

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of December 6, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Connie Wells and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Kate Turner, Mila Cousins, Grant Cashen, Carmen Dauber, LeRoy Vogl, Laura and Keith Snider, Ruth Sutton and Dale Simpson, Dave Gray, Jessica Tingley, and Adam Arthur. Councilman Mike Klaus was gone on personal business.

Mayor Anderson told the group that no testimony could be taken on annexation tonight.

David Sims spoke regarding the work that had been done on the south hill slough in the 1980's. He said the fence installed by the city was a cedar railed fence and it is rotting away. David said LeRoy Vogl is requesting the city to continue the jersey rails in that area. David said we may have to find three sections of jersey rail. Mayor Anderson said for David to pursue the jersey rails and that he will stop up and take a look at the area with John Youngwirth.

Laura Snider told council that she had left information in the council mail boxes regarding asbestos being washed down the Kootenai River from the Libby vermiculite mine. She asked that the city only use Myrtle Creek for our water source. David said we have only used the river about three days in the past three years. He has thought about asking the Tribe about whether they have tested for this. Laura said that made her feel much better because she thought we used the river much more than that.

Grant Cashen, owner of the Mary Rose Apartments on Stephens Street, said he has cleaned up the apartments and made this good family housing. His concern was noise coming from the dogs at the Second Chance Animal Adoption Agency. He said the barking dogs have caused problems for himself and the tenants of his building including the use of the landscaping he has done in the back of the apartments. He spoke of the city's nuisance ordinance and asked the city to enforce the ordinance. Mayor Anderson said council will discuss this with the city police and get back to him. Grant said he has recordings of the dog noise at different times of the day.

Police Chief Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There have been two burglaries, one reckless driving, one emergency mental hold, four accidents, four agency assists, two intoxicated pedestrians, three unattended deaths, one silent alarm at a private business, two malicious injury to property charges, one resisting and obstructing an officer, one car stolen in Ephrata, Washington where a city officer assisted Boundary County Sheriff's Office where a chase ensued to Libby, Montana, two DUIs, one child abuse, one warrant arrest, one credit card fraud, one probation violation, and one theft case.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said Monday night trainings have been handled by Jock Johnson who is a State certified trainer. A check from TransCanada was received for \$4,000 for an air chisel but they have told the fire chief that the money can be used for the freight on the new command

center. There were two assists for the Ambulance, the fire department also assisted the coroner for a dead person to be moved from a difficult spot, Valley View School had an alarm go off due to their popcorn machine, and a carbon monoxide alarm went off at the County Extension Office. Councilman Clark asked when the command center will be here. Pat told council it depends on who we get to deliver the machine but it will probably be after the first of the year.

David Sims gave the City Administrator's report. He spoke to council regarding the water main that broke in front of Bonnerport Mall. He showed council a piece of pipe where the leak occurred and said it is possible that the coatings were bad when it was installed. The line has been repaired. He said the insurance adjuster was up yesterday so that process is underway. David said the building repair and the sidewalk repair will be done simultaneously. The leak caused about five feet of water to enter the building and there was quite a bit of mud in the building as well due to the Bonnerport building not having a concrete foundation under part of the building. David has spoken to the Commissioners regarding the waterline at the District 2 ball park and the county will dig the trench for the waterline and will help with the Railroad permit. The recycle containers are being dumped three times per week, averaging about 30 yards per week. He said the county recycle trailers only average 24 yards in a month. The estimated cost for this recycle pickup is \$800 and we will continue on the trial basis funded by Ron Frederickson until January 10, 2012. The dumpsters being used are six yard and there are ten yard dumpsters available but they are taller so they would be more difficult to use. The dumpster at the Middle School is being used more than the one on the north side. David has asked Ron to come up with a new estimate for curbside for the end of the trial period. David is estimating about \$1.00 per month increase to keep the recycle sites going. David has received many positive comments. He said there have been some commercial businesses using the recycle sites. The city got a Gem Grant for a water project for a continuous loop near the new grocery store.

Mike Sloan said we got a \$40,000 Gem Grant for a water project for increasing the fire flow where the Super 1 Store is being built and in that area. David said when we applied for the grant the city asked Super 1 to fund the match and they have agreed to this.

Chris Clark asked what the estimate would be to install water at the ball park in District 2. David said it was estimated to be \$20,000 but that is being reviewed. The smallest line that DEQ will allow is three inch. David and Mike are looking at another rural grant for possible funding for the waterline.

Chris Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; the Treasurer's report; and approval of November 14, 2011 special council meeting minutes and November 15, 2011 council meeting minutes.

Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the police/fire contract with the Kootenai Tribe for fiscal year 2012. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The mileage restriction in the personnel policy was discussed. Mayor Anderson said he would like to leave this alone and make exceptions when necessary. He said the problem was a hire previously made without the council’s discussion. Rick Alonzo said there is a private citizen that put himself through the academy and he lives on the Colburn Culver Road and that is 23 miles away. Mayor Anderson said he would like this left alone with exceptions made when necessary.

Tom Mayo moved to accept the election results for the November 8, 2011 election by adopting Resolution 2012-01. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: for the Mayor’s seat David K. Anderson received 243 votes and Stephen E. Galbraith received 170 votes; for council seats Rick Alonzo received 243 votes, Chris Clark received 132 votes, David A. Gray received 156 votes, and Connie M. Wells received 232 votes).

A phone call was placed to Councilman Mike Klaus and he was put on speaker phone so he could hear and the group could hear him.

Tom Mayo moved to suspend reading Ordinance 529 on three different days. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to read Ordinance 529 by title only. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

David Sims read Ordinance 529 by title only.

Tom Mayo moved to adopt Ordinance 529. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Councilman Mike Klaus ended his phone call.

The vehicle use policy was discussed. Rick Alonzo thinks we should add “in case of an accident that a drug and alcohol test be had by the person having the accident”. David said as the policy is written it prohibits texting or dialing on cell phones while driving city vehicles with the exception of the police. Connie Wells moved to approve the vehicle use policy with the addition of drug and alcohol testing following an accident. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The contract with the Shilo Inns was discussed. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Shilo Inns. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

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

The ICRMP Risk Management Discount Program was discussed. There will be safe driver and sexual harassment prevention training classes that will need to be taken as well as sign that the policies of the city have been read including the personnel policy, harassment policy, and vehicle use policy. David said the supervisors will also have to take an additional training class on preventing discrimination. The program needs to be completed by the 1st of March, 2012. The employees will be allowed to complete the training on city time and with city equipment. There also has to be 100 percent compliance by the city council and mayor. Chris Clark moved to participate in the ICRMP Risk Management Discount Program. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Woodward’s compensation was discussed. Mike is going off the city health insurance and his pay has been under \$12.00 per hour. Mayor Anderson said he highly recommends that we pay \$35 per hour to Mike. Tom Mayo said we should know that this would be an increase. Chris Clark moved to pay Mike Woodward \$35 per hour. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick said the Police Department would like to hire Jodi Hubbard as a part-time patrol officer for the completion of this calendar year and then would like to consider putting her on full-time after the first of January. Connie Wells moved to hire Jodi Hubbard as a part-time employee. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The conservation program with Bonneville Power Administration was discussed. David said in the coming year we are looking at \$52,000 in the program. The city has accrued about \$60,000 in administration fees that could be used to keep the program going. Most of the conservation efforts have been commercial accounts other than the light bulbs and appliance rebates. David said insulation and windows are more difficult programs to manage because they need to have energy audits first. He said some contractors can handle the paperwork and some cannot. David said windows or insulation would be a higher cost to the homeowner and would only apply to electric heated homes not natural gas.

Dike repairs were discussed. There is an area across from the tennis courts and a small area, about 50 feet, near the old Riley Creek Mill site and the Corps is willing to pay for this repair at an estimated cost of \$160,000 and we can do in kind work for our share of \$29,800. All of the dike deficiencies identified on the last report must be done before the repairs can be done. One of the items listed as a deficiency is the tree house near the dike in the Eaton Addition. David said the dike easements have been located. He said the first question to council is whether we want to stay in the dike maintenance program or not. Council thinks it is wise to stay in the

program. Tom said it would be prudent to talk to the landowner with the tree house. David said the Corps is willing to listen to alternatives. The group discussed trees on the dikes and the pros and cons. David said the rule is if the vegetation is over four inches in diameter that it needs to be removed. Some of the work may be done in house but some may need to be contracted. Mayor Anderson said the City of Coeur d'Alene is fighting the tree removal on their dikes. He said Coeur d'Alene is looking at spending millions of dollars to shore up their dikes. David said he will get in contact with Tremain Albright about the dike near his residence.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, Clerk