

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled Council meeting of October 18, 2005 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty and Leslie Falcon, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Nancy Mabile from Panhandle Area Council, Dave Gray, and Roko Gorvichin.

The first order of business was a water system improvement project environmental impact hearing. Mayor Kerby introduced Nancy Mabile. Nancy said the hearing is a requirement of Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the environmental review document is an opportunity to give input on mitigation or other considerations. She listed the projects identified in the August, 2004 Water System Master Plan prepared by Welch Comer and the purposes and needs of the projects. There are alternatives to the proposed actions and Nancy identified the environmental consequences. She said a soil study needs to be done at the water reservoir site prior to the construction of the water tank. Drinking water plans and specifications must be approved by DEQ prior to construction. Hours of construction should be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for noise consideration. There is a summary of mitigation in the environmental review document. Nancy said the environmental report identifies mitigation that needs to be adhered to. Permits must be identified in the bid documents. Socio-economic issues are also in the document but remain a bit unclear and water rates need to be identified in the environmental reports. Nancy needs to speak with Stephen Boorman regarding rates to finalize her paperwork. Clearance was granted to the City for the project from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Kootenai Tribe, Kalispell Tribe, Idaho Department of Water Resources, DEQ, Idaho Fish and Game, Natural Resource Conservation Service, State Historical Preservation Office, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The capital improvement project listing, proposed water rates, engineer's drawings, topographical map, and photos are also included in the environmental document.

There being no further comments, Mayor Kerby recessed the hearing.

Nancy Mabile said the deadline for the Idaho Community Development Block Grant is November 18 and she would like to have a hearing on November 15, 2005. Council agreed to schedule the hearing for November 15th.

Nancy said she submitted a grant to FEMA on behalf of all of the local emergency planning councils for a juvenile fire setter program. The grant is sponsored by Kootenai County. The fire setter program will train first responders, police, and fire personnel to treat juvenile fire setters beyond evaluation and to have a strong media campaign for all fire hazards.

Mayor Kerby commended Nancy Mabile on her service to the City of Bonners Ferry and our community and thanked her for the millions of dollars she has obtained for us. Mayor Kerby, based on direction of the City Council, presented Nancy with an Honorary Citizen of Bonners Ferry plaque.

Dave Kramer said the Police Department has been awarded a grant to update the radios. The DUI aggressive driver grant has been awarded to the Police Department also. The radio grant requires no match. Dave said there have been two burglaries that have been solved since the last meeting along with several other arrests. A bike safety class has been conducted by Officer Ashby. Another methamphetamine arrest was also made.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the consent agenda. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of the September 27, 2005 and October 4, 2005 council meeting minutes and the September 30, 2005 special council meeting minutes.

Attorney Tim Wilson did not have the area of impact ordinance prepared for this evening. Russ Docherty moved to table the issue until the next Council meeting. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The Benchmark contract for the Substance Abuse Coalition was discussed. Dave Kramer gave an update on the contract and recommended authorizing the award of the contract. The grant funding is used for substance abuse awareness projects and to deter the public from abusing substances. Russ Docherty moved to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Council discussed the Tribal contract. The City had requested a ten percent increase to the contract for fiscal year 2006 and the Tribe submitted an offer of a five percent increase and asked for a three year contract term. Mick Mellett moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a one year contract with the Kootenai Tribe with a five percent increase for fiscal year 2006. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and stated that a letter should be written to the Tribe to explain the reasoning for one year limit. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

The group discussed a hearing date for the subdivision ordinance. Council set the date for the hearing to be November 15, 2005. Mick Mellett moved to have the hearing on November 15, 2005. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the two amendments to the Cafeteria Plan. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”. (Clerk’s Note: The amendments were to extend the cafeteria plan deadline until January 15th for using amounts pledged for the year ending October 31 and to add a HIPAA compliant section for electronic data).

Mick Mellett moved to approve the purchase of three computers. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. Mick asked if these are all the computers needed. Mayor Kerby responded that the City is cycling in new computers so there may be others needed. The motion passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the utility extension policy. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the safety training contract with Columbia Rural Electric Association, Inc. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. Tim Wilson inquired about the schedule for pricing that was noted to be schedule A and was not included with the copy he received. Tim also said we should ask if there is any dispute that it be dealt with according to Idaho law. Mick Mellett asked to rescind his motion. Russ Docherty agreed. The issue will be tabled until the next meeting. Russ Docherty moved to table the contract until the next meeting. Leslie seconded the motion and it carried.

Leslie Falcon moved to extend the vacation request for Allen Ashby for a period up to three months. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The hardship request for Randy Tremble was tabled until executive session.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the contract with ICRMP for FY2006. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mayor Kerby reopened the environmental impact hearing. There being no further comment on the environmental impact hearing, Mayor Kerby closed the hearing at 7:36 p.m.

At 7:36 p.m. Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss legal and personnel issues. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”. At 8:22 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to go out of executive session. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

Leslie Falcon moved to accept the hardship request from Randy Tremble to use his accrued vacation and personal leave in the amount of 32.52 hours. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk