

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of May 7, 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 Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Steve Benkula, Water/Sewer Superintendent Jim Fritzsche, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Billing Clerk Jean Diel, and Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Laura Roady, Marcia Cossette, Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Jerry Higgs, Doug Ladely, Sr., Warren Mahoney, Adam Arthur, and Jessica Tingley.

Jean Diel spoke to council regarding the All School Reunion. She said since 1988 approximately every four years the classes have met for a reunion, and this year the event will be on August 3, 2013 in downtown Bonners Ferry. She said the committee is looking to the City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, and the School District for hosting of the event. There are some new ideas this year such as keeping all events downtown including the meal. The committee is open for suggestions. The streets will need to be closed off on Saturday morning. A welcoming ceremony will be in the afternoon and a dance in the evening with the event concluding at midnight. Establishments in the downtown area will be receiving the guests and the committee is hopeful that all will have a good time. She asked council if they would be willing to have this event. Jean told the group of the street closures that are needed. She also said all parking lots will be used including the fairgrounds. Stephen said the All School Reunion will be looking at food vendors and Jean said there are several that have committed to having a booth as well as the downtown businesses.

Police Chief Steve Benkula said the first Drug Take Back program was successful with approximately 56 pounds of medication being gathered. They got many positive comments and another will be done in the fall. The Chief did an article on yard sales and signage on electric poles. Officer Foster Mayo put on a class on excited delirium and there were 20 attendees.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin had two EMS calls that they responded to as well as two gas calls. He said there was a power pole fire yesterday. Pat said one of the younger firemen may be leaving for a job in Coeur d'Alene.

Stephen Boorman spoke about the IT work being done this year and we have gone over the number of hours in our contract. He said this will be a budget topic for next year. Stephen said we have rented equipment that sends sonic waves into the sewer lagoon that may help stop the algae growth in the lagoons. Jim Fritzsche said the transmitters have been installed for about ten days and it will be a few weeks before we know the results. He said pond three looks like the algae may be dying so it looks promising. Stephen said it was interesting to see that more commercial water was used in 2012 as the sewer study is showing increased rates. He also spoke about the automated phone system at the School District. Police Chief Benkula said we got quite a few calls when there was an accident last week near Valley View because of the automated

phone message. Stephen spoke about the cost of switching on the lines that would be for Bonners Ferry, Northern Lights, Bonneville Power, and EWeb. There is a class on May 21 at the fire hall on how to deal with the media.

Tom Mayo asked how much of the IT budget is gone. Stephen said we are about half way through the year and we are at 80 percent of the contract. The virus took up a big chunk of the contract time and the modem installation took longer than anticipated due to problems with Frontier. Stephen said we found out that Dave Sims was very productive when he was doing the IT work.

David Sims said Panhandle Area Council has selected Greg Cook as the new director. David has looked at why businesses don't locate here such as manufacturing businesses. He has found that there is not much property zoned commercial, industrial, or light industrial in Boundary County and there is not much commercial property for sale in our area. Sewer can be a problem because the City of Bonners Ferry and Moyie are the only places with sewer. Another limitation is year around access as many of the county roads are limited for hauling in the spring of the year. The Boundary County Commissioners have asked David to speak to the Planning and Zoning Commission about possible changes in the county zoning. David said the bark company will be here permanently shortly. David said the BEDC gets funding from the State of Idaho and it is time to submit the grant paperwork and it is also time to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all the entities.

Mike Klaus said the Urban Renewal District mainly went over budget items at their meeting last night. The next meeting will be August 19, 2013. The opening date at the Subway will be about June 1. The Urban Renewal Agency tried to brainstorm ideas for creating jobs in our area.

Connie Wells moved to add the late agenda item for the Mayor to sign the MOU with Boundary County, City of Bonners Ferry, City of Moyie Springs, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Boundary County School District, and Panhandle Area Council for the Rural Economic Professional Outreach Program. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Rick Alonzo 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; and approval of April 16, 2013 council meeting minutes.

Mike Klaus moved to read Peddlers License Ordinance #534 by title only. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Assistant City Administrator Andrakay Pluid read the title of Peddlers License Ordinance #534 by title only.

Mike Klaus moved to adopt Peddlers License Ordinance #534. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo said the compression brake ordinance proposed is to prohibit unmuffled compression brakes. He said the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is the only one that can put signage along the highway. ITD is more than willing to put up a sign for unmuffled compression brakes but the City has to have an ordinance adopted first. He thinks there would not be a lot of citations written for this, but he has heard many complaints from people particularly on the northside that get woke up in the night. He said people have their windows open at night so this noise gets worse. Rick moved to have a reading of the compression brake ordinance. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Connie Wells said she has been against this ordinance since the beginning because there is a State law already prohibiting unmuffled brakes and it will be hard for the officers to enforce. Rick said if we don't have an unmuffled compression brake ordinance then we cannot get signage from the State. Mike Klaus asked if the police chief hears a jake brake if he can call a State Patrolman to cite the trucker. Connie argued that the police officers will have problems determining whether a truck has a muffled compression brake or not. Rick said the police need the ordinance to write a ticket. Warren Mahoney asked if there can be an inspection done at the weigh station for determining whether the trucks have a muffled brake or not. Mike Klaus said his concern is that someone will not use their jake brakes coming down the hill and when they get to town they won't have any brakes. Mike Klaus “no”, Connie Wells “no”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “no”.

