

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Connie Wells, Council Members Bob Blanford, Rick Alonzo, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Deputy Police Chief Foster Mayo, and Water/Sewer Department Mike Wade. Also present were Laura Roady, Ken Baker, Tony Rohrwasser, Ron Smith, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Stephanie Sims, Ruth Sutton, Dale Simpson, Jerry Higgs, and Deborah Woods.

Tony Rohrwasser from South Boundary Fire addressed council regarding communications. He said they have been awarded about \$400,000 in grant funding to upgrade the emergency services communications. He said there will be a new channel for all emergency services to use to that will reach all areas in the county. He is requesting to put an antennae on the city tower. Mayor Anderson said we will be supportive in any way we can. He said we will work through our fire chief and police chief. Tony said the bid went to Industrial Communications.

Dave Kramer said a felony DUI arrest was made. A hit and run accident with a school bus loaded with 44 children occurred but the suspect is still unidentified. There were two warrant arrests made and a person had a Christmas gift stolen from his unlocked vehicle. A grant for a new radio for the new police car has been obtained and the new car is arriving in Montana soon to get equipped.

Pat Warkentin said he has been working with Ken Baker of Boundary Volunteer Ambulance for the use of the fire hall for overnight stays for after hour calls. He said early this morning there was an ambulance call to help a person that had fallen out of bed and could not get up. This would be an unpaid call for the ambulance. Pat said there are many calls like this.

Stephen Boorman introduced Mike Wade to the group and said he did some welding on the penstock at the dam. The emergency action plan training will be Friday. A sewer workshop will be on January 21st.

David Sims said he is working on financing for the Restorium bus. He is working with the Area on Aging but there is a stipulation that it be available to all seniors in the community. The funding would provide for an employee and maintenance costs on the bus. Susan Kiebert is working on other funding sources for the bus. The goal is to have a bus for all seniors to use. David said there is information on a fiber project that the City of Amon is working on. This legislation would allow cities to operate fiber networks. He will have more information when it is available. The Library is still working on their remodel project. Eric Olson from H&H Engineering will be up tomorrow to look at the Augusta Street project and give a cost estimate.

David Sims said the urban renewal agency met last week with the goal to sign a resolution for bonding with a funding date of January. The Board had concerns about the district area that would be committed to repayment of the bonds so they are working with the bank and bond counsel to get the issues resolved. The changes are significant enough that the bank may not want to work with them according to David.

Toni Rohrwasser left the meeting.

Connie Wells moved to add late agenda item to discuss firewood at the golf course. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to accept the consent agenda. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of December 3, 2013 council meeting minutes; and approval for Andrakay Pluid to attend the Idaho Prosecuting Attorney’s Association Winter Conference in Boise from February 5-7, 2014.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the 2014 beverage licenses pending receipt of payment and proper documentation. Bob Blanford seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Change order #1 for the power plant unit 3 repair project was discussed. This change order is for taking the rotor and stator to the shop at Riverside to have it dipped and baked. The machine will be taken to the shop to be cleaned, varnished, and baked and this will give new insulation so this is a good opportunity to refurbish the machine. The turbine bearing is also part of this change order as it is not known until the machine is taken apart whether the bearings are bad. This was bid as an alternate. Bob Blanford asked what the warranty is on this. Stephen said it is a one year warranty. An insulation test and drop testing will be done. Connie Wells moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 on the Moyie power plant unit 3 repair project. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tom Mayo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the space rental agreement with Selkirk Loop. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said the automotive scanner does the full diagnostics on all the newer vehicles and some of the new parts have to be programed with the vehicle number. Bob Blanford asked how many vehicles the city has that would use the scanner. Stephen anticipated there were at least 20. He said it would be used on any OBD (onboard diagnostic system) compatible vehicle. Rick Alonzo moved to purchase the automotive scanner from Snap On for \$10,800. Bob Blanford seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Dave Kramer recommended that council hire Deborah Ann Woods as police secretary. He introduced Deborah Ann to the group. Rick Alonzo moved to hire Deborah Ann Woods as the police administrative assistant. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: the hourly rate is \$10.00). Deborah Ann said she is looking forward to working with the department. Mayor Anderson welcomed her aboard.

Dave Kramer said Boundary County has a program for a Chaplain Corp and he would like to Bonners Ferry join this organization. He said it is a nondenominational program and no religion is promoted. He would like to have approval to use this resource and will develop a policy for the use. Pat Warkentin said a member of the fire department is on the Chaplain Corp and he

works well with the fire department and fits in. Pat recommends this highly. Dave Kramer read the mission statement of the Chaplain Corp. Dave asked for an endorsement to use this group. Rick Alonzo said it is a wonderful idea as when a death notification is given the Chaplain can help with the people receiving the death notice. Rick Alonzo moved to allow the police department to use the Chaplain Corp. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Augusta Street was discussed. David Sims said the city has applied for grant funding on three different occasions. He said Community Choices has funding that may be available to us for the project of building sidewalks and taking care of drainage issues. The grant requires match funding and there is a question of how much the drainage and street work will cost. The funding would be available in 2015. Mayor Anderson suggested that we improve the highway crossing at the end of Augusta Street and Highway 95. Connie Wells moved to authorize submission of the Augusta Street sidewalk and drainage project grant. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Bob Blanford asked if there is a plan for the city for projects such as this. David Sims said we have a traffic study that mentions this. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The Kootenai Tribal fire and law enforcement contract discussion will be taken to executive session according to Mayor Anderson.

The golf course firewood was discussed. Stephen is asking for direction for the sale of the firewood at the golf course as we have people that are interested. Rick said he heard comments that the hauling of the wood would cost as much as the wood. Bob Blanford thinks pulp price might be the way to go. He said the last time he got a pulp price it was about \$30 per ton and there are about 27 tons to a load. If the pulp price is over \$30 per ton we will sell it to Fodge according to Council direction.

Connie Wells moved at 7:40 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (e) (f). Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. At 8:29 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

The Kootenai Tribal fire and law enforcement contract was discussed. Rick Alonzo moved to have the city attorney and staff clarify the contract. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Bob Blanford “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk