

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 5, 2005 to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty, Leslie Falcon, and Jim Burkholder, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Deputy Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Police Administrative Assistance Dean Satchwell, and Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gary Falcon.

The first order of business was a power point presentation by the Police Department for 2004. There were 1237 calls for service that involved police activity in 2004. The k-9 program had 234 training hours, 187 searches with 31 being actual drug searches with drug finds being 15. Two vehicles were seized and cash in the amount of \$13,742 was seized. There were 1,098 total cases filed in court. Don Parlow recovered over \$3,000 in bad checks out of about 100 cases. There were 160 cases sent to the County Prosecutor and of that total 42 were felony cases.

Larry Owsley, Fire Chief, joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Council expressed concerns with the juvenile cases and would like a comparison for next year of the past few years.

Dave said the processes have been streamlined between the City Prosecutor's Office and the Police and there is nearly a 90 percent conviction rate. Tim Wilson commented that the Police Department is very good at compiling the data so there are fewer hours spent in the courtroom.

Dave commented that it is more and more common for the criminals involved in drug crimes to be involved in other cases such as burglaries and thefts.

Dave said there is in-house training being done through the Police Department and also training CDs from a company called Backup in Coeur d'Alene. There is also POST training and visiting training being done such as shooter training.

Special programs for grant funding are: DUI/Aggressive Driving; DARE/SRO; Seatbelt; CUFF; Operation Stonegarden; Bike Patrol; North Idaho Crime Information (NICI); Drug Task Force; National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The Police Department strives to maintain by recruiting and retaining qualified personnel and balancing proactive policing with calls for service, keeping within decreasing budget dollars while providing for increasing number of calls for service; and keeping morale up. Police are trying to wear uniforms longer and repair them more; use in-house personnel to cut training costs; trying to limit and watch overtime hours mostly caused by court time.

Police plans for 2005 are to keep a safe and productive workforce; find more training opportunities; cooperate between agencies and city; find ways to retain employees; solve crimes; and keep the department within budget.

Mayor Kerby opened the fee increase hearing for increasing handling fees from 10 to 20 percent or charge a minimum of \$20 handling fee on workorders. There was no public present so the hearing was recessed.

Larry Owsley gave the fire report and said there have been five encodes since the last meeting. They included a grass fire, CO2 incident on McCall Street, natural gas fume call, and assisting with the water pumping at the high school during the flooding incident. The Fire Department will hold a National Fire Class in Bonners Ferry. There will be no cost to the City and the National Fire Academy will have the instructors flown in. It is scheduled for the first part of October. Other entities will be invited to attend the class. An arson detection class is also being scheduled to be put on the by the State of Idaho. There will be six firemen attending the Fire Academy in Coeur d'Alene this coming weekend. Larry and Alan Hamilton will be attending a class. The grant has been submitted for a fire truck. All painting is complete on the lower level of the fire station and painting of the second level will begin soon. The heater is not working at the fire station but a repairman is being sought.

John Youngwirth joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jim Burkholder moved to approve the consent agenda. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of March 15, 2005 regular council meeting minutes; approval of March 22, 2005 and March 23, 2005 special council meeting minutes.

The draft Planning and Zoning Ordinance was discussed. Gary Falcon said the ordinance has been distributed for comments from the department heads, Planning and Zoning Members, and Council. Gary asked that the comments be made in writing so he can take them to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Gary said he is looking for feedback so the ordinance will be what the City wants. Jim Burkholder said there are many restrictions that need to be addressed by Council. He said he has found that the draft ordinance is too restrictive. Mayor Kerby said he would like to schedule a special council meeting to go over the draft ordinance because the document is very important to the community.

Jim Burkholder moved to approve the catering permit for Ivano's Ristorante for the Pheasant's Forever Banquet to be held at the Fairgrounds on April 16, 2005. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Jim Burkholder moved to authorize the Rod Benders to hold the Car Show and to waive the fees for the special event permit. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Jim Burkholder moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Forest Service grant pay request. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

Jim Burkholder moved to award the power plant switchgear upgrade bid to Idaho Electric Supply for \$107,250 subject to approval of the City Administrator. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

Jim Burkholder moved to award the slide-in deicer tank bid to Utility Truck and Equipment Sales for \$63,200. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

The fee increase hearing was reopened for handling fees on workorders. There was no public comment. The hearing closed at 7:54 p.m.

Jim Burkholder moved to increase the handling fees on workorders from 10 percent to 20 percent or charge \$20 whichever is greater. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

At 7:58 p.m. Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss negotiations and legal issues. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”. At 8:33 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 8:34 p.m.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

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Kris Larson, City Clerk