

Mayor David Sims called the Council meeting of March 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, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Fire Chief Dave Winey, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Economic Director Dennis Weed, and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair. Members of the public present were: Dave Gray, Jessica Tingley, Marciavee Cossette, Judy Nissen, and Marty Martinez.

Dave Gray thanked everyone from the City that has helped make Idaho Day a success.

Police Chief Brian Zimmerman said there were multiple burglaries on LaBrosse Hill Road, on February 23, 2019. On February 26, 2019, an elderly lady on Madison Street surprised a burglar in her home. The burglar took a laptop from the lady's house. A graveyard officer made a traffic stop and noticed tools that may have been from a burglary on February 23, 2019. A search warrant was obtained and the person is in jail on multiple counts of burglary, possession of firearm by a felon, possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire Chief Dave Winey said things are going smooth at this time.

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said she is working through the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) application. The Wilson Street to Solomon Street right of way is nearing surveying completion. One of the bigger challenges for this project was finding fill. A local contractor has approximately 1000 cubic yards fill that we will be able to use for this project. Lisa thanked Mayor Sims, Rick Alonzo for helping with Idaho Day. Lisa also expressed her deep gratitude for the Street department for making the sidewalks and street crossings safe for everyone. Lisa met with one applicant for the temporary water/sewer employee, a contingent offer was made to the individual. Lisa received a quote from North Idaho Ironworks, for the gateway entry sign. Lisa will present it at the next Council meeting. Lisa is hopeful that the sign will be installed by May 1, 2019. Mayor Sims said we can have a Special Council meeting next Tuesday at 5:30pm.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the pool skimmer system was installed and pressure tested. BF Builders will start work again when the weather warms up. There were six different companies that attended the pre-bid meeting for the silt removal project. Rick asked about the well on Dakota Street. Mike said the well has been tested. The 24 hour test maintained 450 gpm. The laboratory results are not final yet, but there has not been anything of concern so far. Mayor Sims said if it is surface water we will have to filter it. Mayor Sims asked if 450 gpm will serve 100% of our needs for nine months of the year. Mike said it will serve our needs for at least eight months.

Economic Director Dennis Weed said there has been one inquiry for the Shopko building. The lease rate is pretty high. Tom Keeley, the Director of Commerce, was up last week, Dennis and Mayor Sims took him to the sewer bridge and the pool. He also visited two businesses. The discussion with the businesses about the internet.

Ron said after the SPOT meeting in Ponderay, the committee went to Schweitzer. Ron feels it will be a good thing for this community. There will be about four places in Bonners Ferry where people can get on the bus to go to Schweitzer. To be able to operate the Gold Route all year, one day during the week will have to be eliminated. The Gold Route will take riders from Bonners Ferry to the red barn at the base of Schweitzer, where the riders can then get on another SPOT bus to go other places in the Sandpoint/Ponderay area. There is now an assistant for the Executive Director of SPOT.

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

Lisa said she did not receive any questions or comments from Council regarding the Banner and Civic Sign Policy, so she did not make any changes to the draft policy. Ron said if there is a time limit of three times a year, what happens if groups want to use it more than that. Mayor Sims asked if seven days is not long enough. Adam asked about removing the sign after the event is over. Lisa said it will be scheduled for a certain amount of time and it will be removed at the end of that time. Mayor Sims said the signs should be removed within 24 hours after the event. Ron asked if the airport or any group would be able to sign up for the whole year. Lisa said if there is space available it will be allowed. Lisa will bring forward an edited policy for the next meeting.

Lisa said this is the last year for the current income survey. In order to be able to apply for future block grants we will have to have a new income survey. Panhandle Area Council (PAC) will do the survey for \$2500. Ron asked how the survey is conducted. Lisa said a survey is mailed to the residents, if they do not respond, then someone goes to the house to complete the survey. Adam Arthur moved to approve the income survey in the amount of \$2,500 for the Idaho Community Block Grant with Panhandle Area Council. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

Andrakay said this is the same lease agreement as last year for the Farmer's Market. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the Farmer's Market lease agreement for 2019. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes. .

Mike said we received 14 candidates for the Statement of Qualifications for engineering services. Mike and Lisa ranked the top 5 for each category. Mike said this reduces the amount of time needed to select an engineering firm. Mayor Sims asked if there is a project can any of the candidates be chosen or is number one the candidate that you start with. Mike said we will usually start with number one. Mayor Sims asked if you can still go out for requests or if you have to use this list. Mike said you can still go out for requests. Ron Smith moved to approve the engineering roster as presented. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lisa said the Boundary County Library is requesting \$1350.00 of High 5 grant funding, for approximately nine packs, for their adventure pack program. People can check out a backpack to do whatever activity is in the backpack. The backpacks may contain binoculars, magnifying glasses, and trail guides, which will help identify plants, trees, animal prints. Mayor Sims said this is to encourage physical activity. Ron asked how people will know about this project. Lisa said the library will let people know about this project. Rick asked what the timeline is for spending the remaining money from High 5. Lisa said we have until the end of December 2019, if we have a plan where the money will be spent and we need more time, it may be extended. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the High Five Grant Fund Expenditure for the Boundary County Library Adventure Pack Program in the amount of \$1,350. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.