

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 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, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were the following: Gary Winterholler from Correctional Industries, Boundary County Commissioners Ron Smith and Dan Dinning, Boundary County Sheriff Greg Sprungl, Boundary County Chief Deputy Tim Day, City Police Officer Joel Minor, Boundary County Deputy Dave Schuman, Boundary County Prosecutor Jack Douglas, and Boundary County Deputy Prosecutor Tevis Hull.

Gary Winterholler from Idaho Correctional Industries spoke to the group. There are 450 inmates employed statewide. The City has purchased signs from Correctional Industries and he thanked Council. The quality of work is good and they have done work at Boundary County. When the inmates return to society good work skills are a requirement for success and Correctional Industries offers this to the inmates working in the program. Business cards and printing services are other products offered by Correctional Industry and the Sheriff's Office purchases their business cards there. There are standard products for quick reply or they can build to custom specifications. Correctional Industries deals with government agencies and non-profit entities.

Gary Winterholler left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Rick Alonzo spoke to Council regarding the Drug Task Force. The whole purpose of the Task Force was to work together between the County and the City and the Task Force is now going in the proper direction since the change in the Sheriff. There are weekly meetings and the operation is working much better.

Tevis Hull spoke to Council and explained his employment history. He said the working group of the Task Force is made up of Tim Day, Rick Alonzo, Joel Minor, and Dave Schuman. In 2004 there were 30 specific drug felony cases filed in Boundary County and there were 9 DUIs, 8 domestic violence cases, and rape cases filed. In November, 2004 the weekly meetings began. Felonies were 18 that were drug related and there is a tremendous influx of drugs in our community. The officers are active and work hard and are able to map the drug community and their interconnections. The group works well together and a good coordinated effort comes out of the Task Force. There is approximately \$31,000 in the forfeiture fund and about \$20,000 is earmarked for the increase in the grant match this year. Tevis urged the continuation of the Task Force and to support law enforcement as he feels there is a great effort being made. The group briefly discussed the funding of the Byrne Grant match and the upcoming grant year beginning July 1, 2005. Mayor Kerby thanked the group for attending. Greg Sprungl stated that the focus has changed from working the border issues to looking at countywide issues. Ron Smith expressed concern about overtime for the Task Force Officer that is not compensated under the Byrne Grant. Dan Dinning complemented the Task Force for their cooperation. Dave Kramer agreed. Mayor Kerby encouraged the good work and said the community supports law enforcement. Tim Day said that if

narcotics are ignored in a community then the problem grows and if it is dealt with then the problem shrinks to about five percent and he commended the Task Force Officers.

Ralph Lotspeich and Larry Owsley joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Dan Dinning said a joint public hearing will be on May 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Boundary County Extension Office to discuss area of impact. The last proposal submitted by the City to the County will be the area discussed. Leslie Falcon moved to have a joint public hearing with the County at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Sheriff Sprungl, Officer Day, Officer Schuman, Officer Minor, Officer Alonzo, Tevis Hull, Jack Douglas, Commissioner Dinning and Commissioner Smith left the meeting.

Dave Kramer gave the Police Report. He said Allen Gemmrig completed his reserve officer certification. He commended Reserve Officers Allen Gemmrig and Tony Compton for taking a mental hold to Lewiston on Friday evening. Officer Don Parlow received his intermediate certificate from the Police Academy. May 16, 2005 at noon at the Georgia Mae Plaza will be the Police Memorial Celebration. Dave gave the statistics from last month to Council as well as statistics since the last council meeting. He said the officers are doing a good job and commended them. The group also briefly spoke of the large drug bust last week.

Fire Chief Larry Owsley gave the Fire Report. He said the City has made it through the first round of cuts for the fire truck grant. There was a suspicious fire on the northside and Larry intends to go out for restitution to pay the City back for their costs. The fire department will receive a new computer from the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Ralph Lotspeich spoke to Council regarding the purchase of a tee mower. He said the mower he is looking at can be substituted for a greens mower if the need arises and it will mow the tees in a much better fashion. The unit is a Toro 3000 greens mower and it is a 2002 model at a price of \$4,000 with a six month warranty. Mayor Kerby informed Council that the foreman group thought this was necessary. Russ Docherty moved to purchase the Toro greens mower for \$4,000. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Jim Burkholder moved to approve the consent agenda. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of April 19, 2005 accounts payable; approval of April 5, 2005 meeting minutes and April 12, 2005 special meeting minutes.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the District 1 waterline easements. There will need to be redesign work done to change the location of the waterline to be replaced from the original location. The issue will be reviewed as to whether the job has to be rebid or if our original bid is still good. The cost differential is minimal for this change according to Stephen.

Dave Gray said he is the Senior Class Advisor and he requested the curfew be extended until 1:00 a.m. for the Senior Prom to be held on April 30, 2005. Jim Burkholder moved to approve the extension of curfew on April 30, 2005 to 1:00 a.m. for the Senior Prom. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Jim Burkholder moved to approve the payment by Idaho Transportation Department to Welch Comer for the Visitors Center and Parking Lot projects. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

Rick Alonzo requested a waiver of the insurance requirement for the Car Show as they cannot afford it. Russ Docherty commented that the risk is extremely low for this event. Jim Burkholder moved to waive the insurance certificate for the Rod Benders Car Show. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. Mick Mellett said the City is the deep pocket and expressed concern. Rick said all vehicles are required to have liability insurance. The motion passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty moved to allow the Memorial Day Parade and approve the parade permit and waive the fee for the American Legion. Jim Burkholder seconded the motion and commented that the requirement for not throwing candy needs to be removed from the parade permit form. The motion passed, all in favor.

The group discussed the hiring of the lifeguards and consideration will be made to keep the costs at the pool down this year. Dave Kramer commented that the foreman’s group suggested speaking to the County about helping cost share the swimming pool. Stephen said another suggestion was to raise the swimming lesson fee for the first child enrolled and keep the same fee for additional children in the same family. Mayor Kerby agreed that the issue should be brought to the County because all City kids are County kids. Dave said vending machines was also a suggestion to help raise funding and the vendors should be contacting Dave shortly. Mick said the days of the City providing a free pool are gone. Mick Mellett moved to go out to advertise for hiring nine lifeguards. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The group discussed the budget and a possible raise for the employees with the exception of the lifeguards and the fire department. Discussion was had as to the request from the Fire Chief to purchase something for the firemen in lieu of the raise. Jim Burkholder moved to approve a 1.5 percent raise to employees of the City with the exception of the lifeguards and the firemen. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The issue was tabled until the next meeting. Moved by Jim and seconded by Doc. The group continued to discuss the cash carry forward and its decline and instructed the Clerk to come up with actual numbers for the next meeting.

The group discussed the water rate proposals and a possible base rate. Stephen said he has heard comments that 750 cubic feet is small and feels that 1000 cubic feet may be better. Stephen said a base rate of \$15 per month for 1000 cubic feet may be better and

then we could have Brooks and Associates figure what the overage cost would be. The group discussed possible scenarios. Council instructed Stephen to get the cost of an average moderate user for ten months out of the year to use for the base.

Dave Kramer said the interview took place today for Marty Ryan's position. Dave recommended offering Randy Tremble a conditional offer of employment. Mr. Tremble has fifteen years law enforcement experience and he is looking at other positions and has applied in Bonner County and Boundary County. Dave said he is the Bellevue Marshall near Sun Valley and he likes the area in Bonners Ferry. Dave said he did express concern about the school levy but they like the area and they have relatives in Montana. He would be brought in at the Corporal level so there would be no additional cost to the budget. Dave feels that this position needs to be filled especially with the School District cuts. Russ Docherty moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Randy Tremble. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The group discussed assessment charges on local improvement district properties. Council decided not to assess additional fees on the property owners in the Local Improvement District.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into contracts and sign easements for the District 1 waterline project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Jim Burkholder “yes”.

Stephen updated Council on the funding of water projects. There is Department of Environmental Quality and Rural Development that offer funding. DEQ has a loan program.

The pedestrian underpass bid will close on April 26, 2005.

Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session at 9:10 p.m. 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 9:17 p.m. Leslie Falcon moved to go out of executive session. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk