

The regularly scheduled Council meeting of August 2, 2005 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Darrell Kerby. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty and Leslie Falcon, Deputy Clerk Tamera Stemmene, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gary Falcon, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Police Chief Dave Kramer, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Sentha Figueroa from Border Patrol, Pavel Parafenik, Catherine and Sid Stonehocker, Dan Moore, Dave Gray, and Lucy Dukes from the Bonners Ferry Herald.

Mayor Kerby welcomed Sentha Figueroa with the Border Patrol. Sentha spoke to the group and said she wanted to introduce herself to the community and explain the Border Patrol's mission. Their mission has changed since 9-11. Prior to 9-11 Border Patrol's purpose was to keep illegal aliens and drugs from coming into the United States. Now their main Mission is to stop terrorism from happening and to better protect the homeland. The Mayor thanked Sentha for speaking and told her that our City is an asset to them whenever the Border Patrol needs us to help. Sentha Figueroa left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Pavel Parafenik spoke to the Council about the purchase of the Corner Drug building and how he was going to do cosmetic surgery on it - fix the walls and add windows, so that he could rent the three to four apartments there. The Mayor thanked Pavel and advised him to keep working with the City staff on his project.

Catherine Stonehocker asked the Council for their permission to use the City parking lot, Fairgrounds, and possibly the City Pool to try out her snow cone vending. The Mayor stated that she would have to go to the County for the use of the fairgrounds. The Council decided against the pool. Russ Docherty moved to approve the use of the City parking lot for the snow cones, upon meeting the same requirements the Farmers Market does with liability insurance, own or borrow electricity, and the sight has to be approved by the Street and Police Departments. Mick Mellett seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Dan Moore spoke to the Council having concerns with the City's Building Inspectors, James Sewell and Associates. He stated that he thought they had charged too much for the plan review and were not real pleasant to work with. The Mayor explained that the Council sets fees for what Sewell is supposed to use and that legislation was passed that required the City to either do away with partial building permits or do full blown permits with inspections. Our Council decided to do them full blown so the City contracted with a private agency. If we would have gone in house the prices would be higher. The Mayor assured him that we would have a meeting with Sewell and for Dan to keep working with Stephen Boorman.

Police Chief Dave Kramer gave the Police Report. He said that there was going to be a Traffic Safety Meeting. Leslie Falcon asked if they were going to inspect the City parking lot and asked if they could look at the Lutheran Church parking lot as well. Dave said that they would.

There have been quite a few accidents in the County and fender benders in the City. The Mayor said that our Police have done a great job and to keep up the good work.

Fire Chief Larry Owsley gave the fire report. The Fire Department has had a busy month with 10 call outs. Among these were the Restorium's alarm, the lot behind A.J.'s - someone using a torch, auto smoldering on highway 95 and Tamarack, the steam cleaners setting off alarms at the High School, Community Hospital's alarm going off because a car was parked under the awning and the hospital door was open, a two year old playing with matches and setting fire to a house on Monroe Street, and the North Hill woodland fire. The equipment is all working well and the Department is one fireman down with a fractured leg.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of August 2, 2005 accounts payable; approval of July 19, 2005 council meeting minutes; approval for John Youngwirth and Tim English to attend the Idaho Asphalt Conference in Moscow on October 27, 2005; approval for Council President Mick Mellett to go to Jackson Hole, Wyoming in October for the Land Use Planning Conference.

Mick Mellett moved to table the Area of Impact Discussion until next meeting. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty recommended that the City enter an agreement with the Independent Contractor, Accu-Read, Inc. for the City meter reading. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion for discussion. Stephen Boorman said that it would take the contractor three to four days per month at \$26.07 per hour plus mileage. We would have to sub lease the meter reading equipment from Avista. The Council discussed if it would be more cost effective to hire a City Employee just for that purpose, to install all the new equipment and have Avista read the meters or to have the Independent Contractor do this. Leslie was concerned about the meters being read the same time every month and if the employee was sick the meters would not get read in time. Russ stated we did not have choice we had to hire the Accu-Read, Inc. because there was no time. It will go into effect September 1, 2005. The motion passed - Mick Mellett "yes", Leslie Falcon "yes", Russ Docherty "yes".

Police Chief Dave Kramer informed the Council that a County Dispatcher has volunteered to help out with the animal care at the pound a couple hours a week.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the Resolution 2005-Authorizing Indebtedness for Water System Storage and Distribution Improvements. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed - Mick Mellett "yes", Leslie Falcon "yes", Russ Docherty "yes".

The Mayor stated that the Water and Electric June 2005 Profit and Losses were in the packet. Water had a net income of \$11,900 and Electric had a net income of \$95,520.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Tamera Stemmene, Deputy City Clerk