

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 18, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, Assistant City Administrator Dave Sims, City Attorney Tim Wilson, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, and Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Ron Frederickson, Dave Gray, Carolyn Testa, Jill Nystrom, Eldora Gatchell, Lilly Blackwell, and Karen Standal. Chris Clark was gone on personal business.

Carolyn Testa spoke to the group about the progress at the Pearl Theater. The grand opening of the Pearl Theater will be this Friday with a play written and directed by Paul Rawlings. The play will be six nights over two different weekends. She invited council to attend the play. Tickets are available at Under the Sun, Bonners Books, Mountain Mikes and Groove Studio and are limited in number to 150. Carolyn said the Theater is getting booked already and gave a brief schedule of upcoming events.

Lilly Blackwell spoke to council regarding the Christmas lighting and children's events. Lilly asked if the city could put the Christmas tree in the Georgia Mae Plaza because they want to have Santa delivered right in front of the tree. Lilly said they would like to have the tree visible from all sides. David Sims said there is a bench near the sidewalk by Georgia Mae where the tree can be placed. He said Mike Sloan, John Youngwirth, and Steve Neumeyer have looked at the area and it is workable. The event is planned for the day after Thanksgiving and there will be Christmas socks for the children with a card inside listing all businesses with a treat for the kids. After the card is completed, it will be deposited in a box for a drawing. The last day for shopping is December 17 and the tree dedication would take place. Jill Nystrom said in her Dad's name (Dick Kelson) they would like to donate a live tree to the city as a remembrance for him. Lilly said the tree would be planted for future lighting. Mayor Anderson asked about a sub-alpine being planted where the bench is located near Georgia Mae. He said this type of tree is narrower and it could be planted this year. David said there are two mountain ash trees that could be removed in Georgia Mae Plaza. Also on December 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a free movie and a drawing for a bicycle. The whole emphasis is to keep people in town to do their shopping. The museum will sponsor a ginger bread village. Karen Standal spoke regarding a ginger bread competition with a display in the museum windows. This competition would be open to the entire town and she wants to keep the proceeds for the food bank to help feed local folks in need. The ginger bread houses would be brought in on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and judging would be done on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. There may also be a silent auction of the ginger bread houses with the proceeds to go for children's programs or the food bank. Lilly Blackwell spoke regarding horse and buggy rides and asked about the legalities of such an event. Attorney Tim Wilson said the requirements for the operator would be to have proper licenses and insurance. He said for the protection of the group he suggested they purchase insurance.

Carolyn Testa, Jill Nystrom, Lilly Blackwell, Eldora Gatchell, and Karen Standal left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said the individual that was arrested at Huckleberry Variety last year was banned from entering the store so when she came into the store; they had a trespassing charge against her. He said John Lunde had his gall bladder removed. There was one trespass charge, one warrant arrest, two burglaries, three driving without privileges, four agency assists, one probation violation, one curfew violation, one CPOR violation, and one DUI.

Pat Warkentin said there have been three false fire calls. Last week was fire prevention week and several of the firemen gave training to the children at Valley View. There were also preschool children that visited the fire station. There will be a fireworks display on December 8 to celebrate the Kootenai River Inn's 20 year anniversary. The dike across the Kootenai River from the Kootenai River Inn is the location of the event. This area is outside the city limits.

David Sims gave the administrator's report. He said the notices for the annexation hearing went out last week. He met with the School Board and Boundary County for the trial recycling program. David said we received a letter from the Corps of Engineers assigning a rating of unacceptable for the dike. Two areas noted in the letter were Albright's tree house and a small area near the fairgrounds. He has left a message for the people at the Corps concerning this letter. We remain eligible for funding for the repairs. The concrete work at the dam is going well. The lift station work to be done near Cody Street will have to wait until spring due to the steep ground and weather concerns. David gave council a copy of the Corps letter.

Mike Klaus said there is a tentative meeting for the urban renewal agency on November 1<sup>st</sup>. David said the URM property closing is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> if all goes well. The building permitting process is going well but David said there is concern over compaction. He said there may be the need for a special meeting for a lot line adjustment, amended plat, and the release of our interest in Kennedy Street for the realignment of Kennedy Street.

Mike Klaus moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “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; approval of October 4, 2011 council meeting minutes, and approval of October 7, 2011 special council meeting minutes.

Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the audit engagement letter with Magnuson, McHugh, and Company for fiscal year 2011. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the BPA residential exchange program amendment #1. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to read Ordinance 527 by title only. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Tim Wilson read Ordinance 527 by title only.

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Mike Klaus moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet on October 28, 2011 at the fairgrounds. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Connie moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn for the Festival of Trees on December 10, 2011 at the fairgrounds. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Tom Mayo moved to approve the catering permits for Under the Sun at the Pearl Theater for October 21, 22, 23, 2011 and October 27, 28, and 29, 2011. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The group discussed the recycling trial. Ron Frederickson has two dumpsters ready for the city’s use with signage. David went to the school board meeting and the superintendent is to work with the city to find a good location for the bins for the trial. David suggested getting some temporary fencing to go around the recycle sites to help keep trash from blowing around. The Commissioners want fencing on one side. The estimated cost of the fencing would be about \$600. One dump per week would be \$285 per month and twice per week is \$545. David said it depends on the volume. Ron Frederickson said we have plenty of room to work with. He said right now the recycle run is done once per week with the recycle truck. Ron is flexible and will work with us in the trial period. He has offered to do the first two months of the recycle trial for free. Ron spoke about signage and suggested that the city put up a sign designating that the recycling bins are for residential only. Ron thinks the fencing will just cause problems and suggested trying the program without the fencing. David said it would cost the residents about 35 to 65 cents additional per month if the recycle program continues depending on the number of times per week the recycling dumpsters are picked up. Ron said glass and plastic bags are not compatible in the comingling system. Tim Wilson said the garbage contract will not have to be rewritten because we can just pay Frederickson’s through commercial rates. Mayor Anderson asked Ron if he had a smaller container for glass at the recycle sites. Ron said most of the people that are recycling will not put glass in the recycle dumpster with the comingled recyclables. Ron said a one cubic yard dumpster would be needed but it is a special trip to the landfill for glass because it is separate from the comingling or the garbage. He said the plastic bags are another problem. Dave Gray asked if the county will continue with their recycle

program at Safeway. David Sims said the county will continue until their site is not producing. Dave Gray thinks glass is a big need. The group agreed. David Sims asked if it would be a problem if the county supplied a container and picked up the glass. Ron thinks it would be simpler for him to just do it and he will keep track of the costs for us. Mike Klaus moved to go forward with the recycle trial and also get a one yard bin for glass in addition to the comingling recycle dumpster. Tom Mayo would like to see us start by November 1<sup>st</sup> but the Mayor wanted to wait until November 10<sup>th</sup> so all city residents would have received notice in their bills. Mike amended his motion to begin on November 10<sup>th</sup> with a six yard dumpster and a one yard dumpster at two sites. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Mayor and Council thanked Ron for his help.

Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fire/Law Enforcement contract with the Kootenai Tribe for fiscal year 2012. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the ICRMP Terrorism Additional Coverage Rejection form. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The group briefly discussed the definition of terrorism. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Change orders and final pay request for the Alderson Lane project were discussed. The grates on Alderson Lane will be fixed at the expense of Welch Comer. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign three change orders and a pay request for Wood’s Crushing and Hauling for the Alderson Lane Project. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. David said Idaho Transportation Department painted the lines on Alderson Lane so one of the change orders was a decrease in the amount of \$11,000. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims gave an update on the steel water tank repair. The original cost was estimated to be about \$15,000. He showed council a piece of the water tank that is being replaced. There are an additional 18 braces that need to be replaced according to an inspection done by David Sims and Mike Woodward. The cost to do the additional trusses will be about \$15,000 or \$800 per truss and is a reasonable expense. The remaining nine trusses will have the bottom ports replaced according to David. David said Trevor Cushman is doing a great job.

David said several years ago the city purchased a new compressor for the water department. He said there are still two available and there is one that is surplus. The surplus air compressor is a 1958 unit with five horse power. Mike Klaus moved to declare the 1958 air compressor surplus. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Council discussed the Christmas party to be on December 2. Mayor Anderson said to start looking for a venue and menu.

Connie Wells moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (e) (f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 9:03 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk