

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled Council meeting of January 2, 2007 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, Council Members John Langs, Leslie Falcon, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, and Police Chief Dave Kramer. Also present was Dave Anderson.

Dave Kramer gave the police report. There were 1029 cases in 2006. There was a hit and run accident near the Library where a light pole was knocked over. One DUI arrest on New Year's Eve and a drug arrest earlier in the week. Dave said Mountain West has donated partitions and desks to the Police Department. Dave will be working on addressing and putting out a bill stuffer notifying the public to put house numbers on their residences. He will also contact the Boy Scouts to see if they can assist the public putting up the house numbers. There are a few students from Northwest Academy that will be volunteering at the dog pound.

Dave Gray requested that item number five be pulled from the consent agenda. Dave Gray moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item number five. John Langs seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of January 2, 2007 accounts payable; approval of December 5 and December 19, 2006 council meeting minutes.

Under annexation, Stephen said the developer has been in to meet with the City and the first portion they plan to develop is in the city limits. They will return in a couple weeks with their subdivision proposal.

Tim Wilson, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Dave said the rough draft of the overnight parking agreement is being reviewed by the City Attorney.

Larry Owsley said there were 63 fire calls last year. There was an alarm issue at Valley View School today but did not amount to anything.

Mayor Kerby recommended appointing Golf Committee members and Traffic Safety Committee members subject to their approval. Leslie Falcon moved to approve the appointments. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. (Clerk's note: Golf Committee Members Cal Russell and Louise Carter; Traffic Safety Members Barry Pauls, Carole Maring, and Shirley Hamilton).

John Langs moved to adopt Resolution 2007-02 Records Retention Schedule. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the Idaho Department of Commerce grant pay request #5 for Welch Comer for the water improvement project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Welch Comer for the backwash project. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Attorney Tim Wilson spoke to Council regarding the contract wording concerning liability insurance and EPA fines. Stephen said the liability insurance clause was corrected today to meet the city's requirements. The group discussed the contract. Tim thinks the contract will be fine the way it is worded. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding contract renewals. Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts with Brimhall Excavating and Mike Kelly. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding Lake City Infrared. They camera our electric lines and find hot spots that need to be repaired. Leslie Falcon moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign the contract with Lake City Infrared to check our electric lines. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray congratulated Dave Kramer for being chosen to go to the Rural Law Enforcement Training in San Diego in March. Dave also commented on the power point presentation that Dave Kramer will present on our Police force. Leslie Falcon asked about coverage. Dave Gray moved to approve the travel for Dave Kramer. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen explained the claim for damage and the problems that caused it on the Cathie Peterson claim. John Langs inquired about the tort claim process. Mayor Kerby and Stephen explained.

Mayor Kerby spoke regarding the letter received from the Army Corps of Engineers on the levee system. The Colonel and the General of the Army Corps will be in Bonners Ferry in a week or so to meet with the Bonners Ferry Emergency Management Executive Committee. Mayor Kerby stated that we need to work with the Corps to meet our needs. Dave Kramer said the City has applied for \$75,000 grant funding from Homeland Security for levee work and the City plans to use the money on the levee near the sewer lagoon. Mayor Kerby feels that the levee near the sewer lagoon needs to be corrected as soon as possible. The group continued to discuss the levees and the Corps of Engineers.

Stephen commented that the City received a letter from another contractor that does building inspections. It appears that the first year the contractor would be cheaper than Sewell. He said Sewell and Associates have done a good job for us.

Stephen explained the contract with ER Balancing for power plant maintenance. Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the ER Balancing contract for maintenance at the prices listed. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen proposed the fire extinguisher maintenance contract with Oxarc. Larry Owsley said Oxarc did not do a good job for the fire department. The issue was tabled so Stephen and Larry can discuss the issue further.

Mayor Kerby commented that the Judge signed the water/sewer district dissolution order today effective January 1, 2007. The assets and liabilities of the North Water and Sewer District and South Hill Water and Sewer District now belong to the City of Bonners Ferry.

Stephen explained that many of the water meters are being estimated at this time due to the weather. The water department will be installing electronic reading devices to the meters of the North Water District and South Hill Water District.

Stephen said there will be an employee meeting on February 9, 2007 and there will be a chili contest for lunch.

Leslie thanked the electric department for hanging the holiday decorations.

Russ Docherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk