

Mayor David Anderson called the budget workshop of August 6, 2013 to order at 6:05 p.m. Present for the workshop were Mayor Anderson, Council President Connie Wells, Councilmen Rick Alonzo and Tom Mayo, and Clerk Kris Larson. Also present were Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Doug Ladely, Sr., Jerry Higgs, and Loretta Hunsaker.

The group discussed the general fund and enterprise funds budgets for fiscal year 2014. Council approved the budget for publication as presented this evening. Clerk Larson told council that the LID Fund would also be in the publication.

The budget workshop concluded at 6:36 p.m. Council took a recess.

Loretta Hunsaker left the meeting.

Brion Poston, Luke Amodt, Bradley Thompson, Jessica Tingley, Adam Arthur, Police Chief Steve Benkula, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Dave Gray, and Laura Roady from the Bonners Ferry Herald joined the meeting.

Mayor Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Dave Gray addressed council regarding water rates. He said Cabinet Mountain Water charges \$41 and gets 12,000 gallons, Bee Line charges \$41 and gets 20,000 gallons, and Bonners Ferry charges \$42.15 and gets 9,000 gallons. Dave also quoted the amounts charged by Skin Creek, Mission Creek, and Three Mile Water. He would like to see the City of Bonners Ferry give 10,000 gallons for the rate charged.

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding a letter posted on the internet by Tom Mayo to the County Commissioners. Jerry is concerned that the letter will harm the relationship between the city and county. Jerry suggested that Tom rescind his letter that was posted. He then read an article that was posted in the Lewiston Tribune.

Ruth Sutton spoke regarding notices of special city council meetings and complained of not being noticed. She thinks the Mayor and City Council owes it to citizens to keep them informed especially when they have requested it. Clerk Kris Larson responded that she did try to keep Ruth informed but one meeting was missed and Ruth complained. Kris asked the city attorney and he told her not to make a special effort but to follow the open meeting law which we do. She further told Ruth the agendas are posted on the window of city hall as well as the other notices required by the open meeting law.

Shawn Varrelman and Bradley Thompson approached council regarding the upcoming homecoming events. Bradley asked that curfew be extended for the homecoming dance on September 21, 2013 to 12:30 a.m. to allow the students to get home after the dance. He also spoke regarding the parade permit for the homecoming parade on September 20, 2013 at noon.

Police Chief Steve Benkula said they are in the process of revamping the evidence room and they have well over 100 weapons. There is a process being developed for a running inventory of the evidence items. He said Judy has been a big help with this process.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said there was a tree that came down and hit a power line on the South Hill and the fire department did traffic control. There was a gas leak call at Super 1, a brush fire, an excavator that caught on fire and burned on Washington Street, a small fire in the kitchen at the jail, and a false alarm at the school. The School District is looking at the alarm system as there are quite a few false alarm calls. Pat recently went through articles on the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) that supplies fire ratings and the city's current rating is a number four. Outside city limits fire ratings are higher than this. He said there are a couple number two ratings in Idaho, about 12-15 number threes, 40 number fours, about 60 number fives, 55 number sixes, 30 number sevens, 140 number eights, and 150-200 number nines. Pat said the number four fire rating helps businesses as the lower the rating, the less charged for insurance so this helps economic development.

City Administrator Stephen Boorman gave his report. FERC will do an inspection of the dam and power plant on August 13. The Kootenai Tribe and Army Corp are doing more river restoration work this year and it is off Cow Creek Road. Between September and mid-October they will be hauling 700 to 800 loads of rock from District 2 out to Cow Creek past Fodge's. The inundation study for the Moyie Dam is done and there is more information than what is in the packet if anyone is interested. The Wastewater Master Plan is done and available at the front counter for those interested. The BPA rate increase is about seven percent for power but transmission will be quite a bit higher due to the delivery charge and that is due to the Moyie substation. He said the transmission side will increase about 20 percent. He said we have applied for a grant with Avista for the pool heater. He said we are looking at an ADA lift for the swimming pool but there are many questions to be answered. Stephen said there was a fire in the transformer bank at the Kootenai Mission early Monday morning that was probably lightning related. Tom asked about the elevation listed on the inundation study summary. Stephen will have to look at the detailed report. Rick asked if there was a dam failure who would notify Twin Rivers. Stephen said it would be through the Sheriff's Office dispatch. Stephen said the study is a worst case scenario and the worst case scenario warning would be 15 minutes. The Kootenai Tribe has been provided a copy of the inundation study.

Connie Wells moved to add two late agenda items: approval of the terrorism coverage rejection letter for ICRMP, and the other item was to approve the transfer of beverage license for the Pearl Theater. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells 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; and approval of council meeting minutes from July 16, 2013, July 17, 2013, July 22, 2013, and August 1, 2013.

Tom Mayo reminded city council to complete the ICRMP training before September 30, 2013.

Connie Wells moved to approve the homecoming curfew extension for the dance on September 21, 2013 and the homecoming parade on September 20, 2013. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Rick Alonzo thanked them for coming in early. The motion passed, all in favor.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the special event permit for the Boundary County Fair to be held from August 14 through August 17, 2013 and approve the parade permit for August 17, 2013. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #2, Pay Request #3, and Notice of Substantial Completion on the Highway 95 South waterline project. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign USDA Control Sheet #10 and approve payment to Welch Comer and Accelerated Excavating and Construction for the Highway 95 South waterline project. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The group discussed the golf course clubhouse. Stephen said we could do a temporary repair of the roof leak for the winter for about \$1,000. Replacing the roof, adding insulation to the roof, and bringing the roof out over the deck would be about \$40,000 to \$60,000. He said the walls are not insulated and the windows leaked when the clubhouse was pressure washed. Insulating the walls and putting in new windows would possibly cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 also. The walls could be done at a different time than the roof due to the structures being used. He said to remodel it would cost about \$120,000. He said to rebuild the entire clubhouse or replace it with a new structure would cost an estimated \$300,000 to \$375,000. He had questions regarding whether or not to have a year round clubhouse with a commercial kitchen, etc. or if we want to just make repairs and paint it for the winter. Andrakay said Land and Water Conservation Fund does not have funding available until 2015. Stephen said there are block grants available. Andrakay said we can do interfund borrowing but we need to look at our capital improvement fund for the electric fund. She said it will take more research. Stephen said when we borrowed for the water fund previously that we had bank availability for a commercial loan should the electric fund need the money immediately. Stephen said we could also look at a loan for two mowers from the electric fund.

Ralph Lotspeich said he does not think adding more space or a commercial kitchen would bring in more play. He would like to get it fixed now and look at a longer term issue. He had a group he catered tonight at the golf course and heard many comments about the beauty seen from our

golf course. Ralph thinks our course is the perfect size for our community. He said he has done some retirement parties and special events. It is definitely an asset of the city. He said mowers are needed. Money will also need to go into the water system of the golf course at some point. Ralph said if we don't have the equipment to maintain the course we will not get compliments and play on the course. Connie asked about the cost of repairs. Stephen said commercial kitchens are expensive and if our dishwasher fails we will have to replace it with a commercial dishwasher and that would cost about \$6,000. Ralph said it would be nice to have a grill and overhead fan. Right now the equipment there is grandfathered in but if it fails we have to replace it with commercial grade. Ralph has served up to 85 people for dinner at a time, but the space is tight. He said if they were to turn 15 tables per day they would need more room. Stephen said there are no coolers. Ralph said we have refrigerators. He said most people come out to golf and they sometimes want to have a burger or sandwich when they are done.

Mayor Anderson asked council members to go out to the golf course and take a tour of the clubhouse. He said the clubhouse is not typical construction. He also said we have pressure washed the outside of the building and need to get the contractor paid so he would like to see the building painted. Connie expressed concern about the winter snow loads. Tom would like to see the walls fixed also but wants to see the costs and take more time to figure out what we are going to do. Stephen explained the construction of the building. He said the clubhouse was built with volunteer labor and we have gotten 40 years out of it. Ralph said the original cost of the clubhouse was \$15,000 according to Dan Robertson. Stephen said knee bracing will need to be done to strengthen the building. Brion Poston said the roof needs to be repaired now and leave the sides alone until 2015 when we can get grant funding. He would like to see the roof repair now and get the painting done and wait for grant money. Rick would like to get a firm estimate for the roof. Stephen said he will talk to Sewell about the structural design work. He said the contractor will need a public works license for this work. Brion spoke to Theron Wages about the construction process needed. Ralph said after the first weekend in October it is pretty much closed down for golfing. Stephen commented that comp roofing is better for commercial buildings due to liability. Stephen will do more research and it will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Ralph and Brion left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Crane inspections for the city were discussed. Most of the cranes are at the power plant but there are others also. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the professional services contract with Professional Crane Inspections. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to have the first reading of the ordinance amending Title 10 of City Code. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Fluid read the title of the ordinance amending Title 10 of City Code.

The fee increase hearing for raising golf fees was discussed. Connie Wells moved to set the date of September 3 for the golf fee increase. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells asked to move the agenda item of appointment of city attorney to executive session.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the terrorism rejection letter for ICRMP. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the beverage license transfer for the Pearl Theater. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved at 8:08 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (c) (f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 9:25 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Rick Alonzo moved to appoint Andrakay Pluid exclusively as City Attorney and pending a couple tweaks, approve the city attorney contract. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “no”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk