

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of December 20, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Deputy Police Chief Joel Minor, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan. Also present were Ruth Sutton, Rich Beck, Marcia Cossette, and Dave Gray. Council Chairman Chris Clark was gone on personal business.

Police Chief Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said there was one unattended death, two warrant arrests, two driving without privileges, one Federal Trade Commission fraud, three DUIs, one possession of marijuana, one domestic disturbance, one prohibited release of information, and one agency assist.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said there have been seven fire calls in the month of December. One of the calls was at the Mary Rose Apartments and there were no barking dogs heard by the fire department. There was a false alarm at the Bonnerport Mall, one ambulance assist, a vehicle in the Cow Creek slough, and a chicken house fire in the Creamery building. The command vehicle is on its way to Bonners Ferry from Florida.

Stephen said there is a year-end letter from the Mayor for the paper. The new loader has arrived and the plow will be here soon. Emergency Action Plan training is next Wednesday at city hall. The key to the training is call out procedures. Stephen spoke of conservation. He said as a requirement of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) contracts it is a requirement to provide conservation projects. He said we have spent over \$500,000 for conservation projects in the last few years that have been reimbursed by BPA. Going forward there is only \$50,000 available from BPA but the city has about \$60,000 left in conservation funds. He said the city needs to make the decision if there are going to be conservation projects funded by rate payer dollars going forward. Two projects on the horizon are lighting at the Middle School and Valley View gym. BPA would fund about 70 percent of the costs. North Idaho Energy Logs is also interested in upgrading their lighting. New lighting fixtures are much better and much more energy efficient. The State through the American Reinvestment Act paid for upgrading lighting at the Alternative School and we are waiting to see where the State funding is at with the School District as they had wanted to upgrade lighting at the high school gym.

Mike Sloan said there was a meeting in Sandpoint today with U.S. Metronets and Jerry James from Comtel. He was looking to see that the communities were supporting of the fiber project. Blackfoot will meet tomorrow with him. The voting is estimated to be in the middle of January by the Blackfoot Board of Directors. He said the 38 acre property sale for the industrial park west of Three Mile closed yesterday. Mike Klaus asked when we can expect the fiber project to come to Bonners Ferry. Mike Sloan said as soon as the money is raised the project should be done if Blackfoot Board of Directors agrees to do the project. Stephen said there will be several months of contractual agreements to be worked out. He said there are different types of

construction needed on the fiber for commercial and residential. He said Blackfoot is used to working in rural areas so they would be good for our type of project.

Mike Klaus said the URA is getting close to working out an agreement with Super 1 and he anticipates signed documents in January.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of December 6, 2011 council meeting minutes; and approval for two street employees to attend sweeper training classes in Portland on January 18, 2012.

Mayor Anderson said the unmanned recycling sites in town are quite a success. The sites are clean and have had to be hauled several times per week. He would like to extend the experiment but we have to figure out how to pay for this service or if we should go the route of recycle pickup at the individual residences. Mayor Anderson would like to forward \$800 for the continuance of the program. Stephen said the unmanned sites would cause a rate increase of about \$1 per customer and the estimated increase would be about \$3.00 for curbside pickup. Tom Mayo said Claine Skeen has been very happy about the recyclables being brought to the landfill. Tom said some county residents are using our recycling containers. Stephen said there have also been some commercial businesses using our recycle containers. Mayor Anderson said we can approach the county because we are saving money for the county. Mike Klaus moved to continue the recycling program for another month with the \$800 being paid from the garbage fund. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen gave an overview on the dike maintenance needed. There is about \$160,000 worth of work that needs to be done near the fairgrounds and there is about \$29,000 that is the city share. Our share can be in-kind. The homeowners that have the tree house have met with David Sims and Stephen Boorman and were informed about the requirements of the PL34 program. The repair project will take about a week to complete. Mayor Anderson said we cannot miss an opportunity to repair the dike.

The Museum Board would like to display rebuilt old tractors during the Smithsonian Exhibit in May and June. They have asked the city if they would be allowed to use the old bridge abutment for this display. Attorney Tim Wilson asked if the old bridge will stand up to the weight and also said the tractor owners should sign an indemnity agreement. Tom Mayo moved to allow the bridge abutment to be used for the tractor display. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo spoke about Jodi Hubbard being promoted to full-time from a part-time position. He said this will fill the position vacated when Don Moore left. Mike Klaus moved to promote

Jodi Hubbard from part-time to full time effective January 2, 2012. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo spoke about Chris Sabin being approved as a reserve officer. He is a Sergeant First Class in the Army and a combat medic. Chris will retire from the Army at the end of this year and will go forward with law enforcement training. Mike Klaus moved to hire Chris Sabin as a reserve officer. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to hire Susanna Miller as janitor for \$10.00 per hour for cleaning city hall. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen spoke about the relay testing that the electrical system needs. He said relay testing is industry standard and Dave Lager of Lagers’ E.T. & M. is one of the best contractors for this. He wants to have him test the North Bench substation and the Moyie substation also when he does the other testing. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Lager’s E.T.&M. for relay testing up to \$10,000. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. Motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Right of way work needs to be done near the golf course and Stephen is requesting that we contract with Inland Vegetation Management for the work. He said it is possible that Matt Maggi will do this work. The County and the Railroad are in agreement to the right of way work that needs to take place. Stephen said this is an amendment to the original contract. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Inland Vegetation Management for up to \$4,000 for the right of way work near the golf course. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Tom Mayo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Mike Klaus “yes”.

The discharge monitoring reports are currently done on paper and we are now required to file those electronically. Connie Wells moved to authorize signature of the necessary paperwork for EPA for electronic submittal of the discharge monitoring reports. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Connie Wells moved to approve the beverage licenses for 2012 for 14 businesses pending receipt of the payment of fees and receipt of proper documentation. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: Beverage licenses approved were for: Lane 9, Akins Harvest Foods, Eagles Aerie #3522, Kootenai River Inn, Last Chance Saloon, Mugsy’s Tavern and Grill, Papa Byrd’s Bistro, Pizza Factory, Safeway, South Hill Mini Mart, Kootenai Brewing Company, Cenex Petroleum dba Zip Trip Store, Under the Sun, and Mario’s Restaurant).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk