

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 5, 2007 to order at 7:09 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, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Civil Engineer Mike Klaus, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Toni Hackwith from Magnuson, McHugh, and Company, Jay Cohn from Woodbury Reports, Marcia Cossette, Dave Sims, Dave Anderson, Dick Staples, and Jason Thomas.

Jason Thomas said there are musicians that would like to play immediately following the 4th of July parade at the Georgia Mae Plaza. Council had no objections to the musicians playing at the Georgia Mae Plaza on the 4th of July. Council asked Jason about the posters that are being circulated concerning the activities on the 4th of July. Dave Gray expressed concern that it may make the city look bad if the activities do not take place as advertised.

Jay Cohn spoke about the clock that used to be near Dr. Barker's Office and how the clock has been missed. Jay has the idea of modifying the hose tower on top of city hall to house a clock tower. He said clock towers cost between \$300 and \$5,000. He knows an individual who will give us a quote as to the cost and he has donors who would pay the cost of the clock tower. Mick Mellett said he would like to see an advisory committee set up and come back to the council with ideas. John Langs agreed. Mayor Kerby said the clock tower is part of the Hudson Study. Dave Gray told Jay he appreciates his efforts. Mayor Kerby will meet with Jay at a later date. Mick moved to explore the clock tower options. John Langs seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Toni Hackwith from Magnuson, McHugh presented the fiscal year 2006 audit for the city. Toni said there are three unqualified opinions in this year's audit and the audit is good. Toni left the meeting after the presentation.

Dick Staples spoke to council regarding the Gust lot line adjustment for Bob and Shawna Gust and John Taft. Two reasons for the adjustment – Bob needs more room to build a shop and better access for the lot remaining for John Taft. Mike said the public hearing process was held with Planning and Zoning. Mick Mellett moved subject to the findings of fact from Planning and Zoning that the city authorize the lot line adjustment and noted that there was no public comment at the P&Z hearing and it was recommended by Planning and Zoning. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Dick Staples left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Dave Kramer reported that the weekend activities went well. A seat belt emphasis patrol was held. An aggressive driving emphasis patrol will be held. A speed monitor trailer may be purchased through a grant. Stop signs in town seem to be a problem so a stop sign emphasis patrol will be done to make drivers more aware of stop signs.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of May 15, 2007 council meeting minutes; approval of May 22, 2007 and May 29, 2007 special council meeting minutes; approval for Blaine Grossman to attend Northwest Electric Meter School in Seattle from September 10-14, 2007.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the space lease agreement for city hall with Selkirk Loop. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Tim Wilson said the city thought the building codes would change when the state changes its building codes. The state inadvertently adopted the 2006 building code without following their own rules of becoming effective at the beginning of the next calendar year. The city code says we adopt the state code at the time of state adoption but the AIC recommendation is to give the public time to look at the changes and make comments. The intent of the adoption should have been the beginning of 2008. The opinion letter states that the 2006 building codes should be incorporated at the beginning of 2008. A one line correction to the city ordinance would be to state adoption takes place at the beginning of the year. Mayor Kerby inquired about the typical process for notifying the public. Mike Klaus said the changes would be found with the review of the plans. Mayor Kerby asked for a public process that the city should follow. Stephen explained that the uniform building code is the building code followed throughout the state of Idaho if the agency has adopted it. John Langs inquired about snow load codes. Mike Klaus said they are determined by region for snow loads and wind loads by zone.

Mayor Kerby inquired about dog ordinances and a letter that was received from Judge Julian. Dave said the city is citing under state codes. Tim Wilson said the city code books have not been updated yet.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the catering permit for the Eagles for the Selkirk Saddle Club Rodeo. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The group briefly discussed rewriting the catering permit form.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the visitor’s center advisory committee recommendations. The Committee recommended wireless internet for the visitor’s center and also that the grand opening take place on the 4th of July. Mayor Kerby would like to see the project complete before the grand opening celebration. He said he had told Dave Walter from Panhandle Bank that he was in charge of the grand opening and that was because the bank could pay for it. John Langs moved to authorize the wireless internet and equipment to install it at the visitor’s center. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick said he would like to see the total project complete before the grand opening takes place. Dave Gray supports the committee’s idea of the 4th of July. Stephen said he will go back to the committee and give them the other ideas that were brought up tonight.

Mayor Kerby said for the volunteers to be covered under the city's insurance council needs to approve them. John Langs moved to accept the list of volunteers for the visitor's center. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke to Idaho Falls regarding their fiber-optic project. Idaho Falls started out with the project for in house use and it expanded. The estimate is about \$43,000 for the study for the fiber-optic project for Bonners Ferry. Mayor Kerby asked if this project would help to operate the hydroelectric dam. Stephen said it would. Mayor Kerby asked if CH2Mhill would check with the school district for security needs and with law enforcement during the project. Stephen said they could. The group discussed the institutions that may need fiber-optics. Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with CH2Mhill not to exceed \$45,000 for the fiber-optic study. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Stephen said there may be grant money available.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Smart Grocer Agreement with BPA. John Langs seconded the motion. Stephen explained that the city receives a discount on the wholesale contracts with Bonneville Power Administration for implementing these conservation projects. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Kramer recommended hiring Derek Ferraro to replace Dave McClelland. Dave said Mr. Ferraro will come in at patrolman salary. Dave explained the probation for the police department employees. Dave Gray moved to approve hiring Derek Ferraro. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Council discussed the Scuba Unlimited use of the city pool after hours for scuba lessons. The group also discussed the filters at the city pool. Stephen explained how the filters are made. He said it is a matter of time until the filters will fail. Dave Gray said he supports the scuba diving contract with Scuba Unlimited. He moved that Scuba Unlimited be authorized to use the pool with liability insurance included at a cost of \$25 per student per certification. John Langs seconded the motion. Stephen said Scuba Unlimited used the pool during the off hours previously. The contract is suggesting the fee of \$25 per student be charged. Stephen said the pool filter will get us through the season hopefully. He said if the filter fails then the pool will not be open. Stephen said there are very few pools in the area that are deep enough to accommodate diving lessons. Mayor Kerby said the coordination of the class be done with the head lifeguard. Chuck Schoonover from Scuba Unlimited said there are discounts offered for public safety employees. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “no”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant pay request #11 for the Department of Commerce for the water tank project. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the purchase of pressure reducing valve stations (PRVs) and plumbing. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen explained the need for scada materials for the water project. Mick Mellett moved to authorize the purchase of scada materials for the water project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #6 for B. F. Builders for the water improvement project based on staff review. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the DEQ loan request paperwork. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #6 for the visitor’s center based on staff review and ITD approval. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

John Langs moved to approve vacation carryover for Joel Minor. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby appointed John Langs to head up a wage committee to review wages. John asked Kris Larson and Dave Gray serve on his committee. Russ Docherty moved to approve the committee appointment. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen updated council regarding the leakage at the pool. He said there are quite a few cracks in the pool and after the soil is saturated the leaks slow down. Dave Sims said he has measured the water loss and it was about 20,000 gallons per day but it has slowed down now. Stephen said there are about 400 children each year taking lessons so it is a valued service to the community. Dave Gray said it is time to build a facility for the community. John Langs commented that there were a lot of lives saved due to the swim lessons taught at the pool.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Welch Comer Engineering contract for the phase 1 water improvement project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray inquired about the water adjudication workshop being held in Sandpoint. Mayor Kerby said Shawn Keough has informed him there may be a meeting held in Bonners Ferry at a later date.

There being no further business, Russ Docherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk