

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
August 18, 2020
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of August 18, 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 Engineer Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, Economic Development Director Dennis Weed, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, Jerry Higgs, Marciavee Cossette, Steve Tanner and Carolyn Testa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Higgs wished Jimmy a quick and complete recovery.
Steve Tanner spoke in opposition to the vision statement.

REPORTS

Police Chief Brian Zimmerman on behalf of the whole Police Department thanked Council for the possibility of hazard pay.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said he has two ads in Outdoor Out There. More ads will be out this fall and next spring and will feature the mountain bike trails. The broadband grants are being re-looked at and the results should be out by the end of this month.

Urban Renewal District Dennis Weed said the library is requesting handicap doors with a push button entry.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the July 22, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes, July 27, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes, August 3, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes, August 4, 2020 Council meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report

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

5. Water – Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the Dakota Street Water Crossing (attachment) {action item}

Mike said Welch Comer applied on behalf of the City of Bonners Ferry for a license to put an eight-inch line through the existing ten-inch pipe. Adam asked if this is the original line to the river pump. Mike said yes. Adam asked if we will need another line for an additional well. Mike said the current pipe will be able to handle two wells. Mayor Staples asked when this will happen. Mike said hopefully in September. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the Dakota Street water crossing. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. Street – Consider Authorizing the Advertisement for the Street Superintendent Position (attachment) {action item}
- Rick asked if it will be advertised 72-hour internally before going out to the job service. Lisa said yes. Valerie Thompson moved to advertise for a street superintendent. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. Street – Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Right of Way Dedication Agreement with Tim Gorshe (attachment) {action item}

Mike said this agreement is similar to the agreement for Selkirk Street. Mayor Staples said this will help people get to the schools without getting on the highway. Adam asked if this makes the complete path. Mike said it does not. There is a gap between this and Denver Street. It is approximately 300 feet off of Alderson Lane. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the right of way dedication agreement with Tim Gorshe. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

8. Golf – Discuss the Role of the Golf Committee regarding the Golf Contractor's Contract {action item}

Mayor Staples said he asked the golf committee to review the golf contractor's contract to review the maintenance items and make sure everything is the way it should be. Since the golf committee will know if the day-to-day maintenance items are being taken care of the way they should be. Valerie said we have a City employee on the golf committee that has knowledge of the course. Valerie is concerned that there may be lots of confusion with this. Valerie feels the golf contractor's contract is out of the golf committee's purview of their role. Ron said the golf committee's duties are in ordinance and if there are things that the committee or the Friends of Mirror Lake feel need to happen then those go through Ralph to City Council. Adam said he feels there is some confusion. Andrakay feels that the golf committee should not make a recommendation on who the contractor reports to. If there are maintenance issues staff is happy to look at those issues. Mayor Staples feels there was some confusion from the beginning regarding the contract. Ralph said the golf committee is not interested in discussing financial compensation. Ralph said there were a lot of changes that he is not sure Council is aware of the changes. Valerie said they all saw numerous drafts of the contract as well as the final contract before it was approved. Mayor Staples asked Ralph if he feels the golf committee doesn't want to look at the contract. Ralph said he doesn't want to speak for the committee. Rick said we need to have the chairman of the golf committee come to a Council meeting. Rick Alonzo moved to table this item. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

9. Golf – Consider Approval of the Friends of Mirror Lake Volunteers (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Staples said it is difficult to have an accurate list of volunteers because other people will see the project is happening and offer to help. Ron said if someone shows up and they are not on the volunteer list then they can't help with the project. Ron asked if the list of volunteers is for insurance purposes. Andrakay said yes and Ron is correct, if someone is not on the list they can't help with the project. Adam asked if there is a problem having an exhaustive list of volunteers. Andrakay said no, that is what she recommends. Mayor Staples tabled this item until the next meeting.

10. Golf – Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with CDA Stump Grinding for Work at the Golf Course (attachment) {action item}

Mayor Staples said CDA Stump Grinding is going to grind stumps on hole one. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with CDA Stump Grinding for work at the golf course. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

11. Police – Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Boundary County School District (attachment) {action item}

Brian said this is the same contract as the last two years. Adam Arthur moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the memorandum of understanding with the Boundary County School District. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.