Mayor David Anderson called the special council meeting of June 29, 2010 to order at 5:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Mike Klaus, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Boundary County Commissioners Ron Smith, Dan Dinning, and Walt Kirby, Mike Weland, Carolyn Testa, Marcia Cossette, and Dave Gray. Mike Brown, Jerry Higgs, and Claine Skeen joined the meeting late. Councilwoman Connie Wells was gone on personal business.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss potable water at Riverside Park, discuss Railroad Street, and discuss recycling and garbage issues with the County Commissioners.

Ron Smith said the county is interested in potable water at Riverside Park for the bathrooms to be installed at the park. He asked what the status of the water at the park was. Ron said the park was given to the city during the bridge construction and the city gave it to the county and the county wants potable water there. Dan Dinning said when Chris Clark was a Commissioner, he was on the Parks Board and the agreement was to put the coin op water at the fairgrounds instead of at city hall for exchange of potable water at the ball park. Walt Kirby said the County was going to dig the ditch and the city would install the line. Mayor Anderson said the city was to lay the line if the county did the excavation. Walt said there is a problem with rock. Stephen Boorman said there are permits required to be obtained from ITD and the Railroad. There is a sleeve needed. He suggested that when we do the installation that we make a walking path on top of the line. David Sims said the permit process takes up to 120 days. The existing water line that feeds the Villelli house would be the line used. Chris Clark said we should put this up to the top of the priority list. The cost of installing the pipe and getting the permits would be about $25,000 to the city. Stephen said if we put in a test well we would want an eight inch line but if we do not it would be a six inch line. Stephen said if we put in a well it would be a redundant feed to the northside. The line will have to be sleeved near the pier of the bridge according to Stephen due to the rock. Boundary County Commissioners agreed to put the rock cover on the water line. Mayor Anderson said the city will expedite the permit process for the water line.

Ron Smith spoke about Railroad Street and the city’s request to straighten out the street. The county is interested in the realignment for parking for employees and jurors. He asked what the city’s intention is for realigning the street. Stephen said the realignment is not in the budget this year but offered to meet with Jeff Gutshall of Road and Bridge anytime. Ron asked for clarification of the realignment so the county can get their work done for parking. Mike Woodward is doing the survey so the county will have Jeff meet with Mike.

Ron Smith asked the city where they are with recycling and garbage issues. Mayor Anderson said at this time the city will not mandate curbside pickup. He said the city is not allowing yard waste by our customers. Mayor Anderson said our contractor will not police what the residents are putting in their black bags. Mayor said we are continuing to discuss an unmanned site for city recycling but that is still on the burner. Ron Smith said the unmanned site would not have anyone policing it and if it was dumped the county would not sort it. Mayor said if we have an unmanned site it would have the recycle containers. He also said it has been considered to send out a survey to our customers as to whether they would like curbside recycling. Ron thinks there are ways to add curbside without cost to the city residents. Ron said the landfill has changed the ways for people to put the waste in bins and dumpsters rather than in the hole. He thinks people will surprise everyone with their volunteer recycling. Walt Kirby asked about yard waste.
Mayor Anderson said the city is considering not allowing yard waste to be picked up and this would require an ordinance change. Walt spoke about an unmanned site in town and the difference in miles to the landfill. Tom spoke about the elderly or residents who do not have a pickup or another way to haul their yard waste. Walt does not see that there is much difference in hauling the yard waste to town or to the landfill. Mayor Anderson spoke of mulching and the benefits to the yards.

Dan Dinning asked on an experimental basis if the city thought of trying an unmanned site in town. He said the contractor has boxes. Mayor Anderson said the boxes are costly. Ron asked if the county has boxes that could be lent to the city. Claine said there are none available at this time. David Sims inquired about the cost to make the boxes. Claine said about $3,000 and the tractor of Parks and Rec picks up the boxes at the Post Office. They are dumped twice to three times per month at the Post Office. Ron Smith commented on the large volume of the recycling done at the Post Office. Dan asked Claine what the size of Ron Frederickson’s boxes are. Claine thinks Frederickson’s may have boxes for the recycling. Paper, glass, cardboard, and plastics are the major sorts. Mayor asked what product would force pick-ups more often. Claine said cardboard is filled up more quickly than the other recyclables. Claine said a comingling system is being looked at by the county. Mike Klaus said the City of Coeur d’Alene has recycling and garbage pickup for $7.33 per month for six pickups. Blue Bird Recycling then takes the recycling and sorts it. Claine is looking at sorting some at the landfill and comparing costs to see if it is more cost effective than contracting it out. Chris Clark said recycling will be on the top of the agenda to get a resolve. Stephen said the recycling site is now at Safeway instead of Far North.

Walt Kirby thinks the pelton wheel is one of the nicest pieces of work in the city. Stephen said the Lions Club was front and center in putting up the pelton wheel so he asked that the Commissioners thank Cal Russell.

Carolyn Testa asked Claine how the recycling is going with the two days offered. Claine said a bit more recycling is being picked up with the two day a month service. Carolyn said she has heard many people say it would be easier if the recycling was offered each Wednesday rather than the first and third Wednesdays.

Dan Dinning asked about the river gauge. Stephen explained that there is a button on the side of the river gauge.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk