

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
June 2, 2020
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of June 2, 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 Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed, City Police Chief Brian Zimmerman and City Attorney Andrakay Pluid. Members of the public present were: Jerry Higgs, Marciavee Cossette, Steve Tanner, Denise Crichton, Darrell Kerby,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Higgs said he is supportive of the Governor's order and said it will be interesting to see how things play out with the civil unrest that is happening in the country.

Steve Tanner said he disagrees with the second sentence of the vision statement. He feels it is a political statement not a vision statement. He said you need to include all genders not just a few. He is requesting a return to a proper vision statement and remove the last sentence.

REPORTS

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said Edward Jones is moving half of their staff to a building on the corner of Main Street and Kootenai Street. Coldwell Banker has a satellite office on Main Street. Most businesses are coming back to full strength.

Mayor Staples asked Lisa about the sunscreen dispensers for the pool. Lisa said Panhandle Health is providing the sunscreen, hands-free dispensers and sun shades to help reduce the risk of skin cancer. Rick asked Lisa if the Sandpoint guards received training here. Lisa said yes. Adam asked if only financial issues will be brought to Council from the Golf Committee. Lisa said most requests will be brought forward. Valerie is appreciative for looking for creative ways to fill vacancies.

Mayor Staples asked when the well house will be complete. Mike said by the end of July. There is also a waterline project that will connect the new well to the distribution line. Adam asked if we will use the old river line. Mike said we will be using an old abandon line. Mayor Staples asked when the Wilson Street – Solomon Street project will be complete. Mike said by the end of June. Mike said the splash pad will hopefully be complete by the end of July.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the May 19, 2020 Council meeting minutes

Valerie Thompson 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

4. City – Discuss Health Insurance with Darrell Kerby.

Mayor Staples asked Darrell what his role is in the insurance policy. Darrell said he and his staff are advocates for the City employees. Darrell encourages people insured with him to contact him whenever there is a conflict. Mayor Staples said if an employee asks, the employee should be referred to Darrell's office. Darrell said yes. Rick asked if the insurance company says no to something, is there anything Darrell can do to help. Darrell said definitely. Ron asked if there are times when the final number for the possible rate increase is not received until after the budget has been set. Darrell said

with a November renewal it is difficult to have the new rates before the end of July or August. Ron said it is impossible to set a budget with a large range for the increase. Mayor Staples asked if there is a way to move the renewal date. Darrell said it is possible. Valerie said she is most concerned with advocating for the employees. Darrell said that is his concern also.

5. Golf – Consider Appointing John Youngwirth to the Golf Committee {action item}

Mayor Staples said the golf committee recommended John Youngwirth. Lisa said John feels confident with the role. Mayor Staples feels it is good mix since John does play golf and he understands the City's role in the golf course. Adam Arthur moved to appoint John Youngwirth to the Golf Committee. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes.

6. City – Consider Pay Application #2 from Wink Inc for the Wilson – Solomon Corridor Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike said the water line has been installed and has passed the tests and legal for us to use. Adam asked what is left to complete. Mike said the crushed aggregate for the base and the magnesium chlorite. Rick Alonzo moved to approve pay application #2 from Wink Inc. for the Wilson – Solomon Corridor Project in the amount of \$ 168,414.39. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. City – Consider Hiring Freeze {action item}

Valerie Thompson said during the budget workshop it was stated significant reductions in the budget will have to happen due to a reduction in revenues for the upcoming year. Ron asked if an opening is always brought before Council. Andrakay said an existing position is approved by the Mayor and is not brought before Council. Lisa asked if there is a date for the hiring freeze to end. Adam feels it will be when the budget is healthier. Valerie Thompson moved to implement a hiring freeze until January 1, 2021. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

8. City – Consider Property Purchase {action item} Mayor Staples tabled this item until after executive session.

9. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, Subsection 1(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency

Rick Alonzo moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, Subsection 1(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

Entered into executive session at 6:54 pm.

Executive session ended at 7:16 pm

City – Consider Property Purchase {action item}

Adam Arthur moved to authorize staff to negotiate a property purchase for Dunning Acre Tracts Plot 3 the Marx property and bring it back to Council. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.