

Mayor David Anderson called the December 15, 2009 regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President David Gray, Council Members John Langs, Chris Clark, and Connie Wells, 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, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Carolyn Testa, Suzanne Cullinane from Idaho Forest Products, and Tom Mayo.

Ernie Bray was not able to attend the council meeting this evening. Mike Sloan will address the fiber optic broadband project later on the agenda.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There were four traffic accidents, two DUI's, two petit thefts, four medical assists, one mental subject, two agency assists, one unattended death, three curfew violations, two no drivers license charges, one invalid license charge, two suspended drivers license charges, a malicious injury to property, and one preliminary injunction violation.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said it has been surprisingly quiet since the cold weather hit. Pat said we were successful with the bid on the fire ladder truck apparatus. Whoever goes down to pick up the apparatus will be housed by the Nampa Fire Department and training will be available for whoever picks up the truck.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrators report. He said after reviewing the utility bills during the budget process, we have had some of the buildings retrofitted and it has paid off. Thursday there is a public meeting for the Alderson Lane Project and it will be a listening session for the residents in the area of the project. He said the street department has worked plowing for a consecutive eight hour period and this has resulted in the mechanic also putting in the same number of hours on equipment maintenance due to the old equipment.

Dave Gray requested to move item #4 (AWWA Leadership Class) from the consent agenda to executive session for personnel discussion and also item #14 (Letter to Idaho Forest Group) from information to executive session for discussion under legal. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda except item #4. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval for Steve Galbraith to attend Vegetation Management Classes on January 26, 2010 in Coeur d'Alene.

The lease with the Chamber of Commerce for the visitor center was discussed. The insurance requirement for the Chamber has been stricken. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease with the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the visitor center for 2010. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mike Sloan spoke of the fiber to the home or fiber optic broadband project. He said the right of way agreements are being worked on. The city has sent the pole use agreements that we currently have in place as well as the franchise ordinance. The new agreements should be completed and sent to the city by the end of this week. Mike said we only have until January 2, 2010 to respond with the items required by Rural Development under the grant application for the fiber optic project. We have made the first cut and are on our way according to Mike. Mayor Anderson said we originally planned to have the grant approved before the structure of the project was done because we would not have been able to have proceeded without the grant funding. Mike said Panhandle Area Council (PAC) will be the head of the structure of the project since the project is multi-jurisdictional. Mayor Anderson said the city would have to sign an agreement with PAC because there is no entity formed yet for the fiber to the home project. Stephen gave the example of the county owning the airport but different folks flying into the airport. Mike said if he receives updated information that he will email it to the council. The City of Moyie will do their part with Panhandle Area Council by resolution. Mike expressed concern about the short time frame and the holidays. He said we may need a special meeting to meet the deadline of January 2, 2010 with the information.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Boundary County, City of Moyie Springs, Community Hospital, and the City of Bonners Ferry was discussed. David Sims said Boundary County will be the lead entity applying for the grant with PAC administering the grant. Attorney Tim Wilson expressed concern about paragraph 2 in the MOU concerning the funding of cost overages or shortages being shifted as mutually agreed upon. David said each entity will be responsible for shortages relating to their projects but if there is an overage of funding available the group will need to determine how that money will be spent. David said the grant application is due on Friday in Boise and he will call Nancy Mabile from PAC and work out the question on the MOU. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU with the approval of administrative and legal. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Stephen commented that group purchasing by the entities will save money over the individual bids. David said the estimates were done on the high end to be conservative. The projects for the City of Bonners Ferry are heating and air conditioning for city hall and new windows for the fire hall.

The contract with Sewell and Associates was reviewed. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for 2010 with Sewell and Associates for building inspections and plan reviews. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Stephen gave the history of the building inspection process. He said the city has required building permits for many years but the Legislature changed the law to read that if you have building permits that you must also do inspections or if you don’t require building permits that you don’t need to do anything, similar to the county. The council thought building permits were important so the city started doing inspections through Sewell and Associates.

John Langs moved to approve the Fee Schedule Resolution 2010-01. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. The only fees that changed were the recent utility rate increases.

Connie Wells moved to approve the beverage licenses for 2010 pending receipt of the proper documentation and fees. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Rick commented that the Last Chance Saloon and Sportsman had not completed the State paperwork yet.

Dave Gray addressed the group. He offered the following suggestions for consideration for the new council: appoint Mike Klaus as Panhandle Area Council Representative, appoint Connie Wells to the BEDC, and appoint Chris Clark to KVRI and also as Council Chairman. Mayor Anderson said he agrees with the recommendations and said he will contact the council before the next meeting.

Dave Gray moved to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss personnel and legal. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 8:06 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

Dave Gray moved to approve attendance of the AWWA Leadership Training in Moscow for Doug Ladely and Dan Rice. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk