

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of September 3, 2013 to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Connie Wells, Councilmen Rick Alonzo and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, and Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Bob Blanford, Matt Solt, Laura Roady, Jerry Higgs, Doug Ladely, Sr., Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, and Don Davis from Idaho Transportation Department (ITD).

Don Davis gave a presentation on the Highway 95 Corridor Study. A consistent three lane highway through the south hill does a lot for the traffic traveling through town but does not do anything for the traffic trying to access the highway from the side streets. Don has received many comments from the community regarding this issue. Don said a bypass could be looked into. One option is a bypass that takes off south of the Forest Service and another would be coming into town and adjoining into the current bridge from the east side of town. Don said it would be appropriate to address the side street issue because when vehicles are turning left off the highway traffic has to wait for the vehicle to turn. One option is to add a turning lane. Another option would be to add more stop lights to alleviate problems with left turns onto the highway from the side streets. Don suggested a workshop be held to come up with parameters for the highway configuration. Mayor Anderson thanked Don for his efforts at the Boundary County Fair meeting the members of the community. He spoke about other than 90 degree streets accessing the highway and said this could cause problems for businesses or property owners as it takes more land than some expect. Don said we need to determine which roads would get the squaring up treatment or which ones would get a turning lane. Don said there are more driveways accessing the highway than permits issued. Don said ADA access must be complied with on any project being done. Don said water is another issue that will need to be addressed. ITD is surveying property on the south hill. Don again spoke of having a workshop. Mayor Anderson asked if we should wait until the surveying is done. Don said we should and it is anticipated to be complete in 30 days.

Stephen Boorman said the question of a three lane versus a five lane highway is a big decision to be made. Rick said a five lane would be more expensive because of property purchases. Don said a three lane highway including a turning lane is helpful but the question is how long does the three lane work with the traffic flow. He suggested that we could look at a five lane plan but develop it as a three lane until the traffic flow demands a five lane. Stephen said a lot of the right of way on the south end of town is a 50 foot right of way. Don spoke of the highway project in Ponderay with the right turns only onto the highway with U-turns allowed to get the traffic going the other direction. Stephen asked what the right of way was for this. The Ponderay project right of way is 120 feet. Connie spoke about Cody Street and Highway 95 and the problems with it. Don said a workshop to lay out all the issues for the highway is needed. He said the side streets are quite a problem. Stop lights on the highway for the side street access would cause problems for the through traffic. Don spoke of round a bouts replacing stop lights in some areas. Connie expressed concern for trucks using round a bouts. Stephen said a total rebuild of the highway will need to be done from the base up. Don agreed. He would like to have a project identified and go after funding in the next year so the project could be started in 2015. ITD is

planning to do major work on the approach to the Kootenai River Bridge and also the Arizona Street overhead (BNRR bridge) next summer.

Mayor Anderson said we need input from south hill property owners. Don said it would be huge to get a forum with the property owners, the governmental entities, and ITD. Don suggested telling the ITD Board that we are planning on inviting all the property owners to a meeting to discuss the south hill project. Mayor Anderson would like to set a meeting for mid to late October.

Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, and Marcia Cossette joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Don will put together an issues list for the city to review. He said ITD uses the Assessor's records for the latest owner of record and he will get that information to the city also. Don Davis left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Loretta Hunsaker, Dave Gray, and Steve and Jerri Anne Howlett joined the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Anderson welcomed all to the meeting.

The hearing for fiscal year 2014 budget was opened at 7:00 p.m. There was no public comment on the budget so the Mayor recessed the budget hearing.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said for the month of August there were ten fire calls and most of them were false alarms or smoke odors, no major incidents.

Stephen Boorman gave the City Administrators report. Next year there will be ITD projects on the Kootenai River Bridge and Arizona Street Bridge and they will put up more fencing for the bridge over Arizona. There is an ITD Board meeting on August 18-19 in Sandpoint. He said George Eksridge and Shawn Keough will be in attendance at the meeting.

David Sims said Washington State University agreed to do the Library project and should be here in a week or so. There will be some public comment meetings. The final report and drawings are scheduled for January. He said there will be an urban renewal agency meeting next week.

Mayor Anderson asked to move agenda item #20 to #1A and appoint Bob Blanford to the City Council so he can take part in the proceedings.

Connie Wells moved to appoint Bob Blanford to City Council until January. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson swore in Bob Blanford as City Councilman.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo 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 the Treasurer's Report; and approve August 20, 2013 council meeting minutes.

Rick Alonzo moved to have the third reading of Title 10 Code amendment by title only. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Andrakay read the ordinance by title only.

Rick Alonzo moved to adopt Ordinance #535 Amending Title 10 of the City Code. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson reopened the budget hearing. Clerk Kris Larson read the fiscal year 2014 appropriation ordinance. There was no public comment. Mayor Anderson closed budget hearing at 7:14 p.m. Tom Mayo moved to adopt Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriation Ordinance #536. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “abstained”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson opened the fee increase hearing concerning golf fees at 7:15 p.m. Steve Howlett asked what the basis of the increase was and also asked what the increase will go for. Mayor Anderson said the increase is directed to go for the dilapidated equipment. Tom Mayo said 87 percent would go for that but the difference would go to the manager. Steve asked if the equipment would be changed out every five years on a rotation. Mayor Anderson said we cannot connect the dots that Steve is speaking about. Mayor said the increase could be less if it chases golfers away and the golf manager contract dictates a 20 percent commission be paid to the manager. He said the golf committee brought this rate structure to the council for debate. Steve asked if new equipment is purchased what the maintenance savings will be used for. Mayor Anderson said without new equipment there will not be a golf course and golf course equipment is very expensive. Steve spoke about the \$137,000 budgeted for the golf course.

Ralph Lotspeich joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Steve asked about the levy for the golf course. Tom explained that the golf course is in the general fund and there is not a levy just for the golf course. Steve asked if the increase will stay with the golf course. Mayor Anderson said we do not know what the fee increase will bring. He said we are trying to help with the expenses of the natural aging of the golf course. Mayor Anderson said our golf course was built with funding from a grant from the National Parks Service that dictates that our fees be comparable with golf courses in our area.

Loretta Hunsaker said she spoke with a member of the golf committee who said there was a thought of giving Boundary County residents a discount and asked if this was part of the fee increase proposal. Mayor Anderson said it is not. Clerk Larson explained that the golf committee wanted to allow people to purchase next years pass by December 31 at the current rate and if a person without a season pass after Labor Day could purchase a pass at the new rate and it would still be in effect for the remainder of this season and it would still be in effect for next year. Mayor Anderson spoke of the play and the increase in golf fees would be \$2.00. Stephen Boorman said most local people buy season passes or punch cards and out of area people purchase the daily green fees. Ralph said most people in the area purchase season passes or discount cards. Jerri Anne Howlett asked if this is the only time it is discussed and if this increase will be part of next year’s budget. Mayor Anderson said the golf course equipment and

the clubhouse has been discussed many times by the council. He said two mowers are needed at the golf course and we have budgeted \$25,000 for capital for the golf course. Originally we thought we could use the \$25,000 for payments on mowers and tee box improvements. The mowers are in the bid process at this time. He said it is a balancing act to see what we can do and cannot do at the golf course. He said there were grant funds that were used to build the golf course so we are limited and obligated to run a golf course and it is a declining business. Mayor Anderson said if we cannot keep enough money running through the golf course the city does not have the money to support it. Ralph said the golf course is getting old and golf is on the rebound. He also said the revenues are higher this year than they have been since 2010. Stephen said golf committee meetings are open to the public. Steve Howlett asked what the increase is expecting to generate. Tom said this is a great unknown. Mayor Anderson said it is a moving target as play dictates this and there is a fine line as to keeping players and not increasing the price to drive them away. He said equipment is at a breaking point and without equipment we cannot operate. Ralph said golf is weather dependent and this year we had a good June so this got us off to a good start. He said today was slow because there was a 20 percent chance of rain. He said if the weathermen would say 80 percent chance of sunshine it would help. Loretta asked if there is a \$10,500 difference in expenditures and revenues what would happen with the money. Mayor Anderson said there are numerous issues at the golf course that need attention. He spoke about the clubhouse, irrigation system, driving range, and other costs of the golf course. Loretta again asked if the \$10,000 profit would go back into the general fund. Mayor Anderson does not foresee that and he thinks if the golf course operates in the black that the money should be put back in the course. He said we are obligated to supply the citizens a form of recreation because of the grant. Stephen Boorman clarified that the golf course is part of the general fund. Clerk Kris Larson said the amount budgeted for fiscal year 2014 for the golf course is \$162,000 and the revenues are only \$147,000 so the golf course is being helped out by the general fund. Mayor Anderson closed the hearing for golf fees at 7:43 p.m.

Tom Mayo said he is uncomfortable with the season pass increase as he is concerned about losing player ship. He said we are raising the rates for equipment and improvements at the golf course but it also benefits our contractor and he would like to see all of the increase go to the golf course equipment and needs. Connie Wells agrees with Tom about the increase going for equipment and improvements. She said she would like to keep the season pass fees lower to keep the people purchasing season passes. Rick Alonzo said we definitely need equipment and a fee increase needs to be done to purchase the equipment so he thinks we need to raise the rates and doesn't think ten percent is too much or \$2.00 is too much. He said it may be a good idea to use the entire increase for equipment this year and then siphon the amount off next year for the manager. Mayor Anderson said he is not comfortable with taking the amount from the concessionaire as this is assigned in the contract. Mayor Anderson said if we are going to increase the fees we should increase the fees and deal with the contract issue later. Mayor Anderson said a season pass is 22 rounds at the weekday price and that is a lot of golf for a very little price. He said the bulk of the season pass holders are local people. He would like to go with the raised rates except the raise in season passes. Tom was thinking about a \$10 increase in season passes. Connie would like to see \$10 or \$15 on season passes. Tom said he does not have a problem with leaving the contract percentages alone but he is concerned about the equipment.

Tom Mayo moved to increase nine hole golf fees from \$16.00 to \$18.00 for weekdays and from \$18.00 to \$20.00 for weekends and holidays, increase 18 hole green fees from \$23.00 to \$25.00 for weekdays and from \$25.00 to \$27.00 for weekends and holidays, increase nine hole discount cards from \$144.00 to \$162.00 and 18 hole discount cards from \$207.00 to \$225.00, increase season passes from \$350.00 to \$360.00 and couple passes from \$630.00 to \$645.00 and leave the \$50.00 addition for child and grandchild alone for family passes. He goes along with all that was published except the adult season pass increase of \$10 and couple passes by \$15 effective November 1, 2013. Connie Wells seconded the motion. Rick said the passes have not increased since 2009 and he is not a golfer so he will defer to those that are golfers. He thinks the passes are more for local people. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”, Bob Blanford “abstained”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for the Lions Club for the Demolition Derby on September 7, 2013 at the Fairgrounds. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson read Resolution 2013-09-01 City Fees. Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2013-09-01 with the changes made this evening. Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”, Bob Blanford “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the beverage license for Overtime Inc. doing business as Panhandle Restaurant. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Federal surplus property was discussed. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Federal Surplus property paperwork. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign paperwork for ITD for surveying parcels. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign USDA Control Sheet #12 and authorize payment to Welch Comer for the Highway 95 South Waterline project. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to have the first reading of the business license code amendment ordinance by title only. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Andrakay read the title of the business license code amendment ordinance.

Andrakay Pluid explained the membership dues requested to be paid to the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association. She said the dues allow her to attend both of the yearly conferences and there is also a Listserve that goes with this that will be helpful. Rick Alonzo moved to approve payment of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association dues for fiscal year 2014. Tom Mayo

seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen Boorman explained voltage regulators are the devices on each meter in our substations. He said transmission voltage varies and the regulators keep the distribution system between 124 and 136 volts to our customers. He said our newest voltage regulators are about twelve years old. A regulator bank is three regulators. He said if we purchased two more this will give us a spare. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the purchase of regulators as described in the memo from City Administrator Boorman. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Tom asked what the price would be to refurbish a regulator. Stephen is not sure of the cost. He said the regulators in Moyie have the most cycles on them. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson suggested having Boundary Computer come meet with City Council to discuss computer issues and needs for 2014. Tom Mayo suggested we give them a punch list of what we need for next year.

The group discussed Highway 95 and recommendations to ITD. Rick would like to see the weeds taken care of. Stephen said there is a speed study enclosed in the packet. He said speed limits are set by 85 percentile of the speed traveled. He said the speed limit near the golf course averaged 69 miles per hour. Rick said the speeds listed in the study are controlled by the State Patrol as they are not in the city limits. Stephen said he thinks the speeds in town are more in line with our speed limits.

Mayor Anderson said if we invite the property owners to a meeting and there are more than two council people then we have a quorum and it may be easier to have an informal get together rather than a formal meeting. Rick agreed as there will not be any decisions made at this get together.

Mayor Anderson spoke of his recommendation of Pat Behrens to the Urban Renewal Agency. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation of Pat Behrens to the Urban Renewal Agency. Bob Blanford seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk