

Council President Mike Klaus called the October 2, 2012 council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Rick Alonzo, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Police Chief Steve Benkula, and Attorney Will Herrington. Also present for the meeting were Marcia Cossette, Dale Simpson, Doug and Barbara Ladely, Jerry Higgs, Tremain Albright, Ruth Sutton, Jessica Tingley, Adam Arthur, Robert Karlac, Mike Sloan, and Dave Gray. Mayor Anderson was gone due to illness.

Dave Gray invited all to come to the museum dinner on October 13, 2012 starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be a dedication for the fire department and blacksmithing displays. There will also be an auction.

Jerry Higgs spoke about dogs barking. He said his neighbor planted a row of trees as a privacy fence and this neighbor agitated Jerry's dogs. Jerry has a low fence for his dogs. The neighbor has chosen to provoke Jerry's dogs for the purpose of documenting the barking dogs for enforcement purposes. The neighbor has video camera with audio capability mounted 17 feet from the ground that views Jerry's dog pen. Jerry said this camera does not provide surveillance for his property so the only purpose is to document Jerry's dogs barking. Jerry expects to have privacy in his back yard, not in his front yard. He wants the city to talk to the legal counsel about this issue and he finds it disgusting that the neighbor is spying on Jerry and his property.

(Clerk's note: One 10-11-12 Jerry Higgs brought in a memo asking that the city withdraw the entire statement he made at city council on 10-2-12. He said upon further discovery, the premise of his statement was not factually correct. So, therefore, the issue he brought up was no issue at all. He asked that we strike his comments from the record.)

Police Chief Steve Benkula said the SWIFT system is up and running. On Saturday night there was a person that said there were explosives in his vehicle and that was true so emergency services took care of this as the explosives were quite devastating. Chief showed council a new badge that is proposed by the police department.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He spoke of the explosive device that the police chief spoke of. Bob Graham from Disaster Services came on scene and took the device away. There was no other activity other than training by the fire department.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrators report. The downtown business tea went well and the businesses thought downtown events were good. Sometimes the business is not good on the day of the event but customers see the stores and come back to shop. They also thought the flower baskets were very important. The inspection of the penstock at the power plant is done and it went well with a report forthcoming. Most of the penstock was built in the 1950s and whoever built it did a good job. The Deep Creek tie in was completed today and the project went well.

David Sims gave the EDC report. David went to training in Boise last week on economic development and it was quite helpful. David met with the EDC board and a work plan was

developed, quite similar to the work plan that Mike Sloan had. The fiber project is on the agenda later.

There is an urban renewal meeting scheduled for October 8, 2012.

Connie Wells moved to add late agenda items for authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Mr. Suds Car Wash and also approval for the street department to order snow plow parts. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”, Mike Klaus “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; Treasurer’s report; and approval of September 18, 2012 council meeting minutes.

Mike said the Mayor has significant input for the reclassification of Steve Neumeyer’s job description so he would like to table this until the next meeting. Rick Alonzo moved to table the item. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mike introduced Attorney Will Herrington and asked him to give a summary of his experience. Will Herrington was sworn in as city attorney.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Will Herrington for city attorney services. Connie wells seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the Deep Creek waterline replacement project is completed but hydro seeding still needs to be done. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the mayor to sign the USDA control sheet and pay request for the Deep Creek crossing waterline replacement project and approve payment for S&L Underground and Welch Comer. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said Jasmine Robertson has done a great job for the city and Samantha Kelly will now take the head lifeguard position. Connie moved to hire Samantha Kelly as head lifeguard for 2013. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The police/fire contract with the Kootenai Tribe was discussed. Connie Wells moved to table this until executive session. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

David Sims said there was a meeting in Sandpoint last week to discuss the fiber project and there are some significant questions to be answered. David sent a list of those questions to Scott Crawley to be answered. Up until two weeks ago there was agreement for Blackfoot Communications to install fiber from Sandpoint to Bonners Ferry called the mid-mile. Now

Blackfoot does not want to install the mid-mile so we are looking for someone to install this fiber. There are revisions and tweaks being made in the agreements but there are still questions. There is urgency in getting the project done and we may not be able to get the mid-mile done before the project is done in Sandpoint. David thinks we need answers before we can commit. Mike Klaus said Nancy Strickland had some questions and is working on changes to the benefit of the cities. Mike said there are a couple big businesses in Sandpoint that are anxious for the fiber project to be completed. David said the mid-mile needs to be solved before we can proceed.

Stephen said the city used a car wash with a key card type system so we are billed after the services are rendered and that business sold and the key system is no longer available. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Mr. Suds for the express pass system. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the street department to order their snow plow parts. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a) and (e). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed - Rick Alonzo “yes”, Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:04 p.m. No action was taken.

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Kootenai Tribe fire/law enforcement contract for 2013. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Mike Klaus, Council President

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Kris Larson, City Clerk