

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 16, 2007 to order at 7:00 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, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Police Chief Dave Kramer, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Marty Becker, Connie Wells, David Sims, Tina Wilson, Gwen Albers, and Sarah Thomas.

Marty Becker spoke to Council regarding an official slogan for Boundary County. "Crown Jewel of the Gem State" is what he is proposing. He thinks this defines Bonners Ferry as the greatest asset. His goal is to put an arch on Kootenai Street welcoming people to Bonners Ferry. Marty spoke about the arch into his property. He would like to find the biggest logs in Boundary County with an iron archway that says "Welcome to Bonners Ferry". He would also like to propose a water feature like the one in Coeur d'Alene near the Prairie Shopping Center. Marty feels passionate about this project and would work toward raising the funding for the project. He thinks it would cost about \$125,000. He is very proud of our town and thinks it looks great. He thinks the arch would be great and it is one of his goals. John Langs asked if Marty would be the chairman. Marty said he would be. Mick said he is proud of downtown and would like to see a water feature. Mayor Kerby spoke about the Hudson Study and how it displayed an archway of natural materials. He also commented on the Eagle Scout project at the south end of town. Mayor Kerby agreed that a slogan should be looked at. Marty said it has a good meaning for our town and it would attract business and people. Mayor Kerby recommended appointing Marty as chairman of the project. Mick Mellett moved to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Marty Becker as chairman to head up the committee for fund raising for the arch. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Marty left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Dave Kramer gave the police report. Homecoming was uneventful and was a success. The Boy Scouts out of Coeur d'Alene are working on a program with the Border Patrol. Tim Wilson said there was a 22-year old that pled guilty to providing alcohol for a minor. Tim said this will send a message to others. Dave said the reserves have been mountain biking out in the neighborhoods to help patrol. Tim said there are three outstanding cases for the Canadian truckers dumping manure. Mayor Kerby thanked Dave and Tim for the good work. Mayor Kerby said he has received a phone call from a large Canadian trucking firm telling him that the trucks will slow down as they travel through Bonners Ferry.

Larry gave the fire report. There was a C0 incident on Solomon and there was a suspicious odor call at the dog pound. A natural gas leak was reported on the sewer bridge but it was a broken pipe band and it has been fixed. A burn pile at the Lantern caused concern due to the smoke. A fire on McCall Street was reported but it was in Paradise Valley Fire's jurisdiction. There was a burn pile on Hazel Street that was called in. Larry said the burn season is opened as of October 15th.

Stephen gave the City Administrator's report. He said for a couple days next week the FERC Part 12 inspection will take place. There will be dam inspections and paperwork

reviewed by Devine Tarbell and Associates. This is for the FERC license. He said the next inspection in five years will have to be by a different consultant. Stephen told Council that unit four will begin being overhauled next week by Ray Sackman.

He also said the water plant had an exceedence for turbidity and the chlorine residual got out of whack. Another chlorine sample point analyzer is needed. A notice is required to be sent to the customers.

The AIC Elected Officials Academy is on November 20, 2007 and Stephen urged the newly elected folks to attend.

Mayor Kerby inquired about the annexation hearings. They will be held at the Kootenai River Inn. Stephen said the definition of the boundary for the annexation is critical and said we may want to contract with the county to help map this area. Mayor Kerby asked Tim to be at the upcoming hearings to answer questions for the annexation. Mayor Kerby said if there are questions that are heard to let Tim know ahead of time so we can be prepared. John Langs asked about a detailed map for Council to review. Stephen will work on the map. Stephen said there are about 300 parcels in the proposed annexation area.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the consent agenda. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of October 17, 2007 accounts payable and payroll for October 12, 2007; approval of regular council meeting minutes for September 18, 2007 and October 2, 2007 and special council meeting minutes of September 28, 2007 and October 1, 2007; approval for two street employees to attend the Winter Maintenance Class on October 30, 2007 in Post Falls and approval for four street employees to attend the Idaho paving Materials Class in Bonners Ferry on November 28, 2007.

Planning and zoning heard the ordinance rewrite and it will be coming before council again.

Mayor Kerby said people who are served water or sewer by the City of Bonners Ferry are being annexed and also people who are contiguous to these parcels have the choice whether or not to be included in the annexation.

Mick said if the annexation issue needs immediate attention he would rather see it worked on but if not then resort tax can also be worked on. Tim said a rough draft for resort tax is being worked on and will be circulated to city staff.

John Langs moved to clarify his motion of October 2, 2007 concerning pay raises. He clarified and moved that Tammy Stemmene and Steve Neumeyer's raises were prior to the cost of living increase that was awarded and that the city employee raises be effective the first full pay period in October. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs said he likes the “Friendliest Town in Bonners Ferry” and does not want this phrase to be lost.

Stephen said there were trees that blew down during the storms this year and he is recommending having Don Dinning to cut the trees and saw the logs into boards. Mick Mellett moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract with Don Dinning Logging, Inc. for the logging and milling of the lumber. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby explained the waiver for chemical monitoring/sampling. He said if the history of the testing shows no sign of the chemicals that DEQ has a waiver for the city. Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the chemical monitoring/sampling waiver. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. John Langs asked if the City has tested for the items listed. Stephen is not sure but he will find out. He said DEQ is very conservative on testing. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby informed Council that there will be a turbidity notice that will be distributed to our customers because we exceeded the turbidity limits. Stephen said these spikes in turbidity have occurred in the night when the plant is not manned but the new scada system will be in place soon and this will notify the operators. The clarifiers will also help this turbidity problem. There is not a need to boil water.

John Langs moved to authorize the expenditure for a new sample point for the chlorine analyzer. The cost will be about \$3,000. Mick Mellett seconded the motion and it passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, John Langs “yes”.

The cost for patching the roads damaged during the water line projects is about \$8,500 for Woods to do the work according to Stephen. Mick Mellett moved to enter into an agreement with Woods for road patching and repairs. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The rate study for the water system was discussed. Stephen proposed continuing the contract with Brooks and Associates. Mayor Kerby said the rates in place today were based on many assumptions and the city needs to reevaluate the rates now that we have firm numbers. Mick Mellett moved to contract with Brooks and Associates to study the water rates. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. Stephen’s proposal is to go for a base rate and then charge for all cubic feet used. He says this simplifies the billing. Mick clarified the motion to include both proposals for rates including a base rate and charge for all cubic feet and a base rate with a certain number of cubic feet allowed. Russ Docherty agreed to the amendment. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mayor Kerby said Under the Sun has applied for a beverage license and inquired if the House of Prayer is a problem since they are within 300 feet of the business. Dave Kramer said the city can waive the requirement according to Idaho Code. Mayor Kerby asked if Idaho Code allows for this. Tim will have to review. Mick moved to table the issue. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion failed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, John Langs “no”, Dave Gray “no”, Mayor Kerby “no”.

John Langs moved to authorize the beverage license for Under the Sun subject to legal review. Dave Gray seconded the motion and it passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

John Langs moved to approve and authorize Mayor Kerby to sign change order #4, balancing change order #5, and the final pay request #8 for the visitor center project pending approval from Idaho Transportation Department. Dave Gray seconded the motion and it passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave said there is an applicant for a reserve officer named Heiko Arshat and recommended appointing him. Dave Gray moved to appoint Heiko. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Dave Kramer requested sending Willie Cowell and Heiko Arshat to the reserve academy in Coeur d’Alene in January. Dave Gray moved to send the two officers to the reserve academy in January. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

The location of the November 6, 2007 meeting was discussed. The election will be held in city hall that day. John Langs moved to have the meeting at the visitor center. Dave Gray seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

The group discussed needed equipment for departments in the general fund. Mayor Kerby said John Youngwirth has found a piece of equipment that will serve his needs for both summer and winter functions. He said the police want a police vehicle and the pool needs a filter and there are golf course needs to be done such as dredging. Mayor Kerby said the foreman’s group will try to outline and prioritize the greatest need for capital items in the general fund. There is about \$100,000 more for capital than what was budgeted for fiscal year 2008 in the general fund.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet to be held October 27 and October 27 at the fairgrounds. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby said John O’Connor resigned his position on the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative Committee several months ago and the committee has been looking for another conservationist member. Mayor Kerby recommended the appointment of Justin Petty to the committee. Mick Mellett moved to confirm the Mayor’s recommendation of Justin

Petty to the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative Committee. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the assurance agreement for Rural Idaho Community Capacity Technical Assistance Program. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 for legal discussions at 8:10 p.m. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Council came out of executive session at 8:47. No action was taken.

The regular council meeting reconvened and since there was no more business the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk