

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 3, 2006 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, Council Members John Langs, Leslie Falcon, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Dave Kramer, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan.

Dave Kramer gave the Police Report. He said a bicycle safety grant from was obtained by the City. There was an arrest for prescription drug abuse and the person has three felony arrests. A DUI arrest was made about 5:00 p.m. Burglary arrests were made for home thefts. There have been two emergency mental holds in the past two weeks. There are still problems with housing the mental holds at Kootenai Medical Center as they are out of room it seems when we need them. Mayor Kerby asked if the person's estate or relatives pay for the expenses. Dave said the State code does allow for reimbursement through the Prosecutor's Office. He is hopeful that video conferencing will become an option for court appearances for the following day for the patients so they don't have to be brought back to our county for court action.

Dave said the Boulder Creek/Ascent School students have been painting over graffiti on the bridge as a community service project. John Langs inquired about the graffiti on the South Hill Locker building. Dave said the kids cited for graffiti were not involved with the South Hill Locker incident.

Dave said the Leadership Conference in Coeur d'Alene was good with great speakers. He said Dr. Becker spoke at the banquet and did a very good job.

Leslie Falcon 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 October 3, 2006 accounts payable; approval of September 19, 2006 council meeting minutes, September 26, 2006 special council meeting minutes, September 28, 2006 special council meeting minutes; approval for John Youngwirth and Keith Fairchild to attend the surplus auction in Lewiston on October 18, 2006.

No action was taken on the annexation of property.

Council discussed the agreements with North Water and Sewer District and South Hill Water and Sewer District for operations, maintenance, and bookkeeping functions. John Langs moved to authorize Mayor Kerby to sign the agreements. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”.

Insurance programs for the North Water and Sewer District and South Hill Water and Sewer District were discussed. It is important to make sure the Districts are protected as the City is responsible for all assets and liabilities of the Districts until the consolidation is completed by the Judge. The City is suggesting covering both districts under ICRMP and make sure the limits are sufficient to protect their assets as the City is fiscally responsible.

Tim Wilson joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

John Langs moved to attain insurance coverage matching the City's insurance coverage through the City's insurance agent for ICRMP coverage. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby commented that FEMA has denied assistance for the flood event but Bureau of Homeland Security will pick up the City's additional costs for this event.

The pay raise for city employees was discussed. Mayor Kerby said the budget included a five percent cost of living increase but normally these types of items are approved by Council prior to being implemented. John Langs moved to make a five percent increase in pay for City employees effective with the pay period beginning October 8, 2006. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. She said she would appreciate every department being conservative in their departments this year as the budget is tight. Russ Docherty agreed with Les. The motion passed, all in favor. Stephen commented that the outside crews have a lot of projects going on and they step up when needed. Dave Kramer thanked Council.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve pay requests to Idaho Department of Commerce for Welch Comer and Panhandle Area Council for the water tank project. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor – John Langs “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”.

Mayor Kerby said he asked Tim Wilson to prepare a legal opinion for the lease/purchase of the sewer vacuum truck. Tim's opinion, based on recent court decisions, is that it is not legal to purchase the truck.

Dave Gray inquired about a City web site. He said he has been viewing county and city web sites and asked if this could be done for Bonners Ferry and what the feeling of the Council was. John Langs inquired about who would maintain it. Mayor Kerby said he does not have an objection to the web site but the difficulty is ongoing maintenance costs. He said we have not had staff available to do the upkeep on the web site. Dave likes the fact that he can view his home town on the web. Dave said Dean Satchwell manages a web site for the Wildlife Refuge. Stephen said Dean is great but does not know if he has the time to add this duty. Dave Gray said he would do some research on the issue if Council has no objection. Dave said he has spoken to many people that have said they came to Bonners Ferry because of the county web site. The group agreed that upkeep of the web site is very important. Dave will do the research and come back to Council with a proposal. Mike Sloan suggested determining what the end result of the site would be or what the City would like to accomplish with the site.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the EPA letter concerning the discharge permit for the backwash line at the water plant. He said the history of this issue goes back to 1972. The method of treating the affluent has not changed but the costs associated with this

process has increased significantly. The discharge is composed of chemicals added to the water that coagulates with the debris in the water as well as chlorine. Total suspended solids and chlorine residual are in excess for the permit according to EPA. A settling pond would solve the issue. Leslie inquired if we have the space to do this. Stephen said about 70,000 to 100,000 gallons of space would be needed to accomplish this. Leslie asked if this could be run into our sewer. Stephen said that is an option to be put in the sewer at a controlled rate but this would be about a 15 percent capacity added to the sewer. Stephen said it would be good irrigation water. There are significant costs associated with this discharge permit and the City has until November 1, 2006 to comply. Mayor Kerby would like to call EPA and find out the expectations as he thinks this issue needs further review. John Langs stated that the City could be fined November 1st. Mayor Kerby said there is no way the City can comply with the requirements by November 1st. Mayor Kerby asked staff and the attorney to review this and make a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Kerby told Council there are the minutes of the Mayor's Coalition for them to review.

Leslie Falcon moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss legal issues. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 8:29 p.m. Leslie Falcon moved to go out of executive session. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

There being no further business Dave Gray moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk