

Mayor David Sims called the Council meeting of February 5, 2019 to order at 6:00 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, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, Fire Chief Dave Winey, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Economic Director Dennis Weed, Assistant Police Chief Marty Ryan and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair. Members of the public present were: Jessica Tingley, Marciavee Cossette, Denise Crichton, Dave Gray, Marty Martinez, Jennifer Van Etten and Wendy Hawks.

Denise Crichton said she thinks the City Council does a wonderful job.

Assistant Police Chief Marty Ryan said there have been 28 calls for service and three felony arrests since the last meeting. Jason Trujillo will be off probation at the end of this week. Brandon Johnson will be on probation for another month or two.

Fire Chief Dave Winey said Gary Falcon retired last Monday after 30 years of service.

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said it is the planning and preparation time of the year. The departments are getting ready for the upcoming projects for this year.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the Electric department is putting underground power on Garden Court. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is going to start the second half of the Phase One project in April. ITD is planning a bypass road for this summer's work. Mayor Sims said the bypass road will still be in ITD's right of way. Mike said the well project is almost complete. The depth of the well is 97 feet and the test pump will be installed tomorrow and tested next week. The skimmer system for the pool will arrive next week and will be installed early March. Rick asked if ITD is going to repaint the bypass before starting the work in April. Mayor Sims said Damen was up earlier and saw the work that needs to be done. Ron asked about the railing again at the top of the bypass. Mayor Sims said it something we need to ask ITD about.

Economic Director Dennis Weed said Bill Jhung, from North Idaho College, was here last week. He will be back in March to put on a class. New director of commerce, Tom Keeley, will be up the end of the month. Dennis said several people want to buy buildings, but no one is willing to sell. Ron asked if there is any of the property left from the Pape property. Dennis said all the property has been sold.

Lisa Ailport said she and the Mayor had a phone conference today with Idaho Smart Growth regarding the bike/ped plan. John Youngwirth, Mike Klaus, Lisa and the Mayor met with JUB regarding the transportation plan.

Spot will meet February 7, 2019. They will discuss the Gold Route.

Valerie Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

Mayor Sims said Lisa and the Electric crew visited the site for the park in Moyie and made an adjustment to the lease, adding a 20 foot buffer from the fence around the sub-station. Another addition to the lease is: The City of Moyie Springs will not be able to trim or remove any trees with specific information from the City of Bonners Ferry. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the lease agreement with The City of Moyie. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

Jennifer Van Etten said the street will be closed on July 13, 2019 from 8am – 1 am on July 14, 2019 for Kootenai River Days. Jennifer said it will be the same layout as last year. Jennifer is asking for open containers be allowed in plastic containers, with street vendors. Mayor Sims asked if there were vendors last year that sold alcohol. Jennifer said there were. Kootenai River Days is scheduled for July 9, 2019 – July 13, 2019, but the street will only be closed on the Saturday the 13th.

Andrakay Pluid stated that Brian Zimmerman wants to change from Lexipol and use the Idaho Policing Policy. Mayor Sims showed the Lexipol policy, which is three inches thick, the Idaho Policing Policy is about one quarter inch thick. The Idaho Policing Policy is one that the officers will be able to read in its entirety and know. Valerie asked if there is a cost difference. Andrakay said the Idaho Policing Policy is significantly less expensive. Rick moved to adopt the Idaho Policing Policy. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

Lisa Ailport said the Golf Committee met last July and made a recommendation to increase the daily rates and the golf shed leases. Lisa provided a spreadsheet of rates from regional golf courses. Lisa is hoping to get feedback from Council. Mayor Sims said Ralph feels the daily rates should not be raised, but the season passes should be raised. Lisa said she looked at last year's weekly sheets and the play is split about evenly between season pass holders and daily rate plays. Lisa said other courses offer a senior rate and a twilight rate (evening hours). Ron asked what defines a junior rate. Mayor Sims said he thinks it is under 18 years of age. Mayor Sims said some courses have a college rate, which is for people age 18 – 23. Lisa said she realized that our rates include tax. Some courses include tax, while others add tax. Lisa will continue to gather information from other golf courses and bring the information to a future Council meeting.

Mayor Sims said Elsie Hollenbeck asked the Mayor to find a new Human Rights Task Force Advocate. Craig Kelson is the current chairperson for the Human Rights Task Force. He is willing to be the Human Rights Task Force Advocate. Valerie Thompson moved to designate Craig Kelson as the Human Rights Advocate for the City. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Sims said since Kris Larson retired she has been coming in and helping Christine. Kris' help has been invaluable. Ron Smith moved to pay Kris Larson \$35.00 per hour for consulting services, as well as paying her COBRA. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – recused herself, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.