

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
December 3, 2019
6:00 pm**

Mayor David Sims called the Council meeting of December 3, 2019 to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Adam Arthur and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport City Engineer Mike Klaus and Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Members of the public present were: Marty Martinez, Summer MacDonald, Jerry Higgs, Craig Kelson, Mat Surprenant, Valerie Surprenant and Dick Staples.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Craig Kelson said December is Diversity of Faith month. There will be a display at each school's library. Craig thanked Council for making the changes to the vision statement and the sign welcoming people to Bonners.

Summer MacDonald with the Idaho Department of Labor, expressed her thanks for allowing them to use the Visitors Center. The customers are able to find them. Mayor Sims said thank you to Summer for donating all of the items to the City that were able to be donated.

REPORTS

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said the City is now on fiber internet supplied by EL Automation. Still working on a punch list with Idaho Transportation Department's contractor regarding the Highway 95 project. Mayor Sims asked about the signs that are blocking the crosswalk signs. Lisa said they moved some, the rest will be moved/lowered next year. Rick asked about the through traffic signs. Lisa said she is not sure about those.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the penstock repair project was completed. Charlie Kramer and his crew as well as the divers did a great job on the project. The lower outlet valve was able to be opened for the first time in about 35 years. When there is 3 feet of spill we are allowed to open the valve and allow some of the silt to flow downstream. There is now a functional way to maintain the silt like it should be. Mayor Sims thanked Mike for making this project successful with all of the hurdles along the way. Mike met with JUB and DEQ today. A seepage test will need to be done in 2020. Mayor Sims said our lagoon ponds are not designed to be taken offline and Brett from JUB devised a plan to perform an accurate seepage test. Mike has one more report for DEQ regarding the lead that must be completed by May 2020. There are testing requirements for Trihalomethanes in our distribution system. The Trihalomethanes are produced by organic material, like leaves. Mike and the Water department will be working to ensure compliance with the testing.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said had the last EDC meeting. Will set meetings and speakers for next year.

Ron said the SPOT bus run for Schweitzer will start Saturday, December 7, 2019. The bus will leave the Visitors Center at 8:30 am and return at 3:30 pm, there will only be one run per day.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the November 19, 2019 Council meeting minutes, November 26, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. Water – Consider Water Repayment Acceleration to the Electric Department (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said when the water tank on the Northside was built, in addition to the block grant, the water fund borrowed money from the electric fund. The balance on the loan is approximately \$752,000 with seven payment remaining. Mayor Sims is proposing to accelerate the payments to pay it off in four years instead of seven years. Rick said by accelerating the payments the City will save almost \$43,000 in interest. Rick Alonzo moved to accelerate the payments from the water fund to the electric fund in the amount of \$202,504.00 per year for four years. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

5. Sewer – Consider Additional Payment to KG & T Septic for Sewer Main Work near Camas Street (attachment) {action item}

Mike said there was a \$271.00 overrun on the project that was for parts. Ron Smith moved to authorize the payment of \$271.00 to KG & T Septic. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. Electric – Consider Pay Request from C.E. Kramer for the Hydro Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike said the project was completed November 23, 2019. The pay request is for \$208,000. Adam Arthur moved to approve the payment of \$208,000.00 to C.E. Kramer for the hydro project. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. Electric – Consider Soliciting Bids for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the City has been selected to move forward to the Volkswagen Trust for the electric vehicle charging station. The City should receive a response in February 2020. Staff is requesting to solicit bids now, in case the City is awarded the funds, the project can be completed by October 2020. Ron asked if we are receiving grants to install the charging stations and what is the cost to the City for the upkeep on the charging stations. Lisa said the total cost of the project is about \$84,000. The cost to the City is approximately \$10,000. Ron asked if there is income from the unit. Lisa said the users will pay at least \$.12 per kWh. Mayor Sims said the money derived from the unit will pay for the upkeep. Lisa has asked for the five year warranty for the technical components. Ron asked if people will pay with a credit card. Lisa said people will use an app on their phone to pay for the service. Rick Alonzo moved to solicit bids for the electric vehicle charging stations at the Visitors Center. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor

8. Electric – Consider Bonneville Power Administration 2019-2021 Energy Efficiency Incentive Program (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the City receives about \$130,000 for a two year period to use for the Energy Efficiency programs. In the past the City has funded windows, commercial lighting, residential lighting kits and showerheads. Lisa is proposing to focus on the industrial customers since that is an area that will benefit from this program. Mayor Sims said staff needs to consider the hospital for the program and not make the program a first come first serve basis where one customer uses all the funds available. Rick Alonzo moved to have Lisa continue looking at the industrial customer base to involve as many customers as possible. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

9. Golf – Consider Additional Payment to Elite Roofing for the Clubhouse Roof (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the overage was due to the unexpected electrical issues with the golf course clubhouse roof. The overage cost is \$823.00. Ron Smith moved authorize payment to Elite Roofing for \$823.00 to cover the additional costs of the roofing material. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

10. Pool – Consider Daily Rates for 2020 Season (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Sims said at the end of the year it was discovered that a guard is paid to take money. Mayor Sims asked Lisa to compare the cost of charging for the pool and not charging. The City is spending approximately \$3,000 to collect \$4,800 in daily fees. Adam asked if the \$4,000 is daily and season passes. Lisa said it is. Adam asked if the break time is off the stand or away from everything. Lisa said it is away from everything so they can rest. Mayor Sims said this will eliminate the charge for swimming except for swimming lessons. Ron asked what the difference will be by not charging for swimming. Mayor Sims said the City will lose approximately \$1,700.00 per year. Rick Alonzo moved to charge for swimming lessons only and making swimming free. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

11. Planning and Zoning – Consider Reappointing Planning and Zoning Commissioners Sue Larson and Chris Rawlings for four year terms {action item}

Mayor Sims asked Dick Staples if he wants to postpone this item to another Council meeting. Dick Staples said he does not. Lisa said it is critical for continuity to have Sue Larson and Chris Rawlings on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Adam Arthur moved to reappoint Sue Larson and Chris Rawlings for four year terms to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 6:41 pm