

Mayor David Anderson called the special council meeting of June 10, 2013 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Boundary County Extension Office. 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/Attorney Andrakay Pluid. Also present were Don Davis from Idaho Transportation Department, Boundary County Commissioners Dan Dinning, Walt Kirby, and Lee Pinkerton, Commissioner Secretary Michelle Rohrwasser, Moyie Springs Mayor Doug Evans, Moyie Springs Councilmen Steve Economu, Terry Johnson, Bart Klaus, Moyie Springs City Clerk Sandy Tompkins, Laura Roady from the Bonners Ferry Herald, Nancy Maggi, and Ruth Sutton

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss issues jointly with Boundary County, City of Moyie Springs, and City of Bonners Ferry.

Connie Wells moved to add a late agenda item of consideration of a change order for the Hazel Street Waterline replacement project. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Don Davis from Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) gave a presentation on the Highway 95 Corridor Study. The study is for Highway 95 from Latah County to Canada. Don covered the Bonners Ferry area first. He gave a background of the Bonners Ferry connection spoken to in a study done by the Tom Hudson Company in 2002, the Bonners Ferry Transportation Plan done in 2009 by David Evans & Associates, and the US 95 Corridor Study in 2013 by JUB Engineers. Many of the recommendations made in the Hudson Study have been improved upon.

Don spoke of a possible bypass from the south end near the golf course across the valley to Riverside Street. Traffic is 7,000 to 11,000 vehicles per day on the South Hill and improvements are usually done when the vehicle count gets to 13,000 vehicles per day.

Don gave a history of projects done in Bonner and Boundary Counties the past few years. The north hill and Copeland project and Eastport project were some of the ITD projects in the recent past. He showed a slide of the hot spots in our county. The south hill and from Three Mile to just south of Highway 1 are special study areas for ITD in Boundary County. Don said the crash rate on McArthur Lake corner has slowed substantially the past three years so this is not on the study at this time.

Don would like to have an open house the second week in July so public comments can be made and questions be answered.

Don gave a chart of the level of service currently on the south hill and the projected levels of service for 2021 and 2031. The Hudson Study said to go to a three lane highway and then when that is not sufficient to go to a five lane highway through Bonners Ferry. According to the study done by ITD in March, 2013 roughly 20 percent of the daily traffic is through traffic and 80

percent is local. Don showed a slide of a three lane highway and a five lane highway through the south hill area.

A local meeting will probably be the second week of July or there may be a booth at the Fair.

The group asked questions of Don. Mike Klaus spoke of the urban renewal district and the right of ways in that area to help with pedestrian walkways. He asked if ITD works with urban renewal agencies. Don said they are working with Post Falls and starting to work with Priest River. He said pedestrian issues are documented but there are right of way problems. Don said the ITD Design Team is looking at Bonners Ferry and paving highway 95 but this brings up many other problems. The pavement does not have much of a life left. Dan Dinning asked if the \$7 million from Sandpoint could be applied here. Don said if pavement over an eighth of an inch thick is installed then ADA must be addressed. Pavement must be put down to maintain the highway traffic that we currently have. The last major paving in Bonners Ferry was done in 2003 on the Tamarack/Augusta project. Don said the base of the highway is failing. Stephen Boorman spoke of right of way issues.

Steve Economu asked if there are counts of traffic from Canada or from Montana. Don said there were traffic counts taken at the Three Mile signal. He said another indicator was the people working on the Moyie Bridge. There has been quite a bit of traffic volume concern about the Meadow Creek Road.

Dan Dinning said the Corps of Engineers meeting was held last week, and the Corps does not anticipate a high water problem this year. He said this is the last year for the spill test that was part of a court order. Stephen Boorman said he has the form for comment on the Columbia River Treaty.

Dan Dinning said the Idaho Association of Counties has sent out information on the personal property tax replacement dollars requesting taxing entities not to use their forgone amounts because it will violate the spirit of what the Legislature wanted to do.

The group reviewed a copy of the probation report handed out by the Commissioners. The probation cases have increased substantially this year. Andrakay said we have 56 juvenile cases at halfway through this year and normally we have 38 cases in a full year.

Doug Evans said he has heard that the City of Bonners Ferry has some property that may be useable by the City of Moyie. Stephen said there is some ground near the Union Pacific Railroad, about ten or twelve acres, that may be helpful. Dan Dinning said we need to look at a long term sewer system for the Three Mile area. Walt Kirby suggested a sewer district in the future. He said little economic activity will take place until there is sewer. Mayor Anderson said the entire area would benefit greatly if there was sufficient sewer capacity in Moyie. Mike Klaus said we only have 25 percent capacity left. Stephen said the reason for the capacity problem is that the discharge permit requirements have changed. Steve Economu asked if

anyone has looked at a regional sewer system on the north bench somewhere where both cities pump their sewer. Stephen Boorman said a land application somewhere on the north bench could be the right answer but a problem may be getting the people to fund and support it.

Dan Dinning said the 129,000 pound weight limit for trucks is now legal. Anyone can petition for a route to be designated for 129,000 pounds. One of the problems is that the understanding is that the proof is on the entity. It is hopeful that the rules will be amended to make the applicant pay for any studies that may be required for these routes.

Dan would like to see an area of impact meeting.

The drug task force will probably be out of money before the end of this year. There is expectation of funding from a court case that is not settled. Currently, the city and county pay \$15,000 toward their officers and the task force pays the remainder of the payroll costs. Rick Alonzo said there are quite a few entities involved in the court case that is pending. He said we did not have the resources to take care of this ourselves so we got the Feds involved and that was a mistake. He will check on the status of this tomorrow at the task force meeting.

Moyie Springs will host the next joint city/county meeting.

Stephen said any chance we get to lobby the transportation board or Shawn Keough would be helpful as they like to hear from elected officials.

Rick Alonzo moved to accept the change order for the Hazel Street replacement waterline. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk