

Mayor Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 21, 2006 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, John Langs, Leslie Falcon, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Civil Engineer Mike Klaus, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, and Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gary Falcon. Also present were Holly Beaudet, Roko Gorvichin, Tim Tucker, Sharon Wiseman, Julie and Ralph Lotspeich, and Bob DelGrosso.

The public hearing for fee increases was the first item on the agenda. The hearing was to increase sewer rates and fees, golf fees, and establish subdivision fees. The hearing was recessed until later in the meeting.

Dave Kramer gave an overview of the Police Department. The clearance rate for the police department was 77.1 percent compared to the average statewide of about 30 percent. More meth and fraud arrests are being made. Criminal arrests for prescription drug abuse are also on the rise. Juvenile cases are going down rather than increasing even with school out on Fridays. Dave said the average daily traffic on highway 95 was 7,783 vehicles in 2005 or 2,857,745 vehicles in a month. Burglary and theft crimes are still a problem. The Backup Training Program is on CD and the city officers use this system. The Kootenai Tribe also shares in the cost of the training. Rick is a taser and firearms certified trainer. Dave is a trainer for firearms. Border Patrol also provides training for the officers. Dave spoke about the DUI Grant and how it picks up overtime costs of the department. The DARE and School Resource Officer are still being maintained. Dave is working with the School District on funding. Dave said there is also a bike patrol with the City. He gave an overview of the different entities that the City Police work with. He said the city has one k-9 and Joel Minor maintains the dog and manages the k-9 program.

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

Rick Alonzo gave an overview of the Drug Task Force. He said 58 of 107 cases have been prosecuted. There is a large drug case where the Task Force should receive approximately \$750,000.

DARE goals for 2006 are successful completion of the program and to bring in the magic show for fund raising and maintain a bicycle program. Alan Ashby developed an emergency action plan for the schools.

Dave said Lou Maring is the Senior Reserve Officer and has been for 13 years. He gave credit to the reserve officers and volunteers.

Dave said the Police Department has received equipment through the Homeland Security grant. He gave a recap of the vehicles in the police department fleet.

Dave said Officer Mayo is working on the operations and procedures manual. Dave said the entities in the area share information and work well together. The police department wants to remain proactive with community policing.

Mayor Kerby thanked Dave for the overview.

Fire Chief Larry Owsley said the mass casualty training was held at the fire hall last weekend. As for response calls, a kitchen fire was put out by the homeowner but the fire department aired out the home. Also a gas pipe was broken off below the shut off on Alderson Lane and the fire department manned the scene until Avista arrived. Larry has many upcoming meetings and trainings.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the consent agenda. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of March 21, 2006 accounts payable; approval of February 14, 2006 special council meeting minutes; approval of March 7, 2006 regular council meeting minutes; approval for Dan Rice and Jason Schraufnagel to attend Hotline School in Grand Junction, Colorado from May 1-4, 2006; approval for Street Department employees to attend upcoming trainings.

The area of impact hearing with the County will be on March 28, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Boundary County Extension Office. Mayor asked that the meeting be posted.

Gary Falcon said the annexation issue is being worked on. Mayor Kerby said there is a meeting in Coeur d'Alene on April 20, 2006 for growth management.

Russ Docherty moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 498 read by title only. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Clerk Larson read the title of Ordinance 498.

Mayor Kerby reconvened the fee increase hearing. Russ Docherty moved to close the fee increase hearing at 7:42 p.m. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Youngwirth joined the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Stephen Boorman gave an overview of the City Departments. The electric department experienced two percent growth in fiscal year 2005. He explained the areas that the City serves with its electric utility. Most of the residential services are installed underground and said we have a very low outage rate.

Generation at the power plant was discussed as well as the start up of the power plant project. Stephen said units two and four are now running. Their switch gear and master control panels have been replaced. Generation units one and three will be worked on after high water. Automation of the power plant is an upcoming project. Stephen said

the power plant project is coming in under budget and we were approved for \$1.5 through the bond process. There will be ongoing maintenance done at the power plant.

The water department is working on a new water tank and water mainline replacements as well as many other water projects. Stephen introduced Mike Klaus as the new City Engineer. He will be responsible for designing the water mainline replacements. The district 1 line is installed and Petersons are connected to the main line. As soon as the weather cooperates and the land dries up we will test it. Stephen explained the SCADA system as a system that lets us control pumps from the computer. There have been 200 meters installed as of Friday of last week. Many old lines have plugged up and have had to be blown out during the water meter project.

The sewer master plan needs to be developed after we merge with the North and South Water and Sewer Districts. Sludge removal needs to be done at the sewer lagoon.

The street department has identified projects needed and grant funding has been applied for.

The Mayor and Council thanked Stephen for the presentation.

Action on the fee increase hearing could not be had due to it not being on the agenda for action. A special meeting will be held on March 23, 2006 at noon to take action on the matter.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and accept their conclusions with the special conditions listed by Planning and Zoning for Sharon Wiseman and Sand Creek Mental Health and Wellness at 7098 Ash Street. (Clerk's Note: Special conditions: 1) time of operation shall be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; 2) provide two parking spaces on premise with parking allowed on Ash Street; 3) maximum size of sign to be 2'x3' and be attached to the structure and shall be approved by City staff prior to installation; 4) special use permit may be revisited at anytime.) John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the right of way certification for the Visitor's Center Project. Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the City Attorney to prepare the right of way certification for the Visitor's Center Project. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a new postage machine lease with Hassler Digital Mail Machines, Inc. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to purchase a new computer for the new City Engineer subject to his approval of the specs. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Kramer introduced Dusty Kralick from Idaho State Patrol. Dusty spoke to Council of his history and said he has big shoes to fill, taking over for Brian Zimmerman.

Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the bidding of a new fire truck. John Langs seconded the motion. Larry said the truck will be available for viewing the second week of April and two people will fly to Seattle to look at it. U.S. Fire will pay for the airfare. Stephen Boorman explained the bid paperwork to Council. Larry said the truck he is looking at is certified. The motion passed, all in favor.

The area of impact request from Sloan's was discussed. A letter was received from Gene and Arlene Sloan requesting their property be included in the City's area of impact. Tim Tucker came before Council to represent the Sloans. Tim Tucker spoke regarding 46 acres adjacent to the golf course. He said their property touches the current area of impact. He said 72 condominium units are being proposed to be built on the property for adults beyond the working age. He said this is the highest use for the property and feels that this fits with the plans of the community. Tim asked if they could have the opportunity to present the idea to the Planning and Zoning Committee of the City. He said the project has been very well thought out. Mayor Kerby asked what would be gained by this property being included in the area of impact. He said the city's ordinances and zoning laws would not apply even if this was included in the area of impact, it would still be under county rules. Tim said the next step would be to annex the property in the city but this would be a long range plan. He said this area would be an area that would fit the long range plans of the growth that our area will experience. Leslie said she has an issue with the terrain. Tim said water would be asked for as well as sewer if this was annexed in the city. A fire mitigation plan has been worked on by Don Anderson of Paradise Valley Fire Association according to Tim. The county road foreman would bring in additional roads and hard surface the area if the development was approved. Russ Docherty asked if he recalled that the county and the city must agree on the area of impact. Leslie thinks the issue should come before Planning and Zoning. Tim said Sloans would be pleased if they could get a date. John Langs moved to direct the area of impact of the Sloan property to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen said Mike Ripatti asked that the snow loads be reviewed. The city uses the study done by the University of Idaho and he believes the snow loads are charted from Smith Creek collection site. Stephen said it may be fair to use the area near the airport rather than Smith Creek. This issue is only for commercial buildings and it is now set at 94 pounds according to Stephen. Residential snow load is set at 50 pounds minimum. The risk factor is greater for commercial buildings. This issue needs to be researched. Leslie wants to see documented history. Gary said elevation is also a factor.

The wage committee recommendations were discussed. The recommendation brought before Council in December, 2005 was to set the base rate at \$13.60 per hour and give \$.25 per hour increase for State Certifications received after January 1, 2006. Upon further review it was decided that the base rate was too high and the committee requested lowering the base rate and setting criteria for raises based on experience and

certifications. Russ Docherty moved to increase six employees' wages by \$.25 per hour for State Certifications when they are received this spring and to reevaluate the process. The employees are Chuck Lycans, Jim Fritzsche, Doug Ladely, Alan Branson, Steve Galbraith, and Tim English. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the electric rate design. There are two options listed for Council to consider. Each customer class was looked at with the cost of serving those customers along with the rate structure to cover those costs. One option is a straight flat base rate with a tiered usage rate. The other option is to split the small and large commercials and not charge the small commercial businesses a demand charge. The demand charge would remain on large commercials and industrial customers. Leslie asked that Stephen give an example for council to look at. Mayor Kerby asked if we would be shifting costs from one customer class to another. Stephen said it would. He explained the rate structures to Council. He explained the power factor penalty and how the city tracks this power factor on 21 companies. The break between a small commercial and a large commercial is 400 amp service.

At 9:01 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss personnel. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 9:50 Dave Gray 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 9:51 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk