Mayor David Sims called the council meeting of July 3, 2018 to order at 6:30 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Valerie Thompson, and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrákay Pluid, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, Economic Development Director Dennis Weed. Members of the public present were: Dave Gray, Craig Kelson, Marciavee Cossette, Jerry Higgs, Denise Crichton and Carolyn Testa.

Mayor Sims asked Council to approve the appointment of Lisa Ailport as City Administrator. Rick moved to appoint Lisa Ailport as City Administrator. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes.

Mayor Sims administered the Oath of Office to City Administrator, Lisa Ailport.

Dave Gray congratulated Lisa.

Craig Kelson, representing the Boundary County Human Rights Task Force, said they would like a memorial recognizing Grace Siler. He read a letter from Elsie Hollenbeck, regarding Grace Siler. They want permission to place the sign at the south end of the old bridge near the gazebo. North Idaho Ironworks is fabricating the stand. It will be approximately four and a half feet tall. The human rights task force will absorb all the costs and will maintain the memorial. Mayor Sims said it will be agendized on the next meeting.

Lisa Ailport gave her report. She is hoping to present a PTO policy for the next meeting. She is also working on a policy for the banners (civic signs). The golf committee met yesterday and is hoping to have a budget ready for the July 17th Council meeting. The Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 22nd. P & Z met and discussed the livestock ordinance. Idaho Division of Building Safety is now processing our building permits.

Mike Klaus gave his update. The storm on June 22nd caused an enormous amount of sediment to plug our storm drains, in the area of the road construction. There is collaboration, with Burlington Northern, that will work to clean out the drains. The storm drains were not able to keep up, due to the amount of rain and sediment and caused some flooding in the basement of the library.

Dennis Weed said the Urban Renewal meeting scheduled for July 17th, will have to be rescheduled. There are three new volunteers for the Visitor’s Center. He is hoping to find five more volunteers, so the hours of operation can be extended. Far North put in a display of t-shirts, hats and cups. The Visitor’s Center receives 25% and Far North receives 75%. It is based on a donation system. Inspire Idaho had their first meeting, about 11 people attended. Inspire Idaho is a partnership between the University of Idaho and Apple. Apple has a swift training program and the University of Idaho is providing the laptops. There are 180 hours of training which need to be completed within one year. North Idaho Collision Center had its open house last week. Two Tone’s Cafe is doing well.

Ron gave a SPOT bus report. There is a problem with the service. The schedule is for Tuesday and Thursday trips to Sandpoint from Bonners Ferry. A person in Sandpoint
Valerie moved to approve the consent agenda. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes.

Rick moved to approve the catering permit for Kootenai River Brewing Company for Kootenai River Days for July 21st and to allow open containers within the designated restricted areas of Main Street and Bonner Street. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Valerie moved to approve the catering permit for Heart Rock Wines/Crosstime Saloon within the parameters on Main Street and Bonner Street for 7-21-18. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ron moved to approve the catering permit for The Hemlocks for Kootenai River Days for the attached area. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Valerie moved to approve the catering permit for the Bull Bash/Rodeo, July 20th at the fairgrounds, in the beer garden booth for Heart Rock Wines/Crosstime Saloon. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mike said this is similar to the pay request last month. He recommends paying and signing the block grant pay request for $460.00. Rick moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #2 for the city pool block grant. Valerie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes.

Mike gave a presentation about the process for the pool reconstruction bid. Rick moved to approve the request to advertise for the pool reconstruction bid. Valerie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lisa said the High 5 Steering Committee met June 25, to review additional proposals. The high school is requesting the community cross-country trail and disc golf course. The high school will use the trail for cross-country meets and the community will be able to use the trail. The proposal also includes some exercise equipment along the trail, as well as a disc golf course. Kevin Dinning, the principal of Bonners Ferry High School, is requesting $10,000 for this project. The High 5 steering committee feels this is a good project since it will be available to the community as well as students. The committee recommended this project to Council for approval. Ron asked if it will be a gravel surface. Mayor Sims said the new portion will be gravel. Valerie asked who is constructing the trail. Lisa said the proposal does not state who will be constructing the trail. Kevin Dinning will be responsible for the project. Mayor Sims believes it will be a considerable amount of volunteer work. Valerie moved to approve the High 5 funding request for the Bonners Ferry High School Cross-Country Trail, Disc Golf Course and Community Trail from the Blue Cross of Idaho in the amount of $10,000. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes.
Lisa said no bids were received for the timber sale. It will be re-noticed on July 12th and July 19th, with a completion date of November 15, 2018.

Andrakay said designating a records custodian is a new requirement, along with the open meeting and public record law changes. An official records custodian must be designated through a resolution. Valerie moved to approve the resolution designating the records custodian and alternate for the City of Bonners Ferry through our City Clerk, Resolution number 2018-07-01. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm