

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 10, 2007 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, Council Members John Langs, Mick Mellett, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Deputy Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Jillian Anderson, Jerry Higgs, Dave Anderson, Cecil Walden, Tina Wilson, Keith Nichols, Tina Carson, and Ralph Byquist.

Jillian Anderson spoke to council regarding the prom committee request to extend curfew to 2:00 a.m. on April 27, 2007. The prom is from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and they would like an extension of curfew until 2:00 a.m. The prom will be in the Wellsprings Church. Mick Mellett moved to extend the curfew for prom until 2:00 a.m. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Rick Alonzo commented that it is done each year. The motion passed, all in favor.

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding the animal control ordinance. He has done extensive research concerning the city ordinance and Idaho Code. He said the city is not in compliance with the Idaho Code. He is hopeful that the terms are defined better in an ordinance rewrite. Jerry read a list of words that should be defined in an ordinance. He said the words have substantial impact on the ordinance. Jerry has made notes on a copy of the city ordinance and referenced it to Idaho Code. Containment of animals in and outside of vehicles needs to be included according to Jerry as well as cruelty to animals. He suggested that the Idaho Code be summarized in our ordinance rewrite. Jerry said the city has the ability to license cats as well as dogs and quoted the Idaho code section. Mayor Kerby thanked Jerry for his input.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. A meeting is scheduled with Second Chance Animal Adoption Agency and there is a spring dog roundup that will insure that all city dogs are licensed. Another arrest for the burglaries was made. Several new felony cases are being worked on.

Marcia Cossette joined the meeting.

Larry Owsley gave the fire report. There was a fire started by the train and the railroad workers put it out. There was also another fire on the northside near Comanche. South Boundary Fire District helped the city firemen put out the fire. All ladders were inspected. A new tank was found as well as hoses. Ten BA bottles and harnesses have been replaced at no cost and there have been several others purchased at discounted prices. Fire extinguishers are being checked by the fire department. Air monitors have been updated and will be good for two years. John Langs inquired about burning permits. Mick suggested talking to some of the residents about fire hazards now rather than waiting until fall.

Dave Gray 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 April 10, 2007 accounts payable; approval of March 20, 2007 council

meeting minutes; approval for Traffic Safety committee members to attend the Road Safety Fundamental Class in Post Falls on May 9, 2007; and approval for water department employees to attend a Basic Math Class in Post Falls.

Mike moved to defer change order #2 for the visitor's center to executive session. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to allow the opening of the Farmers Market on April 28, 2007. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Mayor Kerby told Mr. Byquist to coordinate with the street department and the police department. The motion passed, all in favor.

The mutual aid agreement for the fire department was deferred to legal. Tim Wilson left the meeting temporarily.

John Langs moved to authorize repairs of the cat. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby spoke about the Cabinet Mountains Water District contract. He said it is basically a break-even charge from the District. Mick Mellett moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign the contract with Cabinet Mountain Water District. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. John Langs inquired about the use of Cabinet Mountain water. Stephen explained that it has been used quite a lot during the tank construction and also said that the chemical feeds for the river are different so it is nice to use Cabinet Mountain water. The option of an intertie with Three Mile Water was briefly discussed. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Tim Wilson and Jack Douglas joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Kerby inquired of Tim Wilson about the mutual aid agreements for the fire department. Tim said they will be ready for the next meeting.

Tina Wilson spoke to council regarding the Chamber of Commerce business plan. Tina said she was impressed with the construction of the visitor's center and the views that it holds. Chamber thanked council for the opportunity to speak. Tina spoke of a joint employee through the Chamber and Selkirk Loop that would enable the visitor's center to be open and operated seven days a week. She also spoke of a company (Certified Display) that provides display racks to Chambers of Commerce throughout the area. This company maintains the racks as long as one of the racks contains their pamphlets. Tina presented a packet tonight to council that contains a three-year pro forma. She said the Chamber has made a decision to be more professional. She asked that rent be waived until the new fiscal year begins so that they could get an employee in place and set up the program. If an agreement were reached the Chamber requests a telephone system and the Chamber would pay their phone costs. She asked if council had questions for her to answer. She said the Chamber is excited to help provide a benefit to the community. John Langs inquired about the days of operation. Tina said the shared employee would

staff the office from Monday through Friday and then volunteers would work the other two days. Tina said ten to twelve calls per day are received on the Chamber answering machine. There is a website for the Chamber and they are seeking information from Boundary County entities to calendar events for the year. John inquired about whom would be in charge. Tina said the scheduling of the conference room will be done through the city and the hired employee will be under Carol Graham of Selkirk Loop. Tina said there is a job description for the shared employee. She is the treasurer of the Chamber. The employee will be a Chamber/Selkirk Loop employee. Dave Gray inquired about background checks for the volunteers and the caliber of people that may volunteer. Tina said some senior citizens as well as a couple Mennonite ladies have requested to volunteer. Dave is confused about who will be in charge. Tina said the Chamber would be in charge of their employee. She said it would be difficult for an employee to have too many bosses.

Dave Gray showed the group an advertisement in the Sunset Magazine for April of the Selkirk Loop.

Attorney Wilson said he had some comments on the mutual aid agreements for the fire department. He would like to make a couple additions. One is to change the duty to respond and another would be an indemnification clause. Mayor Kerby inquired if Larry Owsley would be in favor of the agreements. Larry said he would be and these agreements benefit the city. John Langs moved to adopt the agreements with South Boundary Fire District and City of Moyie Springs with the changes suggested by the City Attorney. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Larry said there is a meeting tomorrow evening at South Boundary Fire District. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the broadband feasibility study. He asked council to review the study. Mayor Kerby spoke about the opportunity to include Northern Lights in the study so the entire county could be covered. Stephen said Idaho Falls did not extend outside their municipal boundaries. Idaho Falls provided the service through an ISP. Mayor Kerby said there are different scenarios. Okanagan PUD has also provided broadband capabilities but theirs is quite different than Idaho Falls according to Stephen. The group briefly discussed including the county and tribe in the study. Mayor Kerby said there is already high speed internet within the city. Stephen said the rule of thumb is 15,000 wire feet from the central office for DSL. Mick inquired about the difference between fiber optics and DSL. Stephen said the dark fibers could be leased to entities such as the hospital.

The Salsa Contest was discussed. John Langs moved to approve the salsa contest on May 5, 2007 in downtown Bonners Ferry using the city sidewalks. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to go out for advertisement for lifeguards for the summer season and to contact the former lifeguards. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to purchase forks for the loader. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The waterline repair on Fifth Street was briefly discussed. The repairs are from Riverside Auto to General Feed and Grain. Stephen said there are lines that will need to be replaced. Dave Gray moved to approve the repair of the waterline on Fifth Street. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The project is being done in house. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby informed council that USDA Rural Development has paperwork for him to sign for the city to obtain additional funding for the water projects. John Langs moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign the letter of conditions for USDA Rural Development grant and loan funds. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign pay request nine for the Idaho Department of Commerce for block grant funding for engineering and administration of the water tank project. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen asked council to review the lagoon effluent project and backwash project engineering proposals from Welch Comer. He said Welch Comer would comment on these at the meeting tomorrow.

Stephen spoke regarding the Northwest Power and Conservation Council meetings that will be held in our area.

Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 for legal purposes at 8:18 p.m. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 9:18 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to go out of executive session. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

Dave Gray moved to accept change order #2 for the visitor’s center and parking lot project as outlined in the letter from Welch Comer letter dated March 20, 2007. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk