

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 19, 2007 to order at 6:00 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, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present was Jay Cohn, Marcia Cossette, Michael Listman, Rita Pensmith, and Dave Sims.

Dave Kramer said the new officer, Derrick Ferraro, is working out well. Lexipole is being recommended as the company to use to update the policy manuals of the police department. ICRMP will pay for some of the costs. Two cattle trucks have been cited for littering manure in our city. The court and city attorney support this effort.

Fire Chief Larry Owsley said the new Fire Marshall was in Bonners Ferry. Major gas leaks were found in the TLC Daycare and they are being taken care of. The Teddy Bear Daycare at the former BF Appliance building has requested over 50 children and this puts the requirements at a much higher standard. Margaret Huggins put in a new daycare and they have put in access for the fire trucks and it is an excellent facility. The check from Department of Lands for the railroad fire was received. A grant from the Department of Lands was received for about \$7,000. There was a house fire at Jefferson Street and the response time was three minutes. It is important to be dispatched immediately on fire calls. There was a call at North Columbia Tractor and Avista was on scene to take care of the emergency. A popcorn popper caused a smoke alarm to go off at the auditorium at the Bonners Ferry High School but there was no fire. A request has been made from the Kootenai Tribal fire fighters to train their personnel. Larry sees this as a valuable asset. The Jefferson Street fire burned for awhile before the call was made to the Sheriff's Office.

Russ Docherty 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 June 19, 2007 accounts payable.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the planning and zoning ordinance. He had prepared a handout with comments on the ordinance. He said we need to decide if council wants to hold a hearing on the ordinance or not. He said there is a philosophical change to the ordinance in the zones. Previously the zones were as such that a commercial zone could include anything below a commercial zone but the new ordinance is more zone specific as not all uses are allowed in a commercial zone that were below it. He also asked council to look at the minimum lot sizes. The group discussed having a public hearing on the zoning ordinance. Mayor Kerby suggested distributing the ordinance changes to a group of people in the community that may have an interest so they could make comments to council. Mick moved to have the zoning hearing on the second Tuesday of July at 7:00 p.m. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Mayor Kerby suggested getting the volunteers together and going over the writing of the ordinance. Mike Sloan said we should present a zoning map also.

Mayor Kerby suggested Jay Cohn, Mike Woodward, and Robin Ponsness to serve on the clock tower committee with other members to be appointed as the committee feels necessary. Mick Mellett moved to appoint the committee members as recommended by the Mayor. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby spoke to council regarding the dispatch agreement for FY2008. It includes a \$5,000 increase over last year and a \$5,000 increase was included in the FY2007 contract. Mayor Kerby said the City of Bonners Ferry is the only entity that pays for dispatching services and he would like to talk to the Commissioners about the issue. Mick Mellett moved to table the dispatch agreement until a later meeting. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. Mayor Kerby gave a brief history of the dispatch agreement with the county as the city used to have an employee at the sheriff's office but that caused a conflict so the sheriff's office took over the dispatch duties and the city paid the county through a contract. He also commented how the city residents are also paying county taxes. Tim Wilson said it is a concern of his that the council or Mayor has been given no opportunity to comment on the increase or be a part of the discussion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to accept the revised volunteer list for the visitor's center. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the E.L. Automation contract for building control panels for the water project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby spoke to council regarding the Myrtle Creek Healthy Forests Restoration Act project. He said there have been attempts made by an environmental group to halt the project. The Forest Service has met with the environmentalists to answer questions and help them understand the issues. A notice of intent to sue was filed concerning the project by the Western Environmental Law Center. There is no action for the council to take but the Mayor wanted council to be aware.

Paul Anderson and Latisha Hill from Avista Utilities and Idaho State Senator John Goedde are expected to attend the meeting this evening to discuss the Inland Pacific HUB.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the time of use information included in the packet. Avista is doing a time of use study for billing. It is time of use and demand side management. He said it is very interesting. John Langs inquired if we are charged different kilowatt rates depending on the time of day. Stephen said Bonneville Power Administration does charge the city different rates depending on the time of day the electricity is used. Mayor Kerby suggested speaking to the staff about them thinking about energy conservation. He said nuclear power will be the energy of the future and spoke about the WPSS project in the past. The group briefly discussed the WPSS project.

John Goedde, Latisha Hill, and Paul Anderson joined the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk