

Mayor David Anderson called the budget workshop of July 16, 2013 to order at 6:10 p.m. Present for the workshop were Mayor Anderson, Council Members Rick Alonzo, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator Andrakay Pluid, and Economic Development Coordinator David Sims. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, Ralph Lotspeich, Brion Poston, and Doug Ladely, Sr.

Stephen put a budget what if scenario on the overhead screen. The group discussed the general fund budget.

Brion Poston addressed city council regarding the golf course. He said equipment at the golf course was discussed previously and no answer was given regarding their request for equipment. He said lease payments might be a better way to go regarding the equipment purchases. Stephen said the golf clubhouse is in poor condition. We can do some work to it to get a few more years out of it so it is similar to the equipment needed. Brion said the equipment has been overlooked for a long time so it is time to get it taken care of. Ralph said golf revenues are up 35 percent over last year but last year was down. Ralph thinks we are looking at about \$150,000 in revenues for this season. Brion thinks we will get \$60,000 more before the end of this year. Ralph thinks a trim mower lease would cost \$924 per month for eight months during each year to correspond with the golf season. Brion said a fairway mower would be about \$10,000 per year. These would be on five year leases. A trim mower costs about \$33,000 and a fairway mower costs about \$43,000 according to Ralph and Brion. Tom Mayo asked about Stay and Play. Ralph said there have been two twosomes take advantage of it. Ralph said people playing the course compliment him on the greens and the reason is because we have a new greens mower. He said the fairway mower has had many repairs and the trim mower does not do a good job. Brion spoke of repair costs going from \$3,000 to about \$8,000 per year at the golf course due to the equipment being old and worn out. Ralph thinks the parts for the fairway mower axle breaking were about \$1,000. Ralph said a bearing failed inside a shaft on the mower axle. Mayor Anderson said Ralph bought four newer carts for the golf course. Ralph said the golf course sustains itself year in and year out. Tom said it would be nice if we could get a mower now. A diesel mower costs about \$1,300 more. Brion said the longevity of a diesel is well worth the cost.

Jerry Higgs, Dave Gray, Laura Roady, Adam Arthur, and Jessica Tingley joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Mayor Anderson recessed the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Bob Spalding, Adarah Dancer, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor joined the meeting.

Mayor Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of July 16, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Gray spoke regarding his city utility bill and asked that council make the water charge more equitable and thinks the water charge is suspicious. He would like council to look at this closely.

Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor gave the police report. There have been three DUIs, one minor possession, two possession of marijuana charges, five petit thefts, three driving without privileges, one controlled substance of meth, four traffic accidents, one battery, one insurance fraud, and one burglary.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said in June there were 10 or 12 calls and so far in the month of July there has been one call. They continue their training.

Stephen said the Highway 95 South waterline project is substantially completed. There is still some landscaping and cleanup that needs to be done. The golf clubhouse roof is on the agenda later and that may be a bigger issue.

Dave Sims said there is website training at the Extension Office on how to build a website using Word Press. There were professors from Washington State University here working with the Library on the Library expansion project to come up with conceptual drawings and cost estimates.

Connie Wells added four late agenda items: approve volunteers for the All Class Reunion; approve a special event permit for the Bonners Ferry Baptist Church for a Gospel Tent Meeting/Vacation Bible School; discussion of a bill stuffer for the Chamber of Commerce regarding volunteers for the visitor center; and discussion of the golf course clubhouse roof. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of July 2, 2013 council meeting minutes, and approval of July 5, 2013 and July 11, 2013 special council meeting minutes.

The wicket gates for the power plant are coming out of China so there is paperwork that needs to be signed for the brokerage firm, Norman G. Jensen, Inc. Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the customs Power of Attorney and Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions of Service with Norman G. Jensen, Inc. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Council will meet with the Fire Department on July 22, 2013 at their training meeting.

Tom Mayo moved to nominate Connie Wells as council president. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick “yes”, Connie Wells “no”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the list of volunteers for the All Class Reunion. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the special event permit for the Bonners Ferry Baptist Church for the Gospel Tent Meeting/Vacation Bible School from July 28-August 1, 2013 at the corner of Oak and Colorado Streets. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

A bill stuffer for advertising for volunteers for the visitor center was discussed. Connie Wells moved to approve the bill stuffer for the Chamber of Commerce to be sent out with the city’s utility bills. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. David Sims said the Chamber will pay any costs associated with the mailing. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said we had the painter go to the golf course to prep the clubhouse for painting and he found some areas that needed repair. Stephen drew on the white board a picture of the roof of the clubhouse. He said forty years ago the roof was made of beams with a twelve foot span covered with three inch pine tongue and groove. There is dry rot eight to ten feet from the edge of the roof. Stephen said the roof is sagging between the beams in other places. Another option is to take the roof off and redo it. Stephen said the windows are also leaking because the trim around them is rotting. We need to do more investigating as to what needs to be done. Stephen said rewiring will need to be done to commercial standards also. He said the golf course was funded by a Water Land Conservation Grant and there may be funding available. Andrakay said we can tack other improvements onto the grant application for the golf course. Stephen said we put the paint job on hold.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk