie.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the Memorial Day Parade permit for May 30, 2011. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Youngwirth requested permission to promote Tim English as lead street employee at the rate of \$17.60 per hour. Chris Clark moved to approve the hire of the lead street employee, Tim English. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. Connie Wells asked how the wage rate was determined. John said the duties, the certifications and how it fits into the wage scale. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Youngwirth requested council approve the hire of Monica Tompke as the summer parks worker at \$12.00 per hour. Stephen explained the duties of the summer part time help. Chris Clark moved to hire Monica Tompke as summer parks worker at \$12.00 per hour. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The fire truck ladder truck repairs were discussed. Stephen said there is life safety issues involved with the aerial apparatus on the fire ladder truck. He recommended an annual inspection be had on the fire truck each year due to the boom. Tom Mayo asked about the condition of the truck. John Youngwirth said the pump works well and so does the truck. Chris Clark asked how often the ladder truck is hauled out. John said it is used on all calls. Stephen said the ladder is not used on all the fires. Chris Clark moved to make the repairs on the ladder

truck. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Austin from Panhandle Area Council (PAC) spoke to council regarding the professional services agreement with PAC for urban renewal document preparation. He said there are two ways to be reimbursed, one from the developer and the other by the increment from the urban renewal district. The study of deterioration has been revised and approved by the urban renewal agency commissioners. This study defines the deterioration in the proposed urban renewal district. Mike Klaus moved to adopt Resolution 2011-03 approving the study of deterioration. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Austin said a plan must be developed and considered for the renewal district projects needed. The district has a life of up to 24 years and the limit on the funding for the projects is ten percent of the valuation of the city as of January 1, 2011, about \$13 million. He has prepared an estimate of the financing increment that will come to the city to fund the project list. Planning and Zoning needs to review the urban renewal plan to see that it meets the City of Bonners Ferry Comprehensive Plan and then council needs to have a hearing for public comment including the county and the library. Planning and Zoning has 30 days to make comment also. Mike Klaus moved to forward the map, plan, and study to Planning and Zoning. Mike rescinded his motion on advice of legal counsel due to a possible conflict of interest. Chris Clark moved to forward the plan, map, and study to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “abstained”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Chris Clark moved to adopt resolution 2011-04 establishing the date of June 14, 2011 for the public hearing for the urban renewal plan. Connie Wells seconded the motion. Tom Mayo asked about the funding projected in the plan. John Austin said there will be a lapse of 18 months from the time the district is formed to generate taxes. He said the funding will be generated over a 24 year period. Tom said he thinks the funding is optimistic. John Austin said this did occur in the small town of Dover. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “abstained”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Stephen Boorman said kudos should be given to the Urban Renewal Agency.

Rick Alonzo said effective Friday morning the police department will be down to three employees. Dave Walls is leaving effective Friday, May 6, 2011. Willie Cowell and Jessie Manning are available and have been working with the police department. Rick would like to hire one of them full time and the other part time because Dave Kramer who has been helping out will be leaving on vacation in June and Don Moore will be leaving in late August or early September. Rick said there is not any slack since the department lost the officer when Foster Mayo retired and was not replaced. Tiffany Murray, John Lunde, and Rick are still out with injuries. Connie Wells moved to hire one part time and one full time police officer. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Rick said since the department has been short handed that the city has not

suffered as the police are still covering. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the special event permit for the Kootenai River Run on June 11, 2011. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved at 8:18 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a) (f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 8:41 p.m. executive session ended.

Mike Klaus moved to go forward with the well agreement. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk