

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 6, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Dave Gray, Council Members John Langs and Chris Clark, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Keera Christianson, Tom Mayo, Carolyn Testa, and Rhonda Hamerslough. Council Member Connie Wells was gone on personal business.

Mayor Anderson said we need to add an item to our agenda. Dave Gray moved to add the air compressor purchase for the water treatment plant to the agenda. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Keera Christianson spoke to council and requested the street be closed for 2:00 p.m. for the homecoming parade on October 16, 2009 and also the curfew to be extended until 1:00 a.m. on October 17, 2009 for the homecoming dance.

Rhonda Hamerslough gave a handout to council regarding grants obtained by Second Chance Animal Adoption Agency. One of the grants in the amount of \$8,000 is for trapping feral cats. There are about 21 people working on the feral cat problem. She said they want to target the downtown business area for trapping the feral cats. One area of concern is the old Chevron Station at the end of Main Street. Another area of concern is near General Feed and Grain. The cats will be trapped and then neutered or spayed and then returned to the downtown area. John Langs has offered to feed some of the feral cats according to Rhonda. The other grant is for \$5,000 for companion dogs. The purpose of this grant is to eradicate the over population of dogs. The target is the population of animals that people cannot afford to spay or neuter. It is for city or county residents. Rhonda will oversee the companion dog grant so if there is someone in need they should contact her.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said John Lunde started on September 29<sup>th</sup> and is now on night shifts. The Police responded to three driving without privileges, two burglaries, two warrant arrests, 4 DUIs, one lude and lascivious, open doors at high school, two domestic disturbances, an intoxicated pedestrian, life alert call, altered prescription arrest, two false alarms, two custodial interferences, one possession of controlled substance, one theft, one battery case and one assault. The department is down between two and three officers due to illness.

Pat Warkentin said September was quiet for the fire department. There was a gas odor call yesterday. There was a rail car class on Saturday for hazmat awareness concerning pressurized tank rail cars. Pat said this community sits in a hole with 50 trains and many more trucks each day passing through. A grant was obtained for a projector for in house training.

Stephen Boorman said there may be a few people gone next week due to elk season opening. He spoke about the handout from John Saven of NRU recapping the tier 2 options. Stephen showed council a piece of underground wire and explained the way the wire is made. He said USGS was

here moving the equipment from the building to the panel so the brick building will be removed. The electric poles will be taken out and the Lyons Club is interested in them for putting in additional lighting at the fairgrounds.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of September 15, 2009 minutes; and approval of accounts payable and payroll.

The Fodge Pulp start up costs was discussed. John Langs said we would need a legal opinion if the council is interested in granting consideration to Mr. Fodge. Mayor Anderson said this issue is definitely on Mr. Fodge's side of the line and the city historically has not paid for anything on the customer's side of the line. Mayor Anderson spoke about the review from ITD of the corner on the Cow Creek Road near the Fodge Mill. He said the city is looking into this project. He also said the city has just adopted new electric rates more fair to our industrial customers. John Langs and Dave Gray would like a legal opinion. Chris Clark inquired if the legal opinion comes back that the city cannot assist and we do not, then where do we go? Stephen said there should be a clean line between the consumer and the utility. He said it is the customer's responsibility to not disrupt the bulk transmission system. Stephen said the soft start for the motor is being installed on Thursday of this week.

John Langs moved to approve the homecoming activities and parade on October 16, 2009 and extend the curfew on October 17, 2009 to 1:00 a.m. for the dance. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Pat Warkentin said the fire department has received donations for Steve Bender. A memorial is being looked at and the fire department is asking permission from council to install such a memorial. John Youngwirth said the fire department is still in the planning stages but they want it to be tasteful.

John Langs moved to approve the application for special use permit for Val Harrington based on the findings of facts and conclusions by Planning and Zoning. He also stated that this permit is specific to Val Harrington at 7431 Vista Drive to operate a sewing shop. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to approve the catering permits for Under the Sun for October 10, 2009 for Second Chance Animal Adoption Mystery Theater at the Fire Hall, October 24, 2009 for Friends of the Arts Jazz Concert at the Fairgrounds, and November 6, 2009 for Domestic Violence and Crisis Line Fashion Show at the Fairgrounds. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said Darrell Kerby did a fine job keeping the Blue Cross rates down to a three percent increase. Chris Clark moved to renew the city's health insurance with Blue Cross. John

Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

John Langs moved to approve the nomination of the slate of candidates as presented by PRIMA. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The generation support management services contract with Bonneville Power Administration and the contract for cleanup language for the 20 year contract with Bonneville were discussed. Stephen recommended approval of both contracts. The generation support management support services contract is for provision of power should our hydro power plant go down. Tim Wilson updated council on the Frazier case. A brief is being prepared to include the City of Bonners Ferry that is being presented by Dale Storer from Idaho Falls to the Supreme Court. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Bonneville Power Administration contracts. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Anderson said the sprinkler system at the pool will make use of the backwash water from the water treatment plant. Stephen gave kudos to the Mayor for obtaining this grant from Wilbur Ellis for the sprinkler system. Stephen said the sprinkler system will run at night as it will not be potable water and we don’t want children to be in that water. Council also thanked David Sims and John Youngwirth for their efforts on this project.

Stephen informed council that the State of New Mexico has a law that if an out of state company bids on something then the in-state business will get a preference of five percent. Idaho also has this law on the books so Idaho companies are given this preference. Stephen recommended that we purchase the dredging equipment from United Crown Pump and Drilling. Chris Clark moved to purchase the equipment from United Crown Pump and Drilling. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen said it cost about \$160,000 a year ago to rebuild generator unit 4. He generator unit 1 needs to be rebuilt and there is quite a time lead on ordering the parts. The runners in unit 1 are from the 1940’s. The price will be about \$200,000 for this rebuild according to Dave Gray. Stephen said the project will probably cost about \$150,000 but it is unknown until the work begins on the turbine runner. After unit 1 is rebuilt we should look at rebuilding unit 3 and then unit 2. John Langs moved to go out for bids on the turbine runner for the power plant. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The air compressor at the treatment plant was discussed. Stephen said the Water Department has changed the oil monthly on the air compressors since 1958. There are two compressors at the water plant. Stephen explained the difference between a piston type compressor and a screw type compressor to council. He said screw type compressors are better for large scale

businesses. Stephen said they have a longer life than the piston type compressor. Stephen said the screw type machine will be much quieter than the old machines. We will keep the old machine for a backup. A water separator is included in the new compressor. It separates oil and water. John Langs moved to authorize expenditure up to \$9,152 for the new air compressor. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen told council that there was a leak in the Myrtle Creek line near the mouth of Deep Creek that was discovered by Mike Woodward. Stephen said the original pipe for the creek crossing was welded by Ed Gross and was then taken from the shop and installed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk