Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of November 1, 2011 to order at 7:00 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, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Water Department Supervisor Jim Fritzsche, Street Supervisor John Youngwirth, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present was Sherri Wastweet from Panhandle Area Council, Marcia Cossette, John Marquette, Carolyn Testa, Terri Maine, Jerry and Pat Lewis, and Dave Gray.

The first order of business was the Idaho Community Development Block Grant hearing. Sherri Wastweet explained the hearing processes required for a block grant. This is the third block grant the City of Bonners Ferry has received since the Myrtle Creek fire in 2003. The first block grant was for an intertie to Cabinet Mountain Water District, the second block grant was for a storage tank, and third was for distribution improvements engineering in the amount of $286,000. Phase 2 included 3,154 linear feet of waterline improvements along Pine Street, Comanche Street, Comanche Court, and Van Buren Street. Phase 2A had 6,364 linear feet of waterline improvements along Brownie, Yakima, Chippewa, and Crow Streets, Dakota Street, Maple Avenue, Georgia Street, Oak Street, Montana and Alder Streets. Jerry Lewis asked what the linear per foot cost was. Sherri referred to Stephen. He said it depends on size of pipe, number of existing services, and condition of the surface repairs. He said the variance is huge. Sherri said the water projects were designed and funded to provide Bonners Ferry with reliable and safe water system for all residents and businesses, which includes increased pressure for those in the higher elevations of the City’s distribution system, and improved fire protection. The hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There have been two warrant arrests, one petit theft, an animal cruelty charge, two DUIs, two hit and runs, four agency assists, one stolen vehicle, open door at the middle school, one minor in possession of alcohol, and one arrest for trespassing.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said there was one gas odor call that the fire department responded to.

Stephen Boorman said the AIC has training after the election and it will be on November 17, 2011 in Coeur d’Alene and there is planning and zoning training that evening. The dumpsters will be in place on November 10 and the recycling flyers will be going out with the utility bills. The patching of concrete at the power plant is done for the fall. The cleanup work on Alderson Lane is mostly done. Super 1 Foods project is going forward so that is good news. Bonners Ferry Builders was the successful bidder for the Super 1 Food project. He gave kudos to the urban renewal agency. The steel tank repairs are done and the contractor did a good job.

Mike Sloan spoke regarding the broadband project. According to Ernie Bray, the CEO of the firm looking at providing service will take info to their Board. Hopefully, there will be a decision next week.
Connie moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion 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; and approval of the October 18, 2011 council meeting minutes.

Mike Klaus moved to suspend the third reading of Ordinance 527 and read it by title only. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Stephen Boorman read the title of Ordinance 527.

Tom Mayo moved to adopt Ordinance 527, Repealing Chapters 3, 5, and 8 of Title 8, Public Ways and Property of the City Code of the City of Bonners Ferry. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to suspend the third reading of Ordinance 528 and read it by title only. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Attorney Tim Wilson read Ordinance 528 by title only.

Mike Klaus moved to adopt Ordinance 528 Establishing an Encroachment Ordinance. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Marquette spoke to council and handed out a map for them to review. He said there are existing parcels along the north side of Kennedy Street. The boundary of Maxwell Acre Tracts needs to be amended to allow a 40 foot road to come off the highway and go halfway across the subdivision to tie into an easement at the north part of the parcel. The ownerships of Kootenai Valley Preservation League and the Co-op would be defined. A portion of the lot would be Super 1 and the other Kootenai Valley Preservation League. John explained the maps to the group. Stephen said the basics are simple. Kootenai Valley Preservation League is defining the parcels clearly. It will be defining Kennedy Street that the city will maintain forever. He said sewer and waterlines are in that road. Stephen said there is a jumbled history. John said the amended plat will dedicate the 40 foot wide Kennedy Street and the remaining 15 feet wide portion of Kennedy Street to the west. John Marquette asked Tim Wilson about the original lot 1 being dedicated to the Idaho Transportation Department, portion to Kootenai Valley Preservation League and Super 1 Foods. He wanted to know if it was necessary to have a vacation of any portion of lot 1 to do the boundary line adjustment. Jerry Lewis said Idaho Transportation Department wants access to the highway to come in at a right angle so that is one of the reasons for the adjustments. Jerry spoke to the county assessor today and the assessor said city council has the authority to change what they choose, in his opinion. Tim did not see a problem with council accepting the amended plat. Mike Klaus moved to accept the amended plat of Maxwell Acres as presented. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Stephen said we should name the street. Chris Clark amended the motion to name the street Cossette Street. Mike Klaus agreed to the
amended motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Mike Klaus moved for city council to authorize the staff to complete any such paperwork needed to transfer the property to the State of Idaho in the area designated on the plat. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Alderson Lane consultant estimate voucher #7. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the waterline repair needed on the Hazel Street. KG&T was working on the Hazel Street sewer project when the waterline problem was discovered. It was decided to fix the Hazel Street waterline while the ditch was open. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with KG&T Septic for waterline work. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Jim Fritzsche said the current welder does not operate properly and the mechanic has a couple projects that need an operational welder for the jobs at hand. A stick welder will do a better job and it supplies quite a bit of electrical power when needed. It will be a welder plus an electrical plant. Chris Clark moved to approve the purchase of a Ranger 305 welder not to exceed $4,085. Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

John Youngwirth spoke regarding the snow plow components needed. He said we have the plow frame and with the cost of the components, about $5,000, this will give a spare plow that fits three of our machines. Connie Wells moved to authorize the street department to purchase the components necessary for a plow not to exceed $5,000. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said cameras for the power plant are needed and we have approximately $68,000 remaining in our electric bond fund. The cost of the surveillance cameras is $17,000 plus other needed components. Stephen said these cameras have very good clarity. Some of the cameras are for monitoring and others will be for surveillance. There will be two cameras at the dam, one at the GSU, eight at the power plant, and video recording system at the power plant. The labor for installation will be in house. One of the cameras will be pointed at the road and gate. Chris Clark asked if we are experiencing vandalism at the plant. David said we have had two incidents this summer. David said we checked with Homeland Security and they will not pay for this type of system unless we have someone monitoring the system 24 hours per day. Police Chief Rick Alonzo said photo surveillance makes it a lot easier to prove convictions in court. Chris Clark moved to approve the purchase of the cameras for the power plant to be paid from the bond
funds. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1)(c)(f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:42 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk