

**Minutes  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
April 2, 2019  
6:00 pm**

Mayor David Sims called the Council meeting of April 2, 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 Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Fire Chief Dave Winey, Contract Attorney Will Herrington and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair. Members of the public present were: Jessica Tingley, Marciavee Cossette, Denise Crichton, Dave Gray, Gerald Higgs, Blanche Studer, Ken Toline, Eric Lederhos, Valerie Surprenant, Matt Surprenant and Ralph Lotspeich.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**GUEST**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ken Toline, Vice Commander of the American Legion, requested to have the Memorial Day Parade be a City event. Ken is concerned about children running into the street to get the candy and not watching for vehicles.

Eric Lederhos from EL Automation said EL Internet is putting in new routers to create a redundant network that will eliminate internet outages. They are putting fiber optics from 3 Mile to Moyie and downtown Bonners Ferry. They are engineering to do fiber to homes on the South Hill. Cable has increased to 15 towers and new radios have been ordered to increase bandwidth capabilities to the customers.

**REPORTS**

Police Chief Brian Zimmerman said with the nicer weather the officers are being more proactive in the DUI enforcement. Brian said his solution to Ken Toline's concern is to have people walking in the parade hand the candy to the children.

Fire Chief Dave Winey thanked all of those involved with the Fodge Mill incident. He said everyone worked so well together.

City Administrator Lisa Ailport gave Council an updated version of the Water/Sewer Plan. Approximately 7,000 linear feet of sewer line has been flushed. The FLAP application is due Friday, April 5, 2019. Sewer lagoon dredging has started and this will be the last year for a few years. The street lights from El Paso Street to Lincoln Street will be out for a few weeks until the poles can be replaced. The neighborhood cleanup in the lower Oak Street area will begin this spring. Lisa is working with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to burn the brush along the dike this spring. There was a vandalism incident at the Visitor's Center. The camera system is working and the police were able to identify a person of interest.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the production well on Dakota Street has been drilled, have not received the chemical laboratory results. Another test has to be taken during high water. The traffic light at Alderson Lane was removed today. Mike said the gazebo at the end of the bridge is twisting and needs to be removed before winter. The silt removal project started yesterday. Mayor Sims thanked Mike Klaus for his work on the silt removal project. The walls have been poured, the skimmer system has been installed and the rebar is in place for the sidewalks to be poured at the swimming pool. The pool now will be eight inches deeper. The Gateway Entry Sign project construction started yesterday. When the soil was being compacted there was enough moisture in it, which made it rubbery. Mike said he had to increase the size of the base to avoid having the sign settle.

## **CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the March 19, 2019 Council meeting minutes

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.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. City – Consider Memorial Day Parade Being a City Event {action item}

Rick Alonzo moved to make the Memorial Day parade a City event. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

5. City – Set Date for Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Public Hearing {action item}

The hearing date for the fiscal year 2020 budget public hearing was set for September 3, 2019.

6. Pool – Consider Approval to Advertise for Lifeguards (attachment) {action item}

Lisa Ailport requested authorization to advertise for lifeguards for this season. Adam Arthur moved to advertise for lifeguards. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

7. Street – Consider Approval to Advertise for Seasonal Park Employee (attachment) {action item}

Lisa Ailport requested to rehire the seasonal park employee from last year and at \$14.00 per hour. Rick Alonzo moved to change the rate of pay to \$14.00 per hour. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

8. Golf – Consider Approval of the Patio Project for the Golf Course (attachment) {action item}

Lisa Ailport explained the proposed patio at the golf course. The proposed patio will be 20 feet x 40 feet at the south end of the building. Mike suggests using six inches of concrete. He said there will also need to be footers, a stem wall and a handrail. Mike said the patio will be approximately \$10,000- \$11,000. Mike said it will be possible to put a roof over it in the future. Mayor Sims said the roof needs to be repaired. Mayor Sims asked when the patio project can be done. Lisa said the crew is ready start on the project. Ralph said he is planning to open the golf course on April 13, 2019. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the patio project for the golf course for up to \$11,000 and designate the rest of the fund for future projects. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

Mayor Sims recessed the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Mayor Sims reconvened the meeting at 6:55 pm.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

File AN03-18 Annexation Request from Gerald Higgs

Mayor Sims explained the public hearing process.

Mayor Sims opened the public hearing at 6:57 pm for File AN03-18 from Gerald Higgs for annexation into the City limits

Lisa Ailport gave a brief presentation of the file. Lisa said Gerald Higgs is requesting the annexation of 1.38 acres located adjacent to 7612 Wild Horse Lane. The applicant is requesting to be zoned Residential B. The Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission held a public hearing on February 21, 2019 and recommended Residential B zoning.

Gerald Higgs, 7612 Wild Horse Lane, said he purchased the land due to fire and flood mitigation. The result of the land clearing after 2006 was a 600 percent increase in surface water when it rained. He is not requesting any utility services from the City. Takca Hill Subdivision Lot 1 is the requested name for the parcel. Requested Residential B zoning so he and future property owners can reduce the brush by using goats. Rick said if this land is annexed it looks difficult to suppress a fire. Rick asked if there is a liability for the City. Gerald said he is a member of North Bench Fire Association and North Bench will respond to the fire. Adam said both the City Fire Department and North Bench Fire Department will respond if there is a fire. Ron asked if goats are allowed in the City limits. Mayor Sims said if it is zoned Residential B, goats will be allowed.

Lisa Ailport gave a summary of the staff report. Gerald Higgs purchased the parcels through two different purchases. He is seeking to combine the recently purchased land into one lot under City jurisdiction and requesting Residential B zoning. The adjacent zoning is Residential AA. Mayor Sims asked if the zoning for the newly annexed property will be Residential B, but the current parcel in the City will remain Residential AA. This is a voluntary annexation request, which is allowed by Idaho Code. Some of the requirements for voluntary annexation are: has to be consented by landowner, has to be contiguous to the City and in the area of city impact (ACI). Annexation agreement has been developed with the landowner. Written public comment was received from Larry and Mila Cousins opposed to annexation due to fire suppression issues. The noticing requirements were met. P & Z held a public hearing and recommended Residential B zoning. Adam asked if there is a down side to making it Residential B. Lisa said she does not see any. Mayor Sims asked if he chooses to subdivide in the future will he have to go through the subdivision process. Lisa said that is correct.

Blanche Studer said she approves to whole thing since she lives next door.

No one spoke in neutrality.

No one spoke in opposition.

There was no rebuttal.

Mayor Sims closed public hearing at 7:33 pm.

All council members thought it was a well presented application.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the annexation request 1.3 acres subject of AN03-18 and the zoning of these lands to Residential B, finding that it is in accord with the goals and policies in the adopted City of Bonners Ferry's Comprehensive Plan. Rick further moved to adopt the following findings and reasoned statement as written. The annexation map and amendment is supported by the City of Bonners Ferry's Comprehensive Plan. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

9. City – Consider Annexation Agreement with Gerald Higgs File AN03-18 (attachment) {action item}

Lisa presented the annexation agreement. Lisa said there are some adjustments needed under the Consideration section. Mayor Sims asked if Gerald is in agreement with the terms. Gerald said he is.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.