

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of May 15, 2012 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 David Sims, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Police Chief Steve Benkula, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Roger and Elizabeth Fraser, Gene Andrews, John VanDoren, Jerry Higgs, Carolyn Testa, Terri Maine, Elaine Marcotte, Collette Allen, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Doug Ladely, Sr., Robert Karlac, and Dave Gray.

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding the Mayor's quote from the last meeting that you should always follow the advice of the attorney. He spoke of the attorney in Hayden, Steve Vrable, and the history he had with him on a planning and zoning issue. He told council that they are in charge and not to get steam rolled by anyone.

Mary Mackert joined the meeting.

Police chief Steve Benkula said Officer Chris Sabin has been sworn in and that brings the police department to full staff. There is grant funding available for communications from Homeland Security and we will be using the grant to change our crime reporting system from Xpediter to Swift Justice. This will allow better communication between the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department allowing us to share and access information more freely. There have been 21 reports taken, nine cite and release arrest, six driving without privileges, one DUI, one battery, eight minor possessions, and one possession of a controlled substance arrest.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said there was a flagger recertification class done at the past Monday meeting. A rope rescue class was also completed on Saturday in conjunction with the Boundary County Volunteer Ambulance for low angle rescue. Traffic cones have been purchased that will be unidentified to keep liability down.

Stephen Boorman said the swimming pool will be open by Memorial Day weekend. We plan to have the pool open on Sundays this year. The Moyie Bridge will be one lane most of the summer due to major construction. There is a new Regional Forester in Missoula and said KVRI may be interested since this will have impact on our forests. ICUA meeting will be held from July 24-26 in Boise. The Fry Health Care Foundation will have a golf tournament this summer. Bonneville Power Administration let the city know there was a failure in the BPA substation in Moyie so we will be back billed in the amount of about \$100,000. There was an article put in the council mail boxes that speaks to damage received at the City of Tombstone's water supply due to fires. There was also an article put in the mail boxes on outages and how much nationwide people do not like outages. A letter was sent to the property owner on the dike regarding the cottonwood tree. There are some tough issues regarding the ambulance that are coming forward and the city should pay attention.

Mike Sloan said we are talking about the fiber line to go all the way to the Canadian border. Mike said there is an investor that is interested in funding this project. It will cost about four million dollars. Mike said the Museum has a great display for the Smithsonian and encouraged everyone to stop by.

Mike Klaus said there will be a meeting for the urban renewal district in the next month. He said there are agreements that need to be reviewed as the developers want to see some minor changes.

Connie Wells moved to add a late agenda item to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement with Mail Finance for a postage meter because this came up after the agenda was set and needs action before the next meeting. 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 – 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 May 1, 2012 council meeting minutes.

Mayor Anderson said the city is still working to make the Car Show happen. He read the city policy regarding special use permits. Mike Klaus said he has looked over the revised special use permit with an amended hold harmless agreement. He moved to approve the signed application for the special event permit for the Rod Benders Car Show. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. Stephen and Mike said Attorney Tim Wilson reviewed the new application. Tim agreed. He said there are many hold harmless agreements and waivers out there and the only way to know if they work is if we get sued. The motion passed, all in favor. Gene and John thanked Stephen and David for their work on this issue.

The easement for the Deep Creek waterline was tabled as it was not ready for action.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Charwood & Associates for the FERC Part 12 inspection. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said we did not hear from our attorney on the annexation issue so it is tabled tonight.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the beverage license for Super 1 Foods. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The store is scheduled to open the middle of June. The motion passed, all in favor.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for the Kootenai River Run on June 23, 2012 at the fairgrounds. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke of the stump grinding that needs to be done on city property. The recommendation is to contract with Kirby Green to grind the stumps. The cost of the majority of

the stumps to be ground will be paid out of the street and parks departments. Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Kirby Green for stump grinding. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims said the stainless steel runner and sealing rings for generator 2 need to be replaced. He said a runner operates similar to a propeller in reverse. He said there will be a bid advertised later this summer for installation but we need to get the parts ordered. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the purchase of the runner and sealing rings for generator 2. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. Stephen explained what the rings look like and the purpose for them. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the interviews were done for the lifeguards. The recommendation is to hire seven new applicants plus the returning life guards from last year. Stephen said we get the cream of the crop out of our schools applying for the lifeguard positions. Jasmine Robertson is the head life guard to make sure everything is operating smoothly and she has been working for the past month or so. Connie Wells moved to hire the lifeguards as listed on the memo. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: hired Samantha Kelly, Samantha Schmitz, Kaytlinn Rice, Rachael Pruitt, and Mikkala Erickson full time and part-time hires were Jake Perez, Emma Kelly, Olivia Langs, Jacob Merz, Linsay Taggart, Elizabeth Newhouse, and Makayla Fairchild).

The golf committee meeting was discussed. Stephen said long term planning was discussed. Cart path work is high on the priority list. Tom Mayo said we have good people on the golf committee.

The sewer lagoon fencing was discussed. David drew a picture on the white board for council to review. He said we have taken care of the issues brought forth by Gordon Robertson because Tom Bennett fixed the fences on both ends of the sewer lagoon. David’s biggest concern is the sewer bridge that needs to be protected. He said it needs to have a fence or ecology blocks installed. Stephen said a lot of people use the beach area, especially families. He said some people fish. The area gets quite a bit of usage. David said at a minimum we need to fence the sewer bridge. Rick said if we are going to fence the area or restrict it to pedestrian traffic only, we need to sign it so the police can enforce. David asked the council to take a look at the area before the next meeting.

The tax deeded property discussion was set for executive session.

Stephen discussed the conservation funds available for a two year period. There is a project listed for low income apartments for windows and insulation in the amount of about \$18,000. He said the schools need lighting improvements and over the past few years we have acquired some funding through the federal programs. He recommends that we use some of this funding for the school’s lighting upgrades. Mayor Anderson asked if the Fodge Pulp project would qualify.

Stephen said the Fodge Pulp project listed is to upgrade the air compressor and would cost about \$72,000 but this would have to be rate payer money and he does not see this project being met. Stephen said the projects that have been most successful have been commercial lighting upgrades and all businesses that have been upgraded are extremely happy.

Stephen reminded council concerning the water/sewer superintendent hire due to the retirement of Jim Fritzsche. There was an individual that was interviewed from Kennewick who owns property in Boundary County and he was offered the job for the future. It is anticipated that he will start work in Bonners Ferry in January, 2013. Mike Klaus asked if the new employee knew the pay scale. Stephen said he told him the pay scale and he did not have a problem with it.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the postage meter lease with MailFinance for a new postage meter. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved at 7:45 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (f) and (c). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:18 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk