

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of September 7, 2010 to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for the meeting was Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, and Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Toni Hackwith from Magnuson, McHugh and Company and Jerry Higgs.

The first order of business was the presentation of the fiscal year 2009 audit by Toni Hackwith at 6:30 p.m.

Toni left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Carolyn Testa, Marcia Cossette, John Youngwirth from the Street Department, Attorney Tim Wilson, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Michael Brazell, and Luke Marble joined the meeting.

Mayor Anderson opened the fiscal year 2011 budget hearing. There being no public comment the Mayor recessed the hearing.

Julie Golder joined the meeting.

Jerry Higgs said there has been another occurrence with the city's k-9 unit being involved with behaviors outside its training. He said in the previous incident the lady involved and her family was very forgiving. He said when an incident happens once it is usually a failure of performance or management. When it happens again it is a failure of leadership. He apologized to Councilman Tom Mayo for his language on the phone the other evening. He thinks it is a shame when there are incidents that occur by the people who are sworn to protect and serve. He holds the police chief harmless because he thinks he was not told the entire truth regarding the situation.

Michael Brazell owns a home at 6932 Oak Street and has for three years. He said the sidewalk is broken up and said he wanted to take out the concrete and plant grass to beautify his home. When he contacted the city he found out that the issue must come before city council. Mr. Brazell said the people who walk do it on the street not on the sidewalks. He said an ideal place for a sidewalk would be on the left side of Oak Street where the water line work was done. Mr. Marble said about nine feet of walkway was removed already by the city during the waterway project and the rest of the walk was just in pieces. He said there are only two homes with sidewalks. He said one home has a perfect walkway but this one is broken up. Mr. Brazell said the home downhill from him has a beautiful lawn and he was going to follow with his plans to plant grass. He would like to plant grass to make it look better as this is a rental and he needs it to look good from people sitting in a car. Mr. Marble said half of the sidewalk is still there for viewing. He said there is a water shut off right in the middle of the sidewalk area. The street has a dip in it according to Mr. Brazell and Mr. Marble. Stephen Boorman said we have an ordinance that dictates that sidewalks are maintained by the property owner and we have enforced this in the past. He suggested that this issue be looked at on a broader spectrum. Chris Clark asked if the city has asked residents to repair sidewalks. Stephen said we have not. Stephen said the sidewalk is not contiguous. Tim Wilson said it used to be contiguous. Chris asked if the city is planning to replace the sidewalks torn up by the water project. Stephen said

we will replace the sidewalks unless the city changes the policy. Tom Mayo and Connie Wells would like to see the sidewalk in question. Michael offered to get more details if council wanted them. Mayor Anderson said we will look at the area and agendaize it if Mr. Brazell will phone him. He said he cannot afford to put in a sidewalk and he does not want to leave it the way it is. Mike Klaus read a portion of the city ordinance to the group. Stephen spoke of a local improvement district that could be formed to get the sidewalks built. Mr. Marble said he has not seen water shut offs in other areas in the sidewalks. Mike and Stephen said there are many others like this. Mike would like to see a short term fix to make it safe for the winter. Chris thinks it is a good idea to have staff help Mr. Brazell button up the issue before winter. Michael said people park their vehicles on the sidewalk and this is how it became rubble in the first place.

Mr. Brazell and Mr. Marble left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Anderson said Bill Burke from Idaho Rural Water Association could not attend this evening's meeting but would like to reschedule for an evening meeting on September 13, 2010.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There has been three crashes, four driving without privileges, one child abuse case, one hit and run, one open door at the high school and another at the golf course, four minors in possession, one domestic battery, four thefts, six DUIs, one battery, one burglary, one stolen vehicle, a child custody dispute, two warrant arrests, and a medical assist.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. Call volume is ahead of last year by about 20 percent. There has been some success in funding. He said Wells Fargo donated \$1,000 for two light bars for the fire department. We received a Department of Lands grant for \$3,000 for turn outs. We also received a Bureau of Land Management grant for \$10,733 for wildland protective equipment, communications equipment, and equipment for fire fighting. Doug Ladely found eight breathing apparatus and 15 spare bottles that were demo units that the city can purchase at a very reasonable price of \$10,000 after October 1<sup>st</sup>. TransCanada donated \$4,000 to go toward a thermal imaging camera or a vehicle. The fire fighters have collected money for a memorial for firemen. Idaho Granite Works has proposed a monument that is five feet by six feet for the fire department. He said the only issue with the monument is that Idaho Granite Works would like to put their logo in the lower corner of the monument and this will reduce the price by 50 percent. Rick Alonzo said the DARE vehicle has sponsors all over it. Attorney Wilson said there is not an endorsement here so we are not violating the ethical codes.

Stephen Boorman said there were several leaks on our main line in the Eaton Addition when the water project was done. He said the public is much happier with the water pressure in the area. There was an issue with the Hospital water pressure when the communications went down between the tank and the plant. This has been reviewed and the communication system has been changed so alarms will notify if this happens again. The city pool is closed for the season and it was a successful season. The Alderson Lane project is experiencing delays so the project may not be completed before the winter. One of the major problems is the Vista gas line that was not marked when the design work was done by Welch Comer for the water line realignment. There are also subcontractors that were not approved but that has now been done so the main issue holding up the project is the Avista line. The estimated cost of the patching for the line crossings is \$1,200. Chris Clark asked if the delays are on the contractor's side. Stephen said LHTAC is the state agency in charge of the project and some of the state rules are causing the delays.

Connie Wells moved to approve the hire of a police reserve officer to the agenda. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Tom Mayo moved to accept 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 Treasurer's Report; and approval of August 17, 2010 minutes.

Connie Wells moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 517 repealing the fluoride ordinance and city code regarding fluoride. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Tim Wilson read the Ordinance in its entirety.

The water/sewer rate study issue was tabled.

Mayor Anderson said the cell phone issue has come to light especially since there was a theft of two city cell phones. Stephen said there are several personal cell phones that are used for city business. He said we were considering compensating these individuals for this use but today the attorney told us that the individual's phone records would be subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act. Attorney Wilson explained the issue of disclosure to the group. David said he met with the Verizon Wireless representative and we may be able to save up to \$75 per month by changing plans. There is also a discount offered to city employees through Verizon. Rick said it is 17 percent.

The bid from E.R. Balancing for unit one repair is \$104,113.42 and David and Stephen feel this is good. They anticipate add alternates for this job and that may increase the bid to \$165,109.74. Chris Clark moved to accept the bid to repair unit one by E.R. Balancing. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Stephen said the life is 20 to 25 years when these units are rebuilt.

Council tabled the distributor truck purchase.

Stephen said change order #2 for phase 2a is for the closeout of the project and is an increase of \$12,786.84. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign change order #2 for phase 2a. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the fiscal year 2011 dispatch agreement with Boundary County. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tim Wilson said the postage machine contract does not have a release clause so we need to work with Northwest Mailing. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the postage machine lease based on legal review and approval of the contract. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The BPA Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement was discussed. Stephen said we have an existing long term contract for transmission but there are some changes required due to

the power supply contract starting October 1, 2011. This agreement defines the points of delivery and tier 2. Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the BPA Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes".

Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the LHTAC paperwork for payment to Welch Comer on the Alderson Lane project. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Mayo "yes", Tom Mayo "yes".

Stephen said John Griffin is from Kennewick and he is interested in taking the position of water/sewer department supervisor when Jim Fritsche retires. Stephen said the water department personnel has met the gentlemen and are happy with his hiring. Stephen said Mr. Griffin has certifications hirer than our system requires. Connie Wells moved to send a letter of intent to hire to Mr. John Griffin. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes".

Mike Sloan gave a report on the Community Review. The review will start September 21<sup>st</sup> for three days. Mike said there is a dinner gathering at 5:30 p.m. on September 21<sup>st</sup> for Council to attend. A town meeting will be held on the evening of September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Kootenai River Inn. Mike is hopeful to have a schedule by the end of the week.

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Anderson reopened the budget hearing. There being no comment Chris Clark moved to close the hearing. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the fiscal year 2011 budget by suspending the reading of Ordinance 518 three different days and to read the ordinance by title only. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes". Tim Wilson read Ordinance 518 by title only.

Connie Wells moved to adopt Ordinance 518 Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes". Rick said the police reserve applicant, Ron Pell, is an officer for the Idaho Department of Corrections in Sandpoint. Connie Wells moved to hire Ron Pell as a police reserve officer pending his ability to do the job. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes".

At 8:24 p.m. Connie Wells moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (b) and (f). Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes". At 8:58 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, Clerk/Treasurer