Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 15, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Dave Gray, Council Members John Langs and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, City Attorney Tim Wilson, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Maryann Tritt, Carol Graham, and Julie Golder from the Herald. Councilman Chris Clark was gone on personal business.

Maryann Tritt said she attended the car show but has a great fear of snakes and there was a gentleman at the car show with his snake and it frightened her so she had to go home.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said there has been one curfew violation, a burglary, a battery, an injury to child arrest, five DUls, three warrant arrests, one domestic disturbance, and a bomb threat at the high school since the last council meeting.

Stephen gave the administrator report. He asked Ed Morse to do an appraisal for the city property being looked at being sold. Stephen has been looking at recycling with Frederickson’s Garbage Company and exploring some options with the garbage company and the county. On Monday an energy audit was done at the Moyie Mill with Bonneville Power Administration. He said the mill is old but it runs well by the citizens in our community. Stephen is working with Ralph at the golf course and he is having some problems with equipment but this is not a good year for equipment purchases. He said some more swim lesson sessions may be scheduled this year.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of the treasurer’s report; and approve council minutes of June 2, 2009 and June 9, 2009.

Dave Gray moved to table the contract with Kim Finegan. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Rick said he and Attorney Wilson are working with the Tribal Attorney for information exchange. Mayor Anderson said there are some problems with the Kootenai River Inn building that the Fire Chief noted after his inspection.

Dave Gray moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 with Earthworks Northwest for the phase 2 water project. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Sims gave a brief overview of the 2008 Water Quality Report. David said the haloacetic acids are a problem at the ends of our lines because the water sits in the line longer. At the end of the district 1 line near Larry Peterson and Randy Peterson’s properties we are thinking of
asking them to run quite a bit of water through their lines to keep the water flowing so this problem does not occur. We generally do our testing at the Mission. David said we may need to send out a notice for water quality violation but it was a slight overage. Stephen said the testing points have not changed since we were apart from the North and South water districts.

Tim Wilson spoke to council regarding in lieu of taxes. He said it is a program set up for services provided by the city itself for taxing as if it were a private entity. The tax must be reasonable according to Tim. He said the State and Federal Governments do in lieu of taxes. The electric department has been paying an in lieu of tax for years. Tim said we can proceed with the in lieu of tax. John Langs moved to approve the in lieu of tax for the water and sewer department as five percent of gross sales. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the catering permit for the Eagles Aerie 3522 for the Selkirk Saddle Club Rodeo on June 27-28, 2009. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Gray said he was concerned about the snake being allowed in public at the car show and also the blanket sales near the high school where some of the merchandise had pictures of marijuana leaves. Mayor Anderson said he was called about the merchandise being sold at the old Conoco station near the high school. Rick Alonzo told the business to take down their blanket sales until they had obtained a peddler’s license. The peddler’s license was obtained. Rick said there was not a violation other than the pictures of marijuana leaves. Rick said he had discussed the issue with Attorney Wilson. Tim said it is difficult due to First Amendment Rights. Tim said the owners of the property could prohibit these types of sales and he is trying to contact the owners to disallow the sales. Rick suggested the city talk to the businesses that are allowing the drug pictures being sold on their property.

The snake issue was discussed. Tim said there is nothing in the city ordinances that prohibits snakes because they are not running free. He is concerned how we would regulate it unless we pass a new ordinance because our current ordinance says wild animals at large. Rick said the nuisance ordinance is mainly dealing with nuisance dogs. Tim said none of our ordinances mention reptiles. Mayor Anderson said we may have no recourse to the snake issue or the drug pictures.

John Langs would like to see the purchase of the lifeguard uniforms because it is important for the public to know who is a lifeguard and for the lifeguards to wear the uniforms at all times when on duty. Stephen said chlorine and sun are very hard on swim wear. He said we may only get a season or two out of the uniforms. Mayor Anderson said it does add professionalism to the city. Stephen said the suits have ‘lifeguard’ on them. Connie said we are very tight in the general fund and we need to watch our money. Dave Gray said a way to help pay for the suits would be to close the pool on Sundays to help the money issue. John Langs said he could see the
purchase of the uniforms without the compromise of closing the pool on Sundays. John Langs moved to approve the purchase of the uniforms for the lifeguards. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Connie asked if we could limit the number of suits per lifeguard. Stephen said three suits are needed according to the Head Lifeguard. Dave Gray “yes”, John Langs “yes”, Connie Wells “abstained”.

Stephen and council reviewed the conservation letter to be mailed out to the city customers. Connie Wells moved to approve the conservation letter and distribute the light bulbs to our customers. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The treasurer’s report was discussed. Cash receipts are down and expenditures are up from last year. Again, it was discussed to tighten up on expenditures in the general fund.

The Selkirk Loop lease was discussed. The lease is up the end of June so Stephen felt it was timely to bring up the subject. Carol Graham spoke regarding the increase in the monthly amount of rent. She said it will be an increase of $125 per month or $1,500 per year if we contract for $300 per month. She said she did a comparable in Sandpoint and found in Sandpoint the fee would be about $1.00 per square foot and the charge the city is looking at is $3.00 per square foot. Carol said they could afford $200 per month. Stephen said we moved the evidence room and made an office for the Mayor and that cost was considerably more than $200 per month. Carol expounded on costs that the Loop has and said the Selkirk Loop wants to partner with the city. She mentioned the sign grant. Mayor Anderson said the city allowed the room rental last year at the same rate as the year before. John Langs said the Selkirk Loop does provide a wonderful benefit to the city and he is proud to have them located in the city. John Langs moved to charge $200 per month. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Connie Wells said she would like to see the rent higher. Dave Anderson said he would like to see it more like $250 per month. John Langs “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Connie Wells “no”.

The next meeting will be July 7th.

Dave Gray moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 for discussion of legal and personnel issues. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Dave Gray “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, John Langs “yes”. At 8:13 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

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Kris Larson, City Clerk

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