Mayor Darrell Kerby called the May 2, 2006 council meeting 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, Police Chief Dave Kramer, and Fire Chief Larry Owsley. Also present were Dick Hollenbeck, Fred Hendrickson, and John Sanders.

Dick Hollenbeck spoke to Council regarding the 4th of July parade. Dave Gray moved to approve the parade permit for July 4th and waive the fees. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Leslie Falcon told Mr. Hollenbeck that they would have to clean up after the horses if there is a mess. Dave Kramer suggested the parade start at noon rather than 10:00 a.m. The permit is contingent on insurance.

Dave Kramer said the National Police Memorial week is the week of May 14th. This year a ceremony will be held in Sandpoint at the downtown park. Flags will be flown at half staff on May 15th as that is the day it will be celebrated in Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint.

Larry Owsley said they have been testing fire hoses. The fire truck shall be ready to view within 10 days. There have been two minor fires since the last meeting. Fire season starts on May 10th and permits will be required for burning.

Mayor Kerby said he has spoken to Scott Stokes about the old building near the overpass for burning for fire fighter training. Larry will look at the building before the exercise is done.

Dick Hollenbeck and Fred Hendrickson left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Russ Docherty 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 May 2, 2006 accounts payable; approval of April 18, 2006 council meeting minutes; approval for Rick Alonzo to attend a Criminal Investigations Course from June 4-8, 2006 in Reno, Nevada.

Council discussed the area of impact ordinance. Russ Docherty moved to table the ordinance until the next meeting. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The sentence in the title regarding residential zoning needs to be discussed with the County Commissioners.

The impact fee proposal from Bill Hofman is about $40,000 but it does not include a traffic study according to Stephen Boorman.

Leslie Falcon moved to extend the water emergency until June 6, 2006 by adopting Resolution 2006-09. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”. Resolution 2006-09 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2006-09
A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Bonners Ferry declared an emergency on September 10, 2003 pursuant to Idaho Code 46-1011 within the City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, Idaho, to protect the citizens from existing imminent danger to the public water supply caused by the fire in the Myrtle Creek Drainage, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Bonners Ferry declared an emergency on September 12, 2003 pursuant to Idaho Code 46-1011 and 50-341(L) within the City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, Idaho, to protect the citizens from existing imminent danger to the public water supply, and

WHEREAS, such declarations are necessary because the Myrtle Creek Drainage fire is a public calamity, as provided in Idaho Code 40-341(L), creating a life threatening risk to the lives, health, and property of the citizens of the City of Bonners Ferry and adjacent areas served by the City’s water system and is detrimental to the public welfare and requires the immediate expenditure of public funds to abate such risk and safeguard the lives, health, and property of said citizens and persons served by said system, and

WHEREAS, financial assistance has been applied for through various State and Federal agencies and the amounts available from such sources are insufficient to abate the emergency and to make the necessary repairs or restorations to the City’s water system and to insure adequate supply of water to the citizens of the City of Bonners Ferry and adjacent areas and to protect the health, life, and safety of the persons and property served thereby, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bonners Ferry has ordered and directed the Mayor pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1006, specifically by Resolution 2003-13, to provide for all expenditures or restorations of improvements as shall be necessary to protect the health and safety of the persons and property served by the City of Bonners Ferry water system,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY, the City Council of the City of Bonners Ferry, for the facts and reasons above stated do hereby wish to continue the Declaration of Emergency for the Public Water Supply for a period through June 6, 2006.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2006.

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY
/s/ Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Kris Larson, Clerk/Treasurer

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #5 on the District 1 Waterline Project. Leslie Falcon 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 the Right of Way Certification on the water storage tank project and to request legal counsel to complete the Opinion of Counsel for the project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the prepayment option with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The prepayment option is actually a loan to Bonneville Power and the City would get a discount for doing this. Stephen said the amount requested by BPA would be about $420,000. He has requested a legal opinion but has not received an answer yet. Russ Docherty moved to look into the prepayment option. Clerk Larson commented that the general fund benefits from the interest earnings on the electric funds. John Langs seconded the motion subject to legal review. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to hire Jasmine Robertson and Miranda Neu with Jasmine being the Head Lifeguard for this season. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The group discussed an upcoming special meeting to go over growth issues.

Mayor Kerby has requested a revised cost estimate on the visitor’s center and parking lot. It will be going out to bid soon.

Mayor Kerby commented that there is a good chance that the Boundary Regional Health Center remodel funding will come through. This is good for the community and the hospital.

Attorney Tim Wilson joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
Mayor Kerby commented that May 22, 2006 is the condemnation hearing for the Bob Moir property.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the discharge permit for the water treatment plant and he said there could be monitoring expenses associated with the permit.

Mayor Kerby asked for an update on the spring AIC seminar. Dave Gray commented that he was interested in the new legislation and he was surprised to see how interested AIC was in cities. He also learned about the quasi judicial process.

The group briefly discussed street lighting fees and the ICRMP claim submitted for the generator unit damage. Mayor Kerby said our ICRMP premiums for next fiscal year are estimated to be the same as the current year’s premiums.

Tim Wilson said he thinks the BPA prepayment contract is unconstitutional.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

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Kris Larson, City Clerk