Mayor David Sims called the Special Council meeting of October 23, 2018 to order at 6:05 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Engineer Mike Klaus and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair. Members of the public present were: Rilie Beatty with Panhandle Area Council.

Mayor Sims opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

Rilie Beatty from Panhandle Area Council gave her report. On, July 26, 2017, the City of Bonners Ferry received an Idaho Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Commerce in the amount of $340,000 to install two dedicated Sewer Force Mains at the Kootenai River crossing and connect two lift stations. This public hearing is part of the requirements. A list of requirements includes: a review of project activities, a summary of expenditures to date, remaining work to be completed, and any changes to the scope of work, budget and schedule. There have been two changes to the original project schedule. There was an approximate nine month delay due to the environmental review process taking longer than anticipated. The second delay was a later start date. There have been no changes to the budget. The total budget was $682,152. Expenses as of September 30, 2018 are $332,735.94, leaving a balance of $349,416.06. There have been no changes in the scope of work. Ron asked how much City cash is involved. Mayor Sims said $342,152.00, if it comes in on budget.

Mike said there will two more pay requests, one in November and one in December. All the underground piping is complete on both sides of the bridge. The old asbestos pipe was removed and taken to the landfill. Both of the new 6” pipes are in use. Both pipes passed the pressure test last week. The pressure test was 150psi for two hours for each pipe. Rick asked what the normal operating pressure is. Mike said it is between 25psi – 35psi, depending on how many pumps are on. Adam asked if the pipes need to be protected from UV rays. Mike said the pipes are insulated and there will be no exposed piping. There is a special insulation piece that needs to be installed for the section of the pipes where they meet the ground.

Substantial completion was given on October 18, 2018.

Mike presented a slideshow on the project. Adam asked if it is one continuous piece of pipe. Mike said it is. The pipe was fused onsite. Mike inspected the pipe to make sure there were not any scratches that were too deep. Rick asked how thick the pipe is. Mike said the pipe is a little over one-half inch thick. Mayor Sims asked what the pressure rating on the pipe is. Mike said he believes it is 235psi. Mike said there are two pipes that are under the roadway. The pipes connect to the bridge to make it possible to isolate one pipe making it easier to repair if there is a leak. Mike said it saved a lot of money having John Youngwirth do the construction observation. Mayor Sims said the project has been smooth. Ron thanked everyone involved in the project for their work.

Mayor Sims closed the public hearing at 6:24pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.