

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 17, 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, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Deputy Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Necia Miani from Welch Comer, Jason Thomas, and Dale Fletcher from North Idaho Building Inspections.

Jason Thomas spoke to Council regarding the 4th of July celebration. The Clydesdales are being petitioned for the parade and the celebration will be a larger event this year. Jason thinks we will draw people from Canada and Sandpoint for the events in Bonners Ferry if they look inviting enough. The woman in charge of the Festival in Sandpoint will be contacted for the 4th of July events. Jason is looking at raising \$7,000 for other than fireworks for the celebration. He requested that the donations be run through the City as a 4th of July fund and that all expenses be paid through the City. Mayor Kerby said the funding aspect would have to be explored. Police Chief Dave Kramer asked that Mr. Thomas keep him informed about the events being planned. Jason thinks it costs between \$9,000 and \$12,000 for fireworks. Jason left the meeting.

Tim Wilson joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Dale Fletcher spoke to Council regarding building inspection services that his business offers. He is certified in residential and commercial inspections as well as mechanical. His business is flexible as to hours and days of service. He carries \$500,000 liability insurance with an additional \$300,000 rider. He submitted a packet for Council's review and said there are references listed. The price of his contract can be negotiated according to Dale. The business has been in operation for six years. He explained the history of his business formation. There are offices in Hayden and Clearwater, and they just took on Shoshone County as a new client. Dale said the timeframe for building permit turnaround is typically 24 hours. Dale left the meeting.

Necia spoke to Council regarding the change orders for the water tank storage and system improvement project. The project is about 37 percent complete. She said the contract was for completion of the chlorine contact chamber within 60 days and that is not taking place. Winter shut down would then take place. The storage tank is due for completion by May 30th. In change order #2 the contractor is requesting to work through the winter and move the substantial completion date up to May 15th. The contractor is prepared to pay liquidated damages if the May 15th substantial completion date is not met. Change order #1 is for additional testing costs and replacement of fill that was unsuitable. This resulted in additional cost for compaction. Mike Klaus said there was an undetectable leak that caused part of the problem. The additional costs total \$12,049.84 for change order #1. There was a phone line conflict as well as unknown underground conditions that caused crew time delays. Mayor Kerby asked if the area is now cleaned up. Mike said it is. There will be as built drawings when the project is complete. Control joints for the chlorine contact chamber were not included in the design and they should have been. This is a cost of \$6,124.40. The bid price was \$1.47 million. John Langs asked about the

way the game is played. Stephen said there is risk with these type of projects. Mike explained that the contractor bid on the amounts of control joints that were specified. If the correct amount had been specified then the contractor would have bid on the proper amount. Leslie asked why the City is responsible rather than Welch Comer for the additional cost of the control joints. She thinks they should be responsible for the error and this is not the first time there has been an error made by Welch Comer. Stephen explained that if the project failed after completion due to the design then Welch Comer's insurance would pay for it. He said the difference between the bid price and the change order price gives the City an enhanced product. Mike said there is value of having the control joints included in our project. Stephen said one of the reasons the City pays is that the project belongs to the City when it is completed. Necia said the error was found before the contractor did his work and this is a good thing. Mayor Kerby asked when the chlorine contact chamber would be complete. Necia thinks it will be by the end of February. Mike said we will be in compliance with the disinfection by-products rule.

Mayor Kerby inquired about pressure reducing stations. Mike said sites have been identified and many leaks were found last summer. The pressure reduction valves and new lines are scheduled to be complete by the end of May. Mike said the standard now is an eight-inch minimum line.

Dave Gray moved to approve change orders #1 and #2 on the water tank and distribution improvement project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Kramer said there have been seven arrests were made in one day and several others since the last meeting. One of the arrests resulted in the building code violation. Dave reported that a citizen's complaint was made for a cattle truck that spilled manure. The Judge issued a \$10,000 bond on this particular case.

The police are setting up a tabletop exercise for response for a shooter at school. The date is April 14 from 8:00 a.m. until noon for the exercise. Other law enforcement is involved as well as the fire and ambulance. There will be funding through Homeland Security.

The group discussed the incident command system. Dave and Rick told the group that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the fire hall and encouraged Council to attend.

Larry Owsley gave the fire report. The Fire Chief attended a fire drill at Valley View School and the kindergarten. He said the kindergarten building was cleared in 16 seconds. Larry met with the new Administrator at the Restorium. A fire was responded to at the Laundromat near the Napa Store. The compressor is being worked on at the fire department. Ed Leach built a set of chains for the new fire truck and donated them to the City.

Leslie asked that item #7 be pulled from the consent agenda.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of number seven. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of January 17, 2007 accounts payable; approval for Rick Alonzo to attend Computer Crimes Training in Seattle from January 29 through February 2, 2007; approval for Dave Kramer to attend Idaho Chief's Association Meeting in Boise from February 2-5, 2007.

Dave Gray handed out the history of Bonners Ferry that was prepared by Howard Kent. The history as well as several pictures have been sent to Association of Idaho Cities for the history book being compiled.

The parking lot agreement was discussed. It will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Commissioners have declined to include the Sloan property in the area of impact. Mayor Kerby inquired whether Council wanted to pursue the issue. Leslie Falcon moved to set aside the area of impact request made by Sloans. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion died – Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, John Langs “abstained”, Dave Gray “abstained”. The Mayor did not vote.

Leslie Falcon moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign the contract with Magnuson, McHugh and Company for the 2006 audit. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen said Mike Woodward worked as an employee for the City to monitor the Visitor's Center project but now he has left City employment due to restrictions associated with the Public Retirement System. He requested that the City now allow Welch Comer to do the oversight of the project as they will hire Mike Woodward as their employee and the City will pay Welch Comer for these services. Council agreed.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign contracts with KGT Septic and Mastre Backhoe. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

The group discussed the sewer lagoon engineering contract with Welch Comer. The insurance limits were corrected to meet City standards. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Welch Comer for sewer lagoon engineering. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The hazard mitigation grant through Homeland Security was briefly discussed. Mike Klaus has submitted the grant paperwork for armoring around the sewer lagoon. This grant is for \$75,000. John Langs inquired about the cost of the project. Stephen said the area near the sewer lagoon that needs armoring is estimated to cost about \$200,000. Leslie Falcon moved to commit to the HMGP grant application. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #3 for B.F. Builders for the water improvement project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #3 for B.F. Builders for the visitor’s center and parking lot project pending approval of Idaho Transportation Department. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Kramer recommended hiring David McClelland as police officer to replace the vacancy created by Allen Ashby leaving. Dave feels he would be a good fit. This position would be a patrol position but Mr. McClelland would be a corporal. Dave Gray moved to hire David McClelland. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to advertise for a lineman. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The purchase of two computers was discussed. One would be for the electric department and the other would be for the mechanic. Leslie Falcon moved to approve the purchase of two computers for the electric department and the city mechanic. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The Engineering and Operations training in Tacoma, Washington was discussed. Leslie Falcon moved to authorize Dan Rice to attend the training in Tacoma Washington in April. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the pay request for Welch Comer and Panhandle Area Council through the Idaho Community Development Block Grant. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby said January 30, 2007 at 6:30 is the meeting for all entities in Boundary County and will be held at the Kootenai River Inn. Projects and goals for the coming year will be discussed. This will be a posted meeting and is open to the public.

Dave Kramer spoke to Council regarding the dog pound relocating. The Commissioners want to meet with the City on next Monday to discuss the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kris Larson, City Clerk