

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 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, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gary Falcon, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Sora Huff representing the Farmers Market and Gayle Morman.

Gayle Morman spoke to Council regarding compression brakes on the south hill. He asked if an ordinance for sound could be worked on by the City to take care of the compression brake noise. He said most of the time the compression brakes are used by trucks from north Idaho. He said the noise is worse in the summer because they have their windows open. He does not think people using compression brakes are being very considerate. He also said other communities have compression brake ordinances. Gayle thanked Council for hearing him. Russ Docherty asked if the compression brakes wake him in the night. Gayle said they do.

Sora Huff, Manager of Farmers Market, asked permission for the use of the parking lot for the summer for the Farmers Market. She also asked what is expected for the renovations of the parking lot. Mayor Kerby said the entire parking lot will be torn up at some point due to the specifications of the project. He said during that time period it won't be feasible for the Farmer's Market. Mayor Kerby could not give a specific time line other than it will be this summer. He said the City would let her know when it will be torn up as soon as we know. Leslie Falcon asked if they had any other options for this summer's Farmers Market. Sora said she does not have other options at this time. Sora asked if the plans are finalized yet. Mayor Kerby said the design may have to be modified depending on the bid amounts. He suggested that an alternate sight may be necessary for part of the summer. Sora said the Farmers Market would like to use the parking lot as long as they could. She will look into an alternative location also. She said downtown businesses like to have the Farmers Market in the parking lot. Russ Docherty moved as long as it is available to allow the Farmers Market to use the City parking lot with the same terms and conditions of previous years. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “no”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Tim Wilson said he found an old ordinance book for the Village of Bonners Ferry in the basement of the Creamery. He presented the book to the City.

The Farmers Market is scheduled to start on April 22, 2006. Sora Huff also said the Farmers Market is not willing to work on the hanging baskets for the City this year because they do not have the manpower to do it. Sora said the Farmers Market would be willing to make a donation toward the hanging baskets. She said it would be a good idea to have someone check the baskets especially toward the end of the summer because they start to look bad.

Dave Kramer spoke to council regarding compression brakes. He said there are a couple vehicles that have taken out their mufflers and law enforcement is working with the weigh stations and Idaho State Police to help remedy this situation. Dave said the K-9 Caper Club is continuing a dog fun walk and they want to donate the proceeds from the dog walk to the City pound. They have also been looking to find homes for the dogs at the pound. John Langs asked how long the city holds dogs before euthanasia. Dave said a minimum of five days but usually they are kept longer. He said it just depends on how full the pound is.

Dave said Anthony Jeppesen, City Reserve, took a job out of state and has to resign his reserve position.

Dave said the low quote for a police vehicle was at Riverside.

Dave attended the Idaho Chief's Meeting and the issue of mental holds was discussed and many entities are facing the same problems that we are. Dave has been elected as President of the Idaho Chief's Association beginning in the fall. Dave wants to give a presentation to Council.

Russ Docherty said there are a number of vehicles parking on the street for most of the day. Dave will look at the issue.

There have been six warrant arrests, a meth arrest, identity theft case and arrests have been made for felony forgery. Spokane will take the case when we are finished with it. Dave credited Don Moore for the meth arrest.

Russ Docherty inquired about the property forfeiture concerning the Drug Task Force. Dave thinks the forfeiture will take place in mid-April and is hopeful that the funds will be used for the continuance of the Task Force and DARE.

Fire Chief Larry Owsley said fire calls include one at the new high school, a chimney incident, and another call at the Restorium. The Restorium is all dry sprinklered and all the former drainage problems are taken care of. A new alarm system is being installed and will be up and running this week. Several Firemen attended training for hazmat and an all day class will be held in conjunction with the ambulance association at the fire hall on this Saturday. The fire engines will be inspected when the Electric Department boom trucks are inspected.

The new fire truck will be available to look at in mid-April. It will probably have to go out for bid. Stephen said it usually takes up to six weeks to advertise and complete the bidding process. Larry said there are three departments interested in our fire truck. Stephen will work with Larry on the bid.

Dave Gray moved to approve the consent agenda. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Tim Wilson said the County typed the area of impact ordinance and the summary was taken to the Herald for publication. The hearing with the County will be on March 28, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Stephen said a fair bit of thanks is due to Mike Weland and Gary Falcon. Mayor Kerby thanked Gary for his work.

Mayor Kerby said there was a request for annexation from the people purchasing the Taft property. Gary spoke briefly about the process to follow for annexation. Stephen said there is a question on the request as the people requesting the annexation have signed a buy-sell agreement but are not yet the legal owners.

Mayor Kerby said there is a meeting on April 20 in Coeur d'Alene with officials from the Coeur d'Alene area to speak about growth to officials in north Idaho. It will be an all day meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Inn.

Mayor Kerby spoke briefly about impact fees. The City of Spirit Lake has had a consultant speak about impact fees and Stephen attended the meeting. The consultant's name is Bill Hoffman. Impact fees are only for capital improvements. A plan must be done based on the development's impact to the City and their life must be at least 20 years and a capital improvement program must be developed before the fees can be assessed. The fees are collected at the building permit level. The original ordinance has an inflationary index built into it. The impact fee study usually costs about \$60,000 to develop. The consultant meets with the entity at least four times to make out the plan for the improvement program. A standard is designed so growth keeps your existing standards in tact. Mayor Kerby said there may be a reduction in costs if we work with Spirit Lake and Priest River. Mayor Kerby asked that Bill Hoffman come to City Council to make a presentation and if necessary a special meeting will be held.

Russ Docherty moved to accept the Sandpoint.Com contract as modified. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

John Langs moved to approve Dave Gray's travel to Moscow for the Human Rights Conference and to Post Falls for the Economic Development Conference. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to have ordinance 498 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Bonners Ferry in Sections 1-4-1 General Penalty; 5-2-24 General Offense and 5-3B-4 License Fee read in its entirety. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Attorney Tim Wilson said that this ordinance ties to state law so we will not have to amend our ordinance when the law changes. This ordinance also amends our code for dog licenses. Attorney Tim Wilson read the ordinance in its entirety.

Council briefly discussed the city code book and updates. Mayor Kerby said we are looking into putting the City of Bonners Ferry's code on the web.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the pay request for Welch Comer to be paid by the State of Idaho as presented. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the loan documentation with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. Stephen explained that DEQ will provide an interim loan during construction of our water projects and this loan will be paid off by Rural Development when the projects are done. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to approve pay request #4 for the District 1 Waterline project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to hire Travis Dyck as long as he is of age to work on Mastre’s crew for the water meter installation project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby recommended appointing Sue Larson to the Planning and Zoning Committee for the remainder of John Lang’s term, a two year period. Dave Gray moved to accept the Mayor’s recommendation for Sue Larson on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby said the State of Idaho has adopted Mexico as a sister state. There have been several economic and cultural ventures made with Mexico. A letter was received by the City of Bonners Ferry from Japola Del Ray requesting us to be a sister city. Russ Docherty asked the Mayor to look into it and give a recommendation to Council.

At 8:22 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 for personnel and legal issues. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 9:13 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to go out of executive session. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk