

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the special council meeting of December 21, 2005 to order at 9:14 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty, Leslie Falcon, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Economic Development Coordinator Robin Ponsness, and Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth. Also present were Councilman Elect John Langs, Carol Graham, Patsy Stockdale, Kay Burdick, Cassandra Ekberg, and Corey Trapp from G.D. Longwell Architects.

The purpose of the special council meeting was to discuss the visitor's center.

Mayor Kerby said the State Land Board cleared up the ownership issue of the City parking lot and the land now belongs to the City.

Police Chief Dave Kramer joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Stephen Boorman said the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has not received the final design of the visitor's center project and the storm water environmental issue is still pending. Robin Ponsness has been searching for funding to help with the environmental storm water project. Corey Trapp suggested contacting the Department of Environmental quality (DEQ) for storm water management. He said Post Falls is working on a project with funding coming through DEQ. Stephen estimates the storm water environmental to cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Corey Trapp said that ITD wants colors and products picked out before the final design paperwork is submitted as it is a requirement of ITD. Corey displayed the visitor's center drawings to the group. The maximum capacity for the upper floor is 50. The dimensions of the building are 28 ft. by 34 ft. on two floors. Mayor Kerby informed the group that the City will own the visitor's center and the land it sits on as well as the City parking lot.

The group chose hardy plank for siding and cultured stone that looks like river rock. The roofing was asphalt shingles colored autumn blend with a 30-year warranty. The heat will be natural gas and radiant heat was discussed for the restrooms. In the restrooms it was decided to have a fiberglass panel rather than tile on the walls. The floors will be colored concrete and the bathroom fixtures will be porcelain. The group picked out carpet and Corey said the doors would be wooden with a metal frame in the visitor's center. The doors in the restrooms will be metal.

The goal is to bid the project in the slow construction season to get better pricing. Corey will have the drawings done by the end of January, 2006 and then it will be submitted to ITD for approval before going out to bid.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kris Larson, City Clerk