

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the special meeting of October 27, 2006 to order at 8:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, Council Members John Langs, Leslie Falcon, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, and City Administrator Stephen Boorman.

The purpose of the special meeting was to approve a catering permit for Kootenai River Inn for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet; review water project costs; and review visitors center colors.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The group will research the catering permit process and find out if there is a legal way for staff to handle the catering permits.

Mike Sloan joined the meeting.

Stephen spoke to Council regarding the backwash permit issue. An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Enforcement Officer came to Bonners Ferry. There have been 54 permits issued in the past four years. He is working with entities on backwash permits. Mike Klaus and Chuck Lycans met with the EPA Representative and looked over our systems. EPA is serious about the City cleaning up the backwash process. Stephen said a short-term solution would be about \$100,000 and the long term solution will cost about \$300,000. Several options have been researched and request for proposals have been sent out. The City will work on the permanent solution and keep EPA informed as progress is made.

There is funding available left over from the water meter project in an amount of about \$314,000. The City would have to match \$78,500 and the Corps would fund approximately \$235,500. We are hopeful that the federal government as part of the City's Project Management Plan with the Army Corps of Engineers will approve the backwash system project.

Mayor Kerby said there is also a sewage lagoon problem from algae entering the river from the sewer system. Penalties are looming on the lagoon violation so it is being worked on also by staff.

Council reviewed water projects that need completion and discussed funding.

The group briefly discussed the sewer fund and projects that may be coming forth.

Discussion ensued concerning the addition of the North and South customers and billing problems that have been discovered during the process that are being corrected.

John Langs suggested combining the backwash and sewer discharge problems so that we only have one discharge issue to work on. The projects have been submitted to

engineering firms for requests for proposals and that is something that should be considered.

John Langs moved to proceed with the exploration of adding the water backwash discharge correction to the Project Master Plan with the Corps of Engineers. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The group briefly discussed the visitor's center color scheme.

At 9:05 a.m. Leslie Falcon moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Gray seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk