

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 17, 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, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Police Chief Dave Kramer, and Fire Chief Larry Owsley. Also present were Toni Hackwith from Magnuson, McHugh, & Company, Boy Scouts Arthur Putnam and Robert Lundgren, Kim Putnam, Vicki Lundgren, Ken Johnston with Bonneville Power Administration, and Carolyn Testa.

Mayor Kerby welcomed the Boy Scouts to the meeting and they led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was presentation of the fiscal year 2005 audit by Toni Hackwith from Magnuson, McHugh, and Company.

Ken Johnston from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) spoke to Council. He said he works for the transmission side of Bonneville Power and he is our representative. BPA is going through a reorganization at this time. He said the City has very good employees. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 required reliability standards to meet the safety and reliability of the entire grid so the high voltage transmission system across the United States was affected by this act. FERC designated the North American Electrical Reliability Council (NERC) to find methods and means to define the standards for reliability. NERC delegated its authority to the regional Reliability Councils and in our area it is Western Energy Coordinating Council (WECC). It is in charge of registering all utilities in their service territory for the things they own and operate that affect the bigger grid. Bonneville Power has been asked to help determine who needs to be registered and to find out who is responsible. Bonneville has set up a task force to work on the issue. The purpose of this task is to make sure the grid is as reliable as possible and can meet future load growth and future needs. Stephen commented that the responsibility of each entity will have to be defined and documented especially practices that have been carried out in the past.

Dave Kramer said Red Ribbon Week for Drug Awareness is the week of October 23rd with presentations on the 23rd, 25th, and 26th. Tabletop exercise for first responders for wild fires was held last week and was well attended. A vehicle impound cost was paid in the amount of \$900. The Tweedie property has been forfeited to the Prosecuting Attorney as a drug seizure and an open house will be held for the realtors to look at the property. Dave also spoke of the A-Team meeting.

Larry Owsley gave the fire report. Larry is looking into problems with fumes at Dyck's Oil and Auto and how to resolve the issue. A cleanup for anti freeze on a vehicle accident was done. The grant for a fire truck has made it through the first phase. Grant funds through Homeland Security in the amount of \$11,000 will be for turnouts and \$8,000 for SBAs and \$1,668 for rapid intervention gear.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the consent agenda. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of October 17, 2006 accounts payable; approval of October 3, 2006 regular council meeting minutes and October 12, 2006 special council meeting minutes.

Mike Klaus said a letter was sent out regarding the development and annexation but no reply has been received.

Dave Kramer said the traffic Safety Committee reviewed parking in the City parking lot and thought this was a good time prior to it being fully developed. He said there is overnight parking usually on the north end of the lot. He said it is difficult to control the parking for snow removal and to retain parking for customers in the downtown area. Some vehicles are left in a parking space for two months or so but could not be moved or cited due to them having valid licenses. He recommended new parking standards and fees be considered with the new parking lot for overnight parking. There will be approximately 116 parking spaces after the reconfiguration of the parking lot. He suggested the parking standards for the new parking lot also be considered for the parking lot at the end of Main Street. A parking permit system is what Dave is recommending for overnight parking with designated parking dictated by the City. Another parking area available is the dike area for overnight parking. Carolyn Testa said the problems she sees are: 1) taking up valuable business space parking; 2) the recommended \$30-\$35 per month suggested rates are too high for tenants. She suggested having a no-cost permit for overnight parking for the downtown tenants and questioned why a fee would be needed. Carolyn has four tenants and that could potentially mean six parking spaces. She estimates 17 overnight parking spaces would be needed including the Kelson building. Mayor Kerby spoke about the potential residential aspect of the old motel and the possibility of parking spaces being needed for that building. He said there is a value for parking space and questioned why the public should pay for the parking of a few tenants. Carolyn only has a problem with the cost of the permits. Dave Gray asked if a nominal fee would make sense. Mayor Kerby questioned how the City would know if the parking permits were only reserved for a tenant and be fair about it. Tim Wilson said there would be an agreement with the landlord that could be presented to the City for verification. Mayor Kerby asked if public property could be leased and the City discriminate who those parking space leases could go to. Tim thinks the lease can be written to accommodate and suggested it be worked through the landlords. Carolyn said she could create tags for the City to use and volunteered to help. John Langs said he would like to keep the fees at a minimum. Mayor Kerby said we will look at the policy and have a fee increase hearing.

Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the FY2006 audit engagement letter with Magnuson, McHugh, & Company. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the purchase of a small excavator for the City. Multiple departments will use it and he said it does many things that a backhoe will do, is a very nice tool to be used, and is a small piece of equipment. Mayor Kerby inquired

about the renting of a machine. Stephen thought it cost about \$250 per day. He thinks it will be well used by the City for about 15 years. John Langs inquired about the angle blade. Stephen said the difference in the quotes is about \$4,000 for an angle blade. Stephen recommended the Bobcat due to the price. Leslie inquired about service. Stephen said Bobcat should be good but the Kubota would be a local dealer and that would be better. The nearest Bobcat dealer is in Spokane so major repairs would be done in Spokane. The City Mechanic according to Stephen would do most of the maintenance. Leslie said she does not like to go out of town. John Langs moved to purchase the Kubota compact excavator from Boundary Tractor based on the angle blade being included and local service with the issue being subject to the Attorney's review. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Leslie Falcon moved to go out for advertisement for an electrical line foreman. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby spoke about the ICRMP Board of Directors nomination for the City's representation. Russ Docherty suggested checking on the region 1 representative. Leslie Falcon moved to support Garrett Nancolas as the Region 1 Representative for ICRMP. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Gray moved to approve pay request #1 for the Visitor's Center project for Bonners Ferry Builders. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Mike Klaus said the parking lot is coming along very well. Stephen said the paving is scheduled for next week. Mayor Kerby inquired about the lighting installation. Stephen said the lights were ordered several weeks ago.

At 8:15 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 for the discussion of legal issues and negotiations. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Mayor Kerby explained executive session to the Boy Scouts and they left the meeting. At 8:40 p.m. Leslie Falcon moved to go out of executive session. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk