

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
August 3, 2020  
5:30 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of August 3, 2020 to order at 5:30 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Adam Arthur and Valerie Thompson. Also present were: City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Street Superintendent John Youngwirth and Assistant Police Chief Marty Ryan.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. City – Budget Workshop {action item}

Mayor Staples asked Lisa to explain the relief funds. Lisa said she spoke with the State and it sounds like we will be eligible for reimbursement for the COVID expenses. Council decided to add the three percent increase for property taxes in the budget, if the US Treasury provides a letter stating the Governor's tax relief program is legal then the City will participate. Ron provided a comment that he is in favor of COLAs, but he is concerned about what the public will think since the utility rates were just increased. Valerie said she is concerned with the ongoing expenses. She really appreciates the employees, but most places are not able to give COLAs every year. Adam said we need to think about what the insurance costs maybe next year. John said there are going to equipment needs that are going to have to be purchased. It was decided not to give COLAs this year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.