

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the special meeting of May 22, 2007 to order at 12:05 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, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and Deputy Police Chief Rick Alonzo. Also present were Sue Ireland from the Kootenai Tribe, David Sims, and Tina Hoover from the Fair Board.

The purpose of the special meeting was to approve a catering permit for the Eagles for the lawn mower races and beer garden, approve special event permit for 4th of July, award the clarifier bid for the backwash project, consider changer order #6 for the water tank project, approve special event permit for the lawn mower races and beer garden, approve hire of police secretary, designate voting members for AIC conference, authorize Mayor to sign certificate of substantial completion of the visitor center and discuss operation of the center.

Sue Ireland handed out paperwork to the council regarding river restoration for the sturgeon recovery effort. This is a habitat restoration project that does not call for high flows that cause land loss through the erosion of banks. It would meet ESA needs and be compliant with the biological opinion but not deteriorate land. The project starts near town and moves up river about four miles. A wide single throat channel is proposed. The river restoration hydrologist that the Tribe is working with is known world-wide. Sue will come back at a later date with more information. A coring rig will be in the area in June to see what the bed of the river is made of. Sue asked for council's permission to go forward with the drilling part of this program. The project will go up to Cross Port. She said there may be some traffic control issues when the barge arrives in town. Stephen said the comments from the city will be much the same as the comments on the fish fertilization issue requesting that adequate testing be performed. Sue said high water is a requirement of the project due to the barge needing to travel up river. Sue left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Mayor Kerby introduced Tina Hoover, the new Fair Administrator. There are lawnmower races on June 2nd and the Fair Board is requesting a beer garden for the event. It is a fund raising event for the Fair Board to make repairs for the buildings. John Langs moved to approve the catering permit for the Eagles for the Lawnmower races and beer garden on June 2, 2007. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Tina said the beer garden and lawnmower races will be worked out in conjunction with the other events planned for the day. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the special event permit for the 4th of July celebration and waive the fees. Tina Hoover inquired when a special event permit is required. Mayor Kerby explained that coordination is needed between the police and the community so there is law enforcement coverage. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. Mayor Kerby said the 4th of July events may not take place because his personal business donated money and Jason Thomas of the 4th of July Committee returned the check yesterday. No vote was held due to the event not being held.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the special event permit for the Fair Board for the lawn mower races and beer garden on June 2, 2007 and waive the fee. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus spoke to council regarding the clarifier bid. One bid was received for \$196,840 from Siemens and he said it is identical to a bid received a year ago. The terms of sale have been reviewed by Tim Wilson. The limitation of liability is the limit of the purchase price. He said there is not much liability with the clarifiers on the city's part. The shipping will be a substantial cost and the seller will pay that cost. Mike explained the backwash project and how the clarifiers will be used to clean the water and then the backwash water will go into the large tank and particulates will settle before the backwash water is sent to the river. EPA is aware that a consultant is on board and the design of the backwash project is moving forward. Funding for the clarifiers is coming from the Corps of Engineers but the time frame is pushing the deadline. Mike said the funding deadline for the Corps is September 30th and the clarifiers will be arriving shortly before the deadline. John Langs moved to award the clarifiers for the backwash project. Mayor Kerby said there is a risk for funding with Corps of Engineers. DEQ agrees that the clarifiers are an alternative but EPA does not bless the project. EPA is being informed of the project. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The change order for the water tank and distribution project was discussed. Mike said a meeting was held with B.F. Builders and more time is needed to complete the project. Welch Comer informed B.F. Builders about the time extension and they are aware that it may cost up to \$18,000 for the cost of this extension. John Langs moved to approve change order #6 on the water tank project. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Rick Alonzo said the police have a recommendation for hiring Judy Jeske for the police secretary. He said she worked for the Restorium for 16 years and he thinks she will be a good fit with the department. Dave Gray moved to hire Judy Jeske as police secretary for 20 hours per week at \$8.00 per hour. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to appoint Dave Gray to be voting member at the AIC conference in June. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to appoint Mick Mellett as alternate voting member for the AIC conference. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen said the visitor's center is substantially complete. Mick Mellett moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign the certificate of substantial completion on the visitor's center. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The Visitor's Center Advisory Committee met yesterday and came up with some recommendations for council to consider. They would like to have the center open on Monday, Memorial Day. Tammy Stemmene volunteered to keep the building open on Monday. Stephen said a survey will be handed out. The bathrooms will be kept open this weekend and the Police have been asked to check them during the weekend. Mayor Kerby said we should put up temporary fencing so dirt is not tracked into the center from the grounds.

Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss personnel at 12:47 p.m. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 1:50 p.m. the executive session concluded. No action was taken.

John Langs moved to authorize Stephen Boorman to negotiate with Carl and Sherri Hendricks to run and coordinate the operation of the visitor's center at a cost not to exceed \$600.00 per month. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to adjust the hours for Donalyn Dovale-Brown (animal pound caretaker) not to exceed 20 hours per week to clean the visitor's center restrooms and care take the animal pound. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to authorize the volunteers at the visitor's center to use city office equipment as needed. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk