

Mayor Kerby called the special meeting of November 18, 2005 to order at 11:08 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty, Leslie Falcon, and Dave Gray, City Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Water Department Supervisor Chuck Lycans, Economic Development Coordinator Robin Ponsness, and Street Superintendent John Youngwirth. Also present were Necia Maiani and Phil Boyd from Welch Comer, Gary Aitken from the Kootenai Tribe, and Elizabeth Ciepiela from the Bonners Ferry Herald.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss water projects, the visitor's center, and the Christmas party.

Stephen Boorman said there is detail that needs to be worked on for the water projects. Necia and Phil presented information on the water project for the storage tank and distribution improvements. The group reviewed drawings of the tank scenario. Currently the City has a treatment plant and then the water runs through a concrete tank and a steel tank. Stephen said there is the accomplishment of chlorine contact time that needs to be met. Currently the City is meeting that standard by treating the water before filtration but this is not the best. Chuck Lycans said there are a lot of variables that affect the chlorine treatment. He also spoke of disinfection by-products. Necia explained that another advantage to the new tankage would be increased pressure of the system. There would be new transmission lines constructed and some pressure reducing valves would also be installed.

Necia explained three options being looked at. The current is treating the water in the filtration building, then sending the water to a chlorine contact chamber, and then storing the water in a new 500,000 gallon tank and the existing concrete and steel tanks. There will be three pressure reduction valves installed. There will be tests done on the steel tank to see if it can be repaired due to rust in the upper portion of the tank that is not currently used. The new tank scenario will actually increase our fire suppression and standby and storage capability. Necia said concrete is being looked at for the material to build the new tank from because there are maintenance costs associated with a steel tank that are not necessary on a concrete tank. Phil Boyd said the concrete tank will have vertical joints with sealant in them and this will have to be replaced.

Gary Aitken suggested that the City set aside funding for maintenance of the tanks in the future. Mayor Kerby responded that the City is looking at this through our new rate structure.

Phil Boyd said the tanks are designed for 20-25 years at a three-percent growth factor. He also commented that water conservation is generally a factor when water meters are installed.

The chlorine contact chamber is also planned to be built of concrete according to Necia. It will be a structure partially built underground and above ground with a roof over it. Russ Docherty expressed concern over the price of concrete when the bids are advertised. Mayor Kerby commented that there are local contractors that could build a concrete

structure but none available for steel construction and the cost savings in mobilization may offset. Chuck Lycans cautioned that our water from Myrtle Creek leaches when exposed to metals.

Stephen said there is a task order that will be for Welch Comer to do the hard design of the project probably to come forth the first part of February, after the Block Grant determination is known. The bid will go out in April and a contractor selected in May. The estimated completion time is November or December, 2006.

Chuck inquired about backwashing from the transmission main to the filters rather than using the pumps that we now use. Phil suggested an add alternate to the project. This issue will be reviewed.

Chuck said sensing equipment will need to be installed to intermix with the current SCADA system that we are using.

The group discussed the chlorine in the contact chamber and how it will be better for the employees working with it than what we currently have.

The visitor's center was the next topic of discussion. Phil Boyd said the land board issues and finishes for the building are needs to be determined but Cory Trapp could not attend today's meeting and he will need to be involved. Phil said another meeting will be scheduled when Cory Trapp is available.

At 12:12 p.m. Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss legal issues. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 12:41 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.

Stephen said the District 1 waterline project is being worked on by Shem Johnson.

Gary Aitken inquired about when the underpass tunnel will be usable. Mayor Kerby replied that until the elevation problem is corrected by the contractor the tunnel will not be usable.

Mayor Kerby said there is a request to enter into a contract with Rockin' A's for music at the Christmas party. Leslie Falcon moved to hire the Rockin' A's to entertain at the Christmas party on December 16, 2005. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. Leslie Falcon rescinded her motion. Russ rescinded his second. Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for the Christmas party. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Rockin A's for the Christmas party entertainment. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

At 12:58 p.m. the meeting adjourned due to there being no further business.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk