Mayor David Sims called the Special Council meeting of March 12, 2019 to order at 5:32 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair. No members of the public were present.

Mayor Sims said Knight Construction was the low bidder for the Silt Removal Project at the Moyie Dam. All of the bids came in below Mike's estimate. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the bid and award the project to Knight Construction Supply Incorporated for total contract price of $292,719 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and all other documents necessary for the contractor to begin work. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

Lisa Ailport presented the Banner and Civic Sign Policy. There were a few changes made based on recommendations from Council. Lisa added the signs will be governmental signs City Code. B1 changed to six times instead of one. B5 now reads signs expected to be removed within 24 hours after the advertised event. C1a is about the standards listed in section B. There was a grammatical change in Definition 1 and Definition 3 was changed to include “but not limited to”. Adam Arthur moved to approve the Banner and Civic Sign Policy as written and amended. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lisa Ailport presented the quote from North Idaho Ironworks for the Gateway Entry sign. Lisa has given North Idaho Ironworks a deadline of May 1, 2019, so there will be time to submit the paperwork to the International Selkirk Loop. This is a reimbursement program from the International Selkirk Loop. Ron asked how much of the grant the City will be responsible for. Lisa said the City is required to have a 25% match. Rick asked about the concrete costs. Lisa explained the costs relating to the concrete base. Rick asked what the dimensions are. Lisa said the base is seven feet tall on the highway side and twelve feet tall on the Visitor's Center side. Mayor Sims said we can change the “Welcome to Bonners Ferry”. Valerie asked what the other options were. Mayor Sims said “Explore Bonners Ferry” was one of the options. Adam said “Welcome to Bonners Ferry” makes sense if it is on the edge of town. Ron asked if the base will be visible. Lisa said about half of the base will be visible. Idaho Transportation Department approved the encroachment permit for the sign today. The wording was discussed. “Bonners Ferry Welcomes You” was recommended by Adam. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the quote from North Idaho Ironworks for the Gateway Entry sign for the grand total of $34,584.70 with the message “Bonners Ferry Welcomes You”. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.