

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
May 19, 2020
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of May 19, 2020 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 Attorney Andrakay Pluid, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Engineer Mike Klaus and Police Chief Brian Zimmerman.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the May 5, 2020 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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Electric – Consider Request to Advertise for the Electrical Vehicle Charging Station (attachment) {action item}
Lisa said this is the next step in the grant. Rick Alonzo moved to advertise for the electrical vehicle charging station. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. City – Consider Authorizing the Purchase of Refurbished Servers (attachment) {action item}
Lisa said there was an addition request for the purchase of a firewall bringing the total to \$9,000. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the purchase of three refurbished servers and the firewall system in the amount \$9,000. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. Street – Consider Authorizing the Purchase of a Jib Boom for Front End Loaders (attachment) {action item}
Lisa said this will help the street department be able to move heavy items, like eco blocks, safely. Adam Arthur moved to approve the purchase of a jib boom for front end loaders in the amount of \$4,200. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

8. Water/Sewer – Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Change Order #1 from Wink Inc for the Wilson – Solomon Corridor Project (attachment) {action item}
Mike said Wink Inc encountered a lot of buried materials (engine blocks and tractor parts) buried where the corridor needed to go. Adam asked if there is any scrap metal. Mike said the items will be cleaned and taken care of properly. Mayor Staples asked how many loads were excavated. Mike said at least 20 – 30. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign change order #1 from Wink Inc in the amount of \$ 6,075. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

9. City – Discuss Health Insurance Options {action item}
Mayor Staples tabled this item for a future meeting.

10. City – Discuss Memorial Day Parade {action item}
Lisa said the Legion has decided not to have the Memorial Day parade. Lisa asked if there is another organization that wants to host the parade, the City will impose additional restrictions due to the Governor's order. Christine asked if another organization wants to have the parade, what should we tell them. Adam said they will have to comply with the state restrictions. Valerie said stage two says gatherings are 10 people or less. Rick Alonzo moved that due to the constraint imposed by the governor in stage two only allowing gatherings of up to 10 people that the parade is not feasible this year. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

11. City – Discuss the Fourth of July Celebration Activities (attachment) {action item}

Valerie asked if this is joint County and City event. Andrakay said it is a co-sponsored event. Valerie said we need to consider the guidelines set forth by the governor. Panhandle Health District (PHD) has said all public events should proceed with caution. Valerie said Sandpoint, Troy and Libby have cancelled their Fourth of July celebrations this year, so it will be hard to control social distancing with a large number of people. Mayor Staples asked how many people usually attend. Andrakay said around 500. Brian Zimmerman said his personal opinion is it will help people “see light at the end of the tunnel”. Brian’s professional opinion is that the police department can make it work with traffic control to assist people when they are leaving the event. Adam said he doesn’t feel that it can be a joint City – County event. Adam said the City may issue a permit for the parade, but he is not sure that the City sponsor the event. Mayor Staples said we need to talk to the County to find out what their opinion is. Mayor Staples tabled this item until June.

12. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, Subsection 1 (d) To Consider Records that are Exempt from Disclosure as Provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code

Rick Alonzo moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1 (d) to consider record that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

Entered into executive session at 6:37 pm

Executive session ended with no action taken at 7:06 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

“Pursuant to the Governor’s Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19 and accompanying Proclamation suspending the “in-person” attendance requirement of the Idaho Public Meetings laws, the City will be providing an electronic telecommunications method to allow the public to view the workshop remotely. Public attendance in person at the workshop will not be allowed in order to help prevent the potential spread of COVID-19. More details about this electronic viewing method is forthcoming.”

INFORMATION

Letter from Marty and Teresa Becker