

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
June 18, 2019  
6:00 pm**

Mayor David Sims called the Council meeting of June 18, 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 Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair. Members of the public present were: Kennon McClintock, Marciavee Cossette, Jerry Higgs, Jessica Tingley and Eric Lederhos.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**GUEST**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of five minutes, unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council

**REPORTS**

Police Chief Brian Zimmerman said Andrakay is putting together public service announcements for fireworks to let the public know what is legal and what is not legal.

Fire Chief Dave Winey said the Fire Department is working on completing the ISO for water flow of the hydrants.

Mayor Sims read a letter from City Administrator Lisa Ailport. Lisa said Sophie Claphan the head lifeguard has shown great leadership by working long hours and recruiting some of the new guards.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said he has contacted the owners of the Shopko building, the former Taco Bell building and the former Harvest Foods building to try to get new businesses in those buildings. No one has responded to him yet. Dennis would like to get two more cameras installed at the Visitor's Center to have more of 360° view of the activity that is taking place there.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the June 4, 2019 Council meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. City – Consider a Letter of Support for the Forest Legacy Proposal for 2019 {action item}

Kennon McClintock gave a brief presentation. The Forest Legacy program is run by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). The IDL focuses on protecting private working forest lands. It is a voluntary program that uses conservation easements to protect the land. The landowners continue to own the land and are required to pay

taxes when it is in a conservation easement. The land cannot be subdivided or commercially developed. The top 20 applications are funded annually. Last year the application had 6,300 acres, ranked sixth, but was not fully funded. This year's application has 5,100 acres. Mayor Sims asked how big a parcel needs to be to be viable to contribute to the program. Kennon said 20 acres is the minimum. Kennon said to keep the Moyie mill operating for 40 years it will require timber from 141,000 acres. There is currently 61,000 acres in Boundary County that provide timber to the Moyie mill, the rest comes from Montana, Washington and British Columbia. Eric Lederhos asked why the timber is not coming from Forest Service land. Kennon said seven percent came from Forest Service land, but they are restricted by public policy. Adam Arthur moved to provide a letter of support for the Forest Legacy proposal for 2019. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

6. Electric – Consider Approval of Supplemental Agreement with JUB Engineers for Additional Spillway Design Work (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said Mike Klaus submitted plans for the spillway to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC is requiring some changes to the plans before they can be approved. Since JUB did the original plans, Mike would like to use JUB for the changes to the spillway. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the supplemental agreement with JUB Engineers for additional spillway design work for the cost of \$4,500. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. Electric – Consider Approval of Quote from AUS Diving to Complete Lower Level Outlet Valve Inspection (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said this is the first step in being able to use the lower level outlet valve. Adam asked if they will check to see if the valve is operational. Mayor Sims said he is not sure. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the quote from AUS diving to provide cleaning and inspection services for the Moyie lower level outlet valve in the amount of \$13,500. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

8. Electric – Consider Approval of Pay Application #2 from Knight Construction for Silt Removal (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said the work has been completed. Rick Alonzo moved to approve pay application #2 from Knight Construction for silt removal in the amount of \$357,081.91. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

9. Water – Consider Approval of Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative Contribution (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said the City made a contribution last year. The County contributes \$5,000 per year. Mayor Sims thinks this is important to donate to the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative since the work they are doing has a big impact on the City. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the annual contribution to the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative in the amount of \$5,000. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.