Mayor Anderson asked what the All School Reunion is asking from the City. Jean said they are asking that the event be a City event so there will be insurance. The Mayor said then all the committee would be volunteers of the City for the event. Stephen said we are working on a joint powers agreement with the County and School District. Connie Wells moved to take on the All School Reunion as a City event or a combined event with Boundary County and the School District. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Anderson “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the special event permit for Rhonda Hamerslough for the Pawsitive Works Dog Walk on May 18, 2013 at the fairgrounds. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the special event permit for Boundary Community Hospital for the Fun Run on May 18, 2013. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Motion passed and it passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the special event permit for Bonners Ferry Rotary Club for the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus on June 14, 2013 at the fairgrounds. Mike Klaus seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for the Selkirk Saddle Club Bull Bash on June 15, 2013 at the fairgrounds. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the special event permit for Jim Cadnum for the Kootenai River Run on June 22, 2013 at the fairgrounds. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Stephen Boorman said the Highway 95 South Waterline will go from Chic n Chop to the State Department of Lands and it is anticipated to start on May 13, 2013. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the USDA Control Sheet and approve payment to Welch Comer for the Highway 95 South Waterline project. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson recommended appointment of Steve Nelson to the golf committee. Tom Mayo moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation of appointing Steve Nelson to the golf committee. Mike Klaus seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve Memorial Day parade to be held on May 27, 2013. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the guest room rate agreement with Shilo Inns. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The group discussed the surplus property auction to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mike Klaus moved to declare the listed items surplus so they can be auctioned off. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims spoke to council regarding the office rent for the economic development coordinator (EDC). He said the City, County, Tribe, and Moyie contribute funds to the EDC program and the County receives grant funding from the State of Idaho to fund the program. He said the City bills the County for the expenses of the EDC including office space rent and he is requesting that we forgo the office rent beginning the first of this fiscal year to help save money for the EDC program. The EDC carry forward funds are dwindling and this would help. Mayor Anderson spoke regarding the EDC program and said waiving the office rent would help the program. David said the County and the Tribe would appreciate this. Connie said the EDC is very important and agreed that it would be in our benefit to forego the rent. Connie moved to forgo

the office rent for the EDC. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Tom Mayo said there is quite a benefit to having the EDC at the City. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chief Benkula spoke to council regarding Riverside School. He would like to talk to the School Board about the possibility of moving the police department to the Riverside School location. Rick thinks it is a wonderful idea. Chief Benkula said the complaints he has heard about the department being upstairs at city hall are the steps to the police department and privacy issues. Tom Mayo said he thinks we have revenue problems and is concerned about this. Mayor Anderson told him to start the discussion as it is only a discussion.

Police Chief Steve Benkula gave a power point presentation on the COPS Grant (Community Oriented Policing Services). The COPS Grant would pay up to 75 percent of an officer’s wages for three years. He gave a list of Officer Murray’s duties as School Resource Officer (SRO) and DARE Officer and the number of calls for service that she has responded to in this year. The Chief’s proposal would be to add another SRO at the Middle School. He would also like to follow up with the DARE teachings at the Middle School and High School. He spoke of the “Keepin’ It Real” substance abuse program offered to students aged 12-14 years of age that helps reinforce what was learned in DARE and also helps with anger management. There is another program called “Every 15 Minutes” for the high school seniors because statistics show that a life is lost every 15 minutes to drugs or alcohol related accidents. There are classes and it addresses the emotional side of the students also. The COPS Grant will pay 75 percent of wages and benefits for three years and then the School District and City will be required to have the officer in place for the fourth year. Officer costs would be approximately \$59,275, and the grant would pay \$44,456 and the City and School District would be responsible for the \$15,000 per year until the fourth year, and then we would be responsible for the entire cost. Rick Alonzo said this is the program that we had when Joel was hired and it is a good way to get an officer especially we are down one. Stephen asked if this covers equipment or uniforms. Steve said it does not. The Mayor is in favor of applying for this grant. The application for the grant is due May 22, 2013 and priorities are given to SROs according to Chief Benkula.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the Moyie Substation. He said it was built in 1972 and it is the substation that our hydro electric feeds into. Rebuilding the substation would increase reliability of the distribution system and it is the right time to do it. He said we own all but the power transformer and substation shack. The cost of a transformer is approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000, and the one there may last another 20 years or it could be 20 hours. At this point the gas tests are still good in the transformer, but when the paper insulation degrades and it starts to arch then we would have problems. Stephen drew an example on the board for council to review how the substation would be rebuilt. If the proposal is approved we would go out for request for proposals, do the design work, and start construction next spring. Stephen anticipates the Moyie load to grow as there is more room for development in that area. Mike Klaus moved

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to go forward to get proposals as presented in the memo for designing an upgrade to the Moyie Substation. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said we have two transformers that have over 50 parts per million PCBs so there is a process required by EPA to dispose of them. Stephen said these may be the last two we have on our system. We will get a certificate of disposal from U.S. Ecology Idaho after they dispose of the transformers. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with U.S. Ecology to dispose the transformers. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the fireworks paperwork so the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks can be ordered. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU for the Rural Economic Professional Outreach Program. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk