

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of September 20, 2011 to order at 7:08 p.m. Present for the meeting were 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, Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present for the meeting were Lon Huggins, Dave Gray, Carolyn Testa, Terri Maine, and Sue Ireland from the Kootenai Tribe.

Sue Ireland from the Kootenai Tribe gave a power point presentation on the Kootenai River Habitat Restoration Project. The project looks at the entire ecosystem of the river including all species of fish in the river. Steep eroding banks will be addressed. Large wood structures will be added to help with habitat and help to change some stream flow for erosion. Alan Flory is the contractor to supply the large wood for the project. The large wood is used instead of rip rap and it helps with sediment deposition and habitat. Many species of wood are being used. The Forest Service had a blow down in Clark Creek and some of the blow down will be used for the river project. The general contractor on the project is hiring many local contractors to work on the project. Diane David is working on the project and is looking at any diggings that are done for cultural finds. Sue spoke of the plantings that will take place in the river and on the banks. There will be a public meeting on October 12 at the extension office at 7:00 p.m. The sturgeon usually do not spawn upstream of the Kootenai River bridge so there is a portion of the river project in the straight reach to help with sturgeon migration and treatments, pool enhancement structures, spawning substrate placement, bioengineering bank restoration, riparian buffer development, and eddy/alcove habitat creation. In the Bonners Ferry island area treatments include placing fill on existing bars, installing large woody debris, roughness elements, micro topography grading, trash removal, and revegetation. The northside channels treatment includes restoring off channel habitat, installing large woody debris structures, revegetation, managing side channel connectivity and addressing weeds/invasive species. The south arm treatments are also included in the project.

Joel Minor gave the police report. There have been four warrant arrests, two thefts, one open door at the middle school, two agency assists, one mental hold, one intoxicated person, one vandalism, four possession of marijuana charges, two accidents, two minors in possession of tobacco, two insurance violations, one check fraud, two driving without privileges, one trespass, one overdose, two DUIs, and one suspicious activity. The DARE/SRO had one runaway, one agency assist, one petit theft, one child sexual abuse, one investigation of suspicious, one traffic complaint, one malicious injury to property, a vehicle accident, one minor under the influence at school. Tom Mayo asked about the nuisance properties near the Cedar Street Alley. Attorney Tim Wilson spoke of possible remedies including amending the city ordinances.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said there have been two false alarms in the last two weeks. There was a flash over training last Saturday. The week before there was an extrication class and the Demolition Derby where the fire department gave a demonstration. Mayor Anderson said the

Lions Club appreciated the demonstration at the Demo Derby but the public was so interested during the intermission they did not buy snacks. Pat spoke of the refinery at the Fodge Mill where they are producing biodiesel and other products from used grease. The fire department is working on procedures in case there should be a fire call at that location due to the potential hazards.

Stephen Boorman said there was quite a bit of work done at the dam last Thursday including a penstock inspection. Kevin Cossairt is now reemployed at the City as a lineman and we are happy to have him.

Mike Sloan participated in the Silver Valley Community Review last week. He said it seems to be a question of someone from the outside telling the community something they already know.

Mike Klaus gave a report on the Urban Renewal Agency. At the meeting last night a vision statement was developed as well as criteria for improvements to be allowed. At the next meeting there will be items to discuss regarding the forthcoming projects.

Connie Wells moved to add consideration of abandonment of an easement at the Woodland Mennonite Church and approve a catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn for the National Rifle Association banquet. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of September 6, 2011 council meeting minutes.

Stephen Boorman explained the Hazel Street sewer project to the group. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with KG&T Septic, the low bidder, for the Hazel Street sewer line replacement project. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said historically the city brings in a certified arborist to trim trees that are in town on our right of way so the trees will not grow back in the power lines. Inland Vegetation Management is a local contractor. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Inland Vegetation Management for tree trimming. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims said Welch Comer will pay to have the grates and a driveway approach redone because they erred in the specs of the Alderson Lane Project. Mayor Anderson asked about the difficulty of the turning radius at Alderson Lane for trucks. David said the turning radius was designed to Idaho Transportation District standards. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the LHTAC Consultant Estimate Voucher for the Alderson Lane project. Connie

seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the BPA short distance discount is charged in the transmission bill and the short distance discount is a portion of our generation deducted from the total system peak usage. Chris Clark moved, based on the recommendation of the City Administrator, to authorize the Mayor to sign the BPA short distance discount contract. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen explained the Residential Exchange Settlement. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign BPA contract revision 1, exhibit H for the residential exchange settlement. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to sign and approve the letter to BPA for the tier 2 power supply short term option. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims said the last time we spoke about the steel water tank repair; it was decided to repair the tank now with a plan to replace it in ten years. The proposed contract is a time and materials contract with Cushman Welding for those repairs. The repair estimate is \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mike Klaus asked if there is still leakage from the steel tank. David said the leak is coming from the door because there is not a good seal and there is new material that will be used to replace the seal on the door when the water is drawn down for the repairs. There may be leaks on the south side of the tank near the outlets according to David. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Cushman Welding for the steel tank repair. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims spoke of the Gem Grant application for the Kennedy Street water project. The Gem Grant is specifically for economic development costs and it must show job creation. The fire flow of the potential grocery store is the driver for this project. A new line will be bored under the highway and the waterline will be looped with the line on Bauman Street. The total estimated project cost is \$106,000. There may be a lower cost way to do the project but this is the estimate now. URM has pledged the match for the Gem Grant and this may be reimbursed from the urban renewal agency. One of the options is to put in a check valve according to Stephen. David has changed the name of the project to the Kennedy Street project rather than the Bauman Street Pressure Zone Intertie project. Chris Clark moved to approve Resolution 2011-05 for the Gem Grant application. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Resolution 2011-05 reads as follows:

**Resolution 2011-05**

**Supporting and Endorsing an Idaho Gem Grant Application**

Whereas, the Bonners Ferry City Council is interested in the economic health of the community and its citizens; and  
Whereas, the Bonners Ferry City Council wishes to support and encourage appropriate efforts within the community that promote economic development of the community and the economic well-being of its citizenry; and

Whereas, the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor is offering a program specifically designed to help rural Idaho communities implement economic development strategies/projects; and

Whereas, this program is entitled the Idaho Gem Grant Program  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bonners Ferry City Council hereby supports and endorses an Idaho Gem Grant application for the Kennedy Street Water Project;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bonners Ferry City Council designates the City of Bonners Ferry Clerk/Treasurer Kris Larson as its administrative agent for this grant.

The resolution is in full effect upon its adoption this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

/s/ David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Kris Larson, Clerk/Treasurer

The group discussed the raises budgeted for fiscal year 2012. Connie Wells said she is concerned about increasing the fire department hourly wages due to the other departments not receiving a raise. Kris Larson told council that there were times when the fire department did not receive raises in the past when the other employees received increases. Connie is concerned about the salaried positions in the fire department. Pat said the fire department is on call 24/7 all year long. The firemen leave holiday dinners or whatever they are doing when a call comes in. He said most of the employees have been on the fire department for 15 plus years. He said the recruitment and retention is not a problem on our department and other departments are facing problems with this. He said the fire department is trying to recruit younger people because many of the firemen are getting to the age of retirement. Mike Klaus would like to foster growth of younger firemen and the overall package for the fire department would be in the \$5,000 range. Mike Klaus moved to approve the timing of the raises as recommended and award the bonuses the pay period prior to Thanksgiving. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Mayor Anderson said two of the department heads are on the fire department and they are in favor of the fire department receiving the increases. He said the audience at the Demo Derby was impressed with the professionalism of the fire department and their actions for taking care of the vehicle. He said the City of Bonners Ferry has a very professional fire department. The motion passed - Mike Klaus "yes", Chris Clark "yes", Connie Wells "yes", Tom Mayo "yes". (Clerk's note: raises effective with the pay period beginning October 2, 2011 are Jean Diel \$1.40 per hour, Christine McNair \$1.40 per hour, Sunny Kimball \$1.00 per hour, Keith Fairchild \$.75 per hour tool allowance, fire department suppression \$.22 per hour, fire department training \$.25 per hour, Fire Department Captains Roy Marquis and Ken Baker \$25.74 per month, Deputy Fire Chief John Youngwirth \$25.85 per month, and establish new salaries for Fire Department Lieutenants Doug Ladely, Wally Barton, and Alan Hamilton at \$50 per month.)

Roger Fraser joined the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Stephen Boorman said the Woodland Mennonite Church wants to put in a cemetery at the corner of their property on the northside. At the corner they are proposing for the cemetery there is a ten foot easement running north and south along the greenbelt behind the church and then there is a 25 foot easement running east and west on the south boundary. Stephen said he does not see a need for the ten foot easement by the greenbelt but the other easement is important to the city. Stephen drew on the white board for council. He wants to keep an easement for the sewer line on the south side of the southern property line. Stephen said because a plat is approved by city council that if there is an agreement the Church will go spend the money for a surveyor to get the replat done. Stephen said we would need to get 200 to 300 feet or else all the way across the property. Chris Clark would like the easement to be all the way across the property. We would

not abandon the existing easement with the waterline in it. If the property is divided it will have to go through the subdivision process. Planning and Zoning requires a special use permit for cemeteries. Stephen continued to draw on the board for council. The newly created easement would come back to the manhole and that is currently where the sewer line ends. Mike Klaus moved to approve a replat contingent on obtaining an easement from the property to the south and the replat would remove 180 feet of the 25 foot easement and all of the ten foot easement. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho for the National Rifle Association Banquet to be held at the Fairgrounds on September 24, 2011. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk