

Mayor Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of May 4, 2010 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, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Glory Rossbacher, Mike Weland, Carolyn Testa, and Dave Gray.

Glory Rossbacher spoke to council regarding the second deployment of our National Guard. The Family Readiness Group is a support group for all branches of military service in our community and Glory is a member. She is compiling community resources that will be available to families in the community while their loved ones are in the military away from home. There are more young spouses and children than what they had at the last deployment. The Family Readiness Group cannot do fundraising as a group but the American Legion can do this and donate to the group. Chris Clark asked how the council can support the group. She said one way would be to get the word out to the community about the resource list and said there are also volunteer positions available. She handed out contact information to the council. Tim Wilson asked how many people from Boundary County will be leaving and if JAG will be coming up to help. Tim said he would be willing to help with the legal paperwork for the service men. Stephen asked if there will be a welcome home celebration planned like we had before. Glory would like to see something done at the local level. Stephen said council can help with a send off and return celebration. Rick asked how many will be leaving from Boundary County. Glory said the number of soldiers cannot be revealed. She said there are mothers that will be deployed this time also.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There have been five driving without privileges, one unlawful entry, two possession of marijuana charges, three DUIs, one disturbing the peace, one battery charge, one stolen vehicle that may end up as a civil matter, one emergency mental, one domestic disturbance, one possession of paraphernalia, one school bus violation, one petit theft/shop lifting complaint, one reckless driving citizen complaint, one medical assist, and a possible rape.

Pat Warkentin said there has been intense training for the fire department in the past two weeks. The National Incident Management training was had and many emergency management personnel attended at the fire department. The National Incident Training 100 and 200 courses must be completed before the National Incident Management training can be completed. Emergency vehicle driver training was also had. This is also a federal mandate and it seems more and more unfunded mandates are coming forth. Pat said Jock Johnson has agreed to train the city firemen as he has many training certifications. Pat said Jock will be added temporarily to the city volunteer roster so he can be used for in-house training to certify firemen. Pat said an underwriter's laboratory individual must inspect the ladder trucks now due to federal regulations and the cost of this is \$1,500 per vehicle for this service. Previously, the aerial apparatus inspector for the electric department could inspect the ladder trucks.

Stephen reminded council of the annual AIC conference and registration dates. Stephen said the cost of the inspection for the fire truck is unreasonable and the electrical inspector for the aerial electric vehicles does a great job at a reasonable cost. The FERC personnel were on site today. The sprinkler system is being installed at the Riverside Park and the pelton wheel prep is done. The algae treatment is being done at the sewer lagoons and we are trying another product this year. Mike asked when we will see results at the lagoons. David said as the algae dies the turbidity will remain high because it takes a while for the process to work. It is a hope that this is a less expensive treatment but it may not be. David said part of the problem is the dosages must be higher than expected. With chlorine we have to de-chlorinate. We are not locked into the new treatment so if it does not work we can change methods. David said temperature and sunlight affect the algae growth. The group briefly discussed other methods of hindering the growth of algae but most were cost prohibitive.

Connie Wells moved to add change order #1 for the phase 2a water project and to add garbage and recycling issues to the agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; and approval of the minutes of April 15, 2010 and April 20, 2010.

Chris Clark moved to read the cable television ordinance by title only for the third time. Mike Klaus 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.

Connie Wells moved to adopt Ordinance 516 Cable Television Franchise. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Chris Clark asked about the change to Country Cable. Stephen clarified that we have already published and had the readings so it would be difficult and take much time to re do the process. There will be a transfer of the franchise coming forth at the next meeting. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to transfer the pole use agreement from Windjammer to Country Cable. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to approve the special event permit for Mountain Springs Church concert on May 7, 2010. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Chris Clark moved to approve the beverage license transfer from Zip Trip to Cenex Zip Trip. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Council discussed the turn outs for the fire department and also the possible purchase of an oil distributor truck. Pat said the fire department is short about seven sets of turnouts in order to be compliant. He said a set of turnouts with the pants and coat is about \$1,500 to \$1,600 per set. He said a new turn out set was dropped off by General Fire for the fire department to look at. Pat submitted a grant request to Department of Lands and they sometimes fund personal protective gear for structural fire fighting. Pat will speak to Department of Lands and is hopeful that they will fund the turn outs rather than using city funds. Tom asked about a discounted rate for turnouts and the possibility of obtaining some. Pat said once we are current on turn outs we will budget to replace two turn out sets per year. Pat said we have a good working relationship with General Fire and he will speak to the salesman about this. Pat said we are short on breathing apparatus bottles and they have a life span. General Fire said there are ten aluminum bottles that are current and if we purchase the turn outs he will give the city these bottles. Mayor Anderson said the personal breathing apparatus was another item we were planning to budget for. Pat spoke of the different types of equipment that the fire department has and how it would be more efficient and cheaper to have the same type of equipment.

Mayor Anderson said the Street Department has not been toured by council yet and he has been told that the oil applicator is a problem and causes trouble for the Street Department. Stephen said the priorities for the street department change depending on the time of year. For street repair the distributor truck is the highest need. The distributor we now have has a 500 gallon tank and John would like to get a larger tank to lessen the time wasted for oil refills. Stephen said a 1,500 gallon tank is desired. David said the county got a used truck for \$25,000 and the vendor was asking \$30,000. The biggest problem with the current distributor truck is locating parts due to the vintage of the truck being outdated and parts hard to find. David said with the rebuilt brake parts the truck may be viable for this season. Mike Klaus said it would make sense to start shopping for a used distributor truck. David thinks we may find lower prices after the chip sealing season. Stephen said an automatic transmission for the truck is desired due to the shifting of a manual transmission causing oil laying problems. Mayor Anderson said he would like to put the approval of these items on hold but to allow the street department to look and see what is available. Mike said it is good to start shopping and know this is a high priority and if a good deal comes up then we should be prepared to take advantage of it. Connie agreed to actively look. Chris said the turn outs could be purchased with grant funding and asked if a month passes without a decision if it will cause a problem. Pat said it would not.

Stephen said a leak detector has been in the budget for quite some time. He said we now use a backhoe or excavator. Chris Clark moved to approve the purchase of a leak detector for the water department. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus moved to authorize Marlin Olsen as a volunteer at the water department. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

David spoke to council regarding the DEQ wastewater planning grant. He said DEQ has a grant available with a 50 percent match. The cost to the city would be \$62,250 for this planning. The study will be for 20 years for treatment and 40 years for collection. He said we have a significant area to build out particularly toward the golf course. The sewer bridge will also be reviewed. One issue of the study will be how to meet the permit standards and another is how to meet our growth factor. Mayor Anderson asked how the plan is paid for, if it is incremental or must be paid all at once. The costs will be paid incrementally. Stephen said the study will show projects that must be done so we may be looking at a bond issue to pay for the work that is needed. David said the start of the study would be in July this year and it would end in January a year out. Mayor Anderson asked about the payment for the study. David said DEQ has revolving loan funding available and the planning study would make the city qualify for this. David said judicial review would also be a process the city may qualify under to pay for expenses that are necessary if the expense meets the ordinary and necessary qualifications. Stephen informed council of funding methods available. David said with EPA mandating what needs to be done if we go out for a bond and the public says no then we will have a problem. Tim Wilson said there are two other areas that we can look at. If the item falls under a repair or if the item is an emergency then it can be a health issue and there may be other facets to look at as ordinary and necessary. The study would also give justification to review the sewer capitalization fee. Mayor Anderson said we have serious problems in the sewer department that we are not aware of yet. Tom Mayo asked for clarification of how the study will work. Stephen said the city will supply data but the engineering firm will compile the data. David said Brett from JUB has worked with the city in the past and he looks out for the city's interests. David said we have quite a bit of data that will help with the study. Connie said she would like to put the money we have into fixing a problem rather than spending the money on a study. Stephen said we had a study done in 2002 paid for by the Tribe that said we had plenty of capacity but the permit standards changed this. David said there was also a study done in 2006 for solids mitigation by Welch Comer. Mike has spoken with John Tindall at DEQ and he said the city is in trouble with EPA so we need to get under contract and get to work on these issues to prove to EPA that we are working toward a solution. Mike suggested waiting to compile the environmental information document (EID) until we are on the home stretch with the master plan study in case the rules change. Mike said there are manholes that have not been uncovered in years and we need to get started. He spoke of the costs that we may see in this fiscal year. The environmental information document will be the last item to be compiled according to David. Stephen said the EID will be reviewed at the next legislative session but it will be required if funding is borrowed from DEQ or Rural Development. Chris Clark asked about the process for soliciting firms to perform the study. Stephen explained the request for proposal process and said they must be awarded based on qualifications and not price. David said there is funding left in the 2010 State budget and we are also on the list for the 2011 budget. Chris Clark moved to authorize the submission of a wastewater planning grant application to DEQ in the amount of \$130,500 with the city share of \$62,250 and expenditure to JUB Engineering if the grant is so

awarded and the project to be done over two budget years. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The group briefly discussed mapping system software. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David said on the final phase of the water project we will have GPS data gathered by Welch Comer at no extra cost.

The group discussed the LHTAC Alderson Lane project costs. We received a letter from LHTAC that stated if the bids for the Alderson Lane project come in over \$194,000 that the city will be responsible for between \$11,640 and \$19,400. The Mayor will sign a letter if necessary for LHTAC.

Stephen said on phase 2a of the water project there is a valve that is needed and the additional cost is \$878.00. Tom Mayo moved to accept and approve change order #1 for phase 2a of the water project. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom said he likes the idea of the recycling test but funding is a problem. He said we do not know what will happen with what the trial will show. Connie said she thinks we should try unmanned recycle bins first and if they do not work then we can have a rate increase hearing and raise rates to pay for it. Chris Clark said we have looked at curbside pickup but he did not get the idea that this was what the city wanted to go toward. He thought we were going to go forward with education of the public and unmanned sites to see if this would have an impact on the waste stream. He still thinks this is what we should do first. Chris said the county is focusing on the city waste stream to help solve the problem. He said there are ways to address yard waste that we should try such as biodegradable bags. Chris would like to see the most inexpensive ways to recycle. Mike said he was surprised to see the people that were in favor of curbside recycling and did not mind paying the proposed cost. He is concerned about the tonnage figures that are quoted from recycling. Mike is concerned about charging the city residents a mandatory fee for something that may not meet the purpose of the county tonnage reduction at the landfill. He agrees that recycling is the right way to go but he struggles with the waste stream tonnage figures. Mayor Anderson wanted to discuss curbside recycling so he could also see the other side of the issue. He said there was no opposition and he was surprised. The county is leaning on the city and the county has not done a serious study on the garbage stream that is going into the landfill. Mayor Anderson would not mind looking at unmanned stations for recycling. David said he spoke with Brett Brown of Safeway for recycling bins at the parking lots of the grocery stores. Chris Clark said the schools are also another viable location for recycling bins since this is a community effort. Tom Mayo asked if Frederickson’s could pick up the recycling bins. Stephen said they already pickup the 96 yard containers at the schools. Connie commented that she thought the county had some bins that would be available to the city to use on a trial basis. David said the county is moving the recycle bins to Safeway from the Far North parking lot. Stephen said Boundary County is the only northern county that does not have

unmanned sites. Stephen said the yard waste pick up done by the street department was dumped in the yard waste pile at the landfill and the plastic bags were disposed of. Stephen is concerned about the elderly population in the city. Carolyn Testa said there were people that were against the recycling process at last night's meeting but by the end of the meeting they were in favor of the recycling program. She spoke of chipping of yard waste that could be available to the public. She thinks recycling just needs to be done. Dave Gray said unmanned sites are not out of the question. He said Moscow is aggressive with what is done in their community. He thinks the unmanned sites should be tried because he trusts the people and it is the right thing to do for our community. Mike thinks there is a possibility of a mixture of the bins and curbside pickup. Dave Gray commented on the dirt that is accumulated at the landfill and is glad to use the recycle site in the city. David said he agrees with Mike's statement that curbside recycling may not save the landfill. Connie said you would almost need to have mandatory payment for voluntary recycling. Chris thanked Frederickson for his figures for recycling of an additional \$3.25 per month but is concerned that this may not be enough. Stephen said the recycling truck will only be one person and on the regular garbage route there are three people needed for operations. Stephen said the \$3.25 is an honest estimate and the recycling truck is a used vehicle. Mayor Anderson asked staff to look at other community's recycling practices and to research recycle bins for unmanned sites in the city. Chris Clark expressed concern of the elderly citizens on a fixed income. Dave Gray spoke of the added expense for transfer stations for garbage. Chris said there are issues that need to be resolved by the county and investigated by the county. The group discussed the costs associated with recycling bin pickup and the problems associated with our contractor being responsible for unmanned recycle pick up. Chris Clark thinks recycling is the right thing and we need to clarify what we are asking so that action steps can be taken. He would like these issues discussed at the next meeting. Mike said there may be a company that would be interested in leased recycle bins. Stephen said we would need to look at our current garbage contract and see if this is allowable. Mayor Anderson would like staff to research yard waste disposal.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk