

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
July 16, 2019
6:00 pm**

Mayor David Sims called the Council meeting of July 16, 2019 to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Valerie Thompson and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, Contract Planner Clare Marley and Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Members of the public present were: Jerry Higgs, Dave Gray, Denise Crichton, Craig Kelson, Marciavee Cossette, Marty Martinez, Ralph Lotspeich, Julie Williams, Leann Sukenik, Ron Sukenik and Carolyn Testa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GUEST

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Higgs said he has noticed the long hours Christine McNair has been working and he appreciates it. Jerry said the Street Department is doing a great job with the highway project, while still staying on top of all of the other things they have to do. Jerry thanked Craig Kelson for standing up to groups that are bringing hate in to our community.

REPORTS

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said the City has been working on the application for a grant for an electric vehicle charging station.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the test results for the new well came back as zero risk, so we do not have to worry about filtering it, which is good news.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said he is continuing to work with a variety of businesses on a number of issues. There was a Visitor's Center volunteer meeting today. It is fully staffed Monday through Saturday. The Visitor's Center has one wall that is dedicated to Idaho.

Urban Renewal District Mayor Sims said there was a meeting last week and they will be moving forward with the new urban renewal district. Mayor Sims said the Job Service is closing the local office and Summer MacDonald is hoping she will be able to use the meeting room at the Visitor's Center.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the June 25, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes, July 3, 2019 Council meeting minutes, July 9, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

5. Golf – Consider Approval of Golf Fees and Play Policy (attachment) {action item}
Lisa said the amended areas are underlined in Section VII (b), Section V (b). Some redundant items were removed at the request of the Golf Contractor. Lisa feels this policy is ready for approval. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the Golf Fees and Play Policy. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

6. City – Update from Craig Kelson, City Human Rights Advocate

Craig is hoping the City will consider a declaration of human rights. Craig said the City of Coeur d' Alene and the City of Boise have declarations of human rights. Mayor Sims has asked Andrakay to contact other cities that have a human rights declaration. Mayor Sims said it might be best to incorporate it into the vision statement.

7. Pool – Consider Approval of Pay Application #4 for BF Builders for the Pool Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike Klaus said the pool project is complete, but there are a few items that need to be addressed. The handrail is rusting and needs to be replaced. The concrete needs to have some minor repairs since the cone shapes are falling off. Mike said there is a one year warranty. Rick Alonzo moved to approve pay application #4 for BF Builders in the amount of \$5769.40 for the pool project. Ron Smith seconded the motion. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

8. Planning and Zoning – Consider De-Annexation of Property East of the Fodge Mill (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said we are not making a decision in de-annexation tonight, the decision is to decide how to proceed with the request from the property owners Ron and Leann Sukenik. Clare Marley said there are no procedures on how to de-annex. If the City decides to de-annex this property the County will have be involved. Ron Sukenik owns four properties and there are other property owners that may also be interested in de-annexing. Ron Sukenik said all the parcels were owned by one owner and that is when the property was brought into the City limits. Ron Sukenik said there are six acres that are not in the flood way and he and Leann are interested in building one house on the lots. Ron Sukenik does not expect any other houses being built in that area. Adam asked if the whole piece is zoned industrial because it was brought in as one parcel. Mayor Sims said yes. Lisa said this the only area that is able to be developed that is in the flood plain and flood way. There are several restrictions for development in the flood plain areas. Ron Smith asked if it is left the way it is now can a house be built there. Clare Marley said it would require a zone change. Ron Smith said if it is de-annexed, we will lose out on the taxes that are currently being collected. Lisa said yes and any future taxes as well. Valerie asked if Sukeniks are seeking any other services that do not already exist. Ron Sukenik said if the property remains in the City limits, then he would, but if it is de-annexed he would not. Valerie Thompson moved to consider de-annexation of the Sukenik property with a formal petition for de-annexation. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

9. Planning and Zoning – Consider Urban Farming Ordinance (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said the ordinances have not been enforced unless there has been a complaint. Mayor Sims said he feels the ordinances either need to be enforced or changed. Andrakay, Lisa and Clare have spent a lot of time working on a new ordinance. Adam asked if it is covered under the nuisance ordinance. Mayor Sims said it depends. Mayor Sims said the current ordinance is fairly simple to enforce since the only zone that animals are allowed are in is Zone B. Brain Zimmerman said it would require a full time officer to accurately enforce an animal ordinance. Brian said his guys didn't sign up for that, they don't have a problem taking a guy to jail for dui or arresting a drug dealer, but the ordinances like that, they don't want to be involved with because it is not their area of expertise. Rick said the best thing would be a code enforcement officer, if we could afford it, but we can't. Lisa said there will be an enforcement issue regardless of the ordinance. Mayor Sims said we need to be able to enforce all ordinances. Andrakay said the complaints are very time consuming for something that should be easily complied with. Ron asked what happens if we leave it the way it is. Andrakay explained the steps to correct the problems. Mayor Sims said it would be a good idea to put a link on the website that says what zone they live in and what animals they can have. Clare said there are some changes that need to be made to Zone B. Adam asked if all cities have ordinances that allow farm animals in the city limits. Clare said she researched several cities and not all cities allow farm animals. Andrakay said a lot of people make a lifestyle choice to live in the city limits instead of the county. Lisa recommends staff works with Planning & Zoning to make changes to the Zone B. Adam asked about rabbits. Clare read the definition of domestic livestock. Rick Alonzo moved to have Planning & Zoning and staff work towards a zoning ordinance that helps identify the Zone B domestic livestock and keeping of poultry based on the bullet points presented by Clare Marley, excluding Zones A and AA. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

10. City – Consider Approval of High 5 Expenditure for the City of Moyie Springs for Playground Equipment (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the City of Moyie Springs wants to do a phased approach for playground equipment for the area behind the City Hall in Moyie Springs. The phases that will be in \$15,000 increments. The details are still being worked out. Mayor Sims said there is community support to have a playground near the Moyie Springs City Hall. Rick asked when the money has to be spent. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the High 5 steering committee to provide the funds for the first phase of the City of Moyie Springs project for \$15,000. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

11. City – Consider Approval of High 5 Expenditure for University of Idaho for Physical Activity Equipment and Nutrition Lesson Kits (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the University of Idaho is requesting to work with the Friday Friends and Boundary County 4-H to focus on healthy eating. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the High 5 expenditure for the University of Idaho for physical activity equipment and nutrition lesson kits in the amount of \$1,500. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

12. City – Consider Approval of High 5 Expenditure for 9B Trails for One Exercise Equipment Station at the County Park (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the 9B Trails is requested funding for one exercise equipment station at the county park on the north side of the Kootenai River. Mayor Sims said Boundary County has approved the installation of the equipment stations. Adam Arthur moved to approve the High 5 expenditure for 9B Trails for one exercise equipment station at the county park in the amount of \$2,500. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

13. Electric – Consider Direct Mail of Lighting Kits to Residential Electric Customers (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said there is approximately \$64,000 left in the conservation money. This is the end of the two year funding cycle. Mayor Sims asked if we can carry over any portion of the money. Lisa said \$50,000 can be carried over. The lighting part of the conservation program is going away for the next funding cycle. Adam asked how many of the City buildings have been converted to LEDs. Lisa said she will check with Steve Neumeyer, but she believes most of the buildings have been converted. Adam Arthur moved to approve the direct mail of lighting kits to residential electric customers. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm