

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 6, 2018 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Valerie Thompson, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Colleen Garrigan, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Planner Lisa Ailport, Police Chief Vic Watson, and Fire Chief Dave Winey. Also present were Jessica Tingley, Marty Martinez, Christine McNair, Dave Gray, Marcia Cossette, and Mike Weland.

Mayor Sims swore in Colleen Garrigan as the new Clerk/Treasurer.

Police Chief Vic Watson gave the police report for the past two weeks. He said there was one battery, one verbal domestic, two non-injury accidents, two driving without privileges, one felony drug arrest, one trespass, one unlawful entry, one petit theft, and one investigate suspicious. He said there's a meeting amongst law enforcement officials and prosecutors in accordance with the hospital on March 20th to discuss mental health protocols. One of our spare cars went down, so it's at Bear Auto. Mayor Sims asked when the new vehicle will be ready. Chief Vic said it is ready now, and he just needs to go get it.

Fire Chief Dave Winey said they've had 3 calls since the last meeting. An odor smell, they helped with the overturned log truck, and CO alarm.

City Administrator Mike Klaus stated that the new parts arrived today for unit four at the power plant. They'll be spinning and making power again this week.

Dennis Weed from BEDC is not in attendance. There is an Urban Renewal meeting next Tuesday.

Rick Alonzo made a motion to add late agenda item Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho code 74-206, Subsection 1 (c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; Reason not on agenda: It was left off the agenda in error. Reason for action: Information for council is needed before the next meeting. Ron Smith seconded. The motion passed, all in favor.

Valerie Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda. Adam Arthur seconded. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Valerie Thompson “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of Treasurer's Report; and approval of February 20, 2018 council meeting minutes.

Ron Smith made a motion to approve the catering permit for Danielle Reasoner doing business as Mugsy's Tavern and Grill for April 7, 2018 at the Chic N Chop for the Republican Committee Event. Rick Alonzo seconded. The motion passed, all in favor.

Lisa Ailport gave a recap of the background of the DosRamos annexation to date. On February 9, 2018 the City and DosRamos entered into an annexation agreement that was recorded with the property. The annexation ordinance has been drafted, but a separate ordinance will be needed for the new zoning map.

Adam Arthur made a motion to have the first reading of the DosRamos Annexation Ordinance. Valerie Thompson seconded. The motion passed, all in favor.

Lisa Ailport read the DosRamos Annexation Ordinance.

Mike Klaus presented the proposal for a new security counter for the Clerk's Office. The quote for the protective glass and door system is \$11,420, and the quote for the new counter is \$7,675. Some framing & drywall work will be done by City staff for \$5,000, which brings the total to \$24,095. He said it takes about five weeks for the glass to come in. The security upgrades are needed because there's been an increase in the number of volatile individuals coming into City Hall.

Rick Alonzo made a motion to approve the security counter for the Clerk's office up to \$24,095. Valerie Thompson second. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Valerie Thompson “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mayor Sims briefed us on last week's meeting in Sandpoint regarding the proposed smelter site in Newport, WA. It's located about 45 miles from the Myrtle Creek watershed. The site would burn a lot of the Blue Gem coal which has fewer metals and is purer, but the concern is that everything in the coal will either go into the silicon metal or out the stack into the air. They're planning on starting with two stacks, and considering eventually going to four. Mayor Sims has asked the vice president of the company for more of the technical details, but they haven't provided them yet.

Mike Klaus summarized the billing issues: some electric and water meters don't need programming when installed, but some do need programming. We recently found out that some of the meters installed in the last three years didn't receive the right multiplier. We had to send corrected bills to several customers who were under billed. Our policy is to go back three years if an error is found. Andrakay said that we can go back five years statutorily. In this case we are only going back three years per our billing policy.

An issue has come up on the new utility application fee that was passed in February 2018. We've been ask that when a request for an estimate comes in, could the City crews would start a work order at that time, and if the customer proceeds with the project, then the deposit would go against their work order. Rick Alonzo would like for the customer to be notified when they've spent their entire deposit, and then ask them to put more down before proceeding. Mayor Sims requested that the policy be written out for the next council meeting.

Mayor Sims asked if Council was interested in starting the Tuesday City Council meetings at 6pm. Council discussed it and requested staff bring the ordinance in draft form for the next meeting for consideration.

Rick Alonzo made a motion that Council go into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho code 74-206, Subsection 1 (c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Valerie Thompson seconded. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Valerie Thompson “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Executive session ended at 8:36 pm. No action was taken.

Adjourned at 8:37 pm.