Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of February 7, 2006 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, Deputy Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present was Elizabeth Ciepiela from the Bonners Ferry Herald.

Larry Owsley said there have been two fire incidents since the last meeting. One on Buchanan involved a natural gas incident where the shut off was broken off below the valve. The Bonners Ferry Fire Department kept the area secured until Avista arrived. The other incident was on Chippewa Drive and was a chimney fire that breached into the attic. Later in the evening there was another incident at the same residence that was related to electrical problems. The incidents were non-related.

Dave Gray moved to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of January 17, 2006 regular council meeting minutes and January 31, 2006 special council meeting minutes; approval for Rick Alonzo to attend Taser Instructor Recertification Class in Coeur d’Alene on March 9-10, 2006; approval for three Fire Officers to attend North Idaho Fire Officer Academy in Coeur d’Alene on February 25-26, 2006.

The area of impact is still at the county according to Tim Wilson.

Annexation of property is being worked on according to Attorney Tim Wilson.

Russ Docherty moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 497 by title only. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Kris Larson read Ordinance 497 by title only.

Stephen Boorman spoke to council regarding the bucket truck bid award. Leslie Falcon moved to accept the bid from Titan Truck for $85,500. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The group discussed the surplus of the 1996 bucket truck and liability that the city may have. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen told Council that annually the City hires a company to check and inspect the electrical lines. It is a good service that detects problems before an outage. The lines are thermal imaged according to Stephen. Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with River City Infrared for electrical line inspection. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to approve the catering permit for Last Chance Saloon for the Selkirk Mountain Realty Open House on March 4, 2006. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.
Leslie Falcon moved to approve the City mileage rate of 44.5 cents. John Langs seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby explained the Panhandle Area Council organization to the group. Russ Docherty is our representative to the Panhandle Area Council Board and Mick Mellett was the alternate. Dave Gray moved to nominate Leslie Falcon for the Panhandle Area Council Board Alternate. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Rick Alonzo spoke to Council regarding the new patrol car bids. There is a quote from Dyck’s Oil and Auto for $19,500 after trade in for a GMC Yukon and another quote from Riverside Auto for $18,000 after trade in for a Dodge Durango. Rick said the equipment for the Tahoe would retrofit to the Yukon but the Durango would need equipment purchases made. Russ Docherty said a new vehicle could be purchased for about $3,000 more than these quotes. Russ Docherty encouraged the purchase of a new vehicle for about $3,500 more. The warranty would be better and the city would have a new vehicle. Stephen explained the new bidding and purchasing laws. Russ Docherty moved to table the issue until further investigation can be done. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to replace Dean Satchwell’s computer according to the specs that he has provided. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby informed Council that John Lindberg and his wife have donated $70,000 to the School District for lights for the soccer field. The City has been requested to provide guidance for the proper electrical fixtures and possibly set the poles for the project. Stephen said he met with Don Bartling and Jim Base from the School District concerning the project. Russ Docherty moved to help the School District by arranging the lighting for the soccer field. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Stephen said the School District will have to come up with another $12,000 to complete the project based on his estimates. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to approve Pay Request #3 for the District 1 Waterline Project to S&L Underground for $185,411.48. 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 the water tank project. A community development block grant was applied for through Department of Commerce for engineering and administration for the water tank project. Other funding the City will receive is coming from USDA Rural Development for the funding of the approximate $2,000,000 project. The scope of work for engineering could not be worked on until the funding source was secured from the block grant. The City has been informed that we have made the first cut so the engineering scope can now be worked on and the funding for it will apply through the block grant. Stephen said approximately 20 percent of the project is anticipated to be
spent on engineering. Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the water tank scoping agreement. John Langs seconded the motion. Mayor Kerby said he will not sign the contract until the staff and he have reviewed it. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the State to pay Welch Comer for the Visitor’s Center project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen said the references for Will Brimhall and Garrett Hall have been good. Leslie Falcon moved to enter into a contract with Will Brimhall and Garrett Hall for water meter installation and to hire them as part-time employees. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Leslie has received positive comments regarding the meter installations.

Leslie Falcon moved to accept the Disclaimer of Interest from the Department of Lands and to pay them $600 for the parking lot property. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby recommended appointing Linda Hiatt to the Golf Committee for a two year term. Russ Docherty moved to accept the Mayor’s recommendation. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding Bonneville contracts. The City’s contract runs through 2011 with Bonneville Power Administration.

Mayor Kerby said there is an opportunity to learn about urban renewal districts at a meeting at the Extension Office on February 14, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a posted meeting of the City as well as the County.

The disinfection by-product notice was briefly discussed. The new water tank should take care of this type of problem in the future.

Russ Docherty moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 for discussion of legal and personnel issues. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 8:19 p.m. Leslie Falcon moved to go out of executive session. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

At 8:20 p.m. the meeting adjourned due to there being no further business.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk

